

The City Council for the City of Junction City, met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13, 2014, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 680 Greenwood Street, Junction City, Oregon.

PRESENT: Mayor, David Brunscheon; Councilors Karen Leach, Bill DiMarco, Jim Leach, Randy Nelson, Steven Hitchcock, and Herb Christensen; City Attorney, Carrie Connelly; City Administrator, Melissa Bowers; Public Works Director, Jason Knope; Finance Director, Mike Crocker; and City Recorder, Kitty Vodrup.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Brunscheon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None.

III. CONSENT AGENDA: APPROVAL OF BILLS

Amendments noted: March 11th, Section XII. Chief Chase comments change from “sector meetings will “not” to sector meetings will “now” and March 25th, Section VII, first sentence change from “this could be appealed” to “this could be repealed.”

MOTION: Councilor DiMarco made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the bills from the month of April and the minutes from March 11, 18, 25 and April 8 and 22, 2014, as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilor K. Leach and passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Ms. Lisa Wilks, 354 Walnut Street, Junction City, stated that she had received a letter from the county regarding a special use permit request for an event venue on Chick Lane. The property is surrounded by City property but is in the county. She expressed concerns on people using 3rd Avenue and the ability to enforce noise or other complaints from activities on county property affecting city residents. She asked how she and her neighbors could voice these concerns to the City.

Director Knope responded that 3rd Avenue is a street that runs from High Pass Meadows and dead ends at the subject county property. He has written the county to let them know that there is a one foot buffer strip at the end of that road, so there would be no access from the subject property to 3rd Avenue. He added that he was aware that someone had removed a City barrier from that location.

Administrator Bowers responded that written comments could be provided on the City’s comment form or in a letter addressed to the City Administrator.

Ms. Wilks added that with no City sidewalks on Oaklea Road, residents from High Pass Meadows used Chick Lane to access 6th Street. Now someone has blocked access to Chick Lane with boulders and trees. Director Knope responded the City had an easement for a sanitary sewer forcemain through there, which expressly prohibits those types of activities. He added that now that he was aware, he would be looking into this.

Mr. Bob Biswell, 1750 W. 1st Avenue, Junction City, noted that his property was adjacent to the subject county property and the City barricade that had been placed at the corner of his property was still in place.

Ms. Iris Nelson, 80 Chick Lane, Junction City, stated that she had lived in that location since 1941 and owns the Lane up to the Freeman’s arborvitae. She referred to the fact that she and five of her neighbors hired an attorney to regain possession of Chick Lane encroachment from the Freeman’s and that there was a verbal understanding that the Freeman’s could use this private, one lane road for their family access. She expressed objections to the special use request and the potential unfair impacts to residents.

Councilor DiMarco noted that recent Planning Commission discussions had identified Chick Lane as a private lane that was not a county road, and there were agreements between the parties that share that lane. Director Knope responded that this would be

similar to Addison Street, which would fall under the umbrella of the county, but the county would not have any maintenance responsibility for it.

V. STATE MENTAL HOSPITAL UPDATE – JODIE JONES, PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR

Ms. Jones distributed photos and provided updates on the hospital construction. Excavation has begun on the four court yards, which will include a basketball court, walking area, and a greenhouse. A vendor fair will be held on May 21st, as the hospital is looking to contract with local businesses for medical services, landscaping, food supplies, small engine repair, etc. Construction is slated to finish December 31, 2014, with staff occupying in January and patients in March.

In response to comments from Councilor Christensen on the unappealing gray institutionalized exterior, Ms. Jones stated that she had spoken to the architect and part of the reason for the gray exterior was that it would blend in more with the typical gray Oregon sky. The second reason was using materials that were cost effective and long lasting that did not require recurring painting maintenance. Ms. Jones noted that Knife River was awarded the bid to produce the precast concrete that was used in the building construction. She added that the exterior would soften, after landscaping was put in.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING STATE SHARED REVENUE

Mayor Brunscheon opened the public hearing.

Staff Report

Director Crocker stated that conducting a public hearing before the City Council was one of the eligibility requirements to receive State Shared Revenue. A public hearing was held before the Budget Committee on April 24th and no public comments were received. The proposed budget page on State Revenue Sharing was included in the Council packet.

Public Testimony

None.

Questions/Comments from Council

None.

Mayor Brunscheon closed the public hearing.

VII. SENIOR MEALS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FY 14-15

Administrator Bowers reviewed the renewal agreement with Lane Council of Governments for Senior Meals (Meals on Wheels and the Dining Room Program). Viking Sal takes care of the staffing and provisions of the program, and the only change in the agreement is the increase in reimbursement to Viking Sal from \$12,970 to \$13,160.

MOTION: Councilor K. Leach made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement as presented and authorize the Mayor to prepare and sign the necessary documents. The motion was seconded by Councilor Nelson and passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

VIII. POOL FEES RESOLUTION

A. PUBLIC COMMENT – A revised version that did not change the intent was distributed. Community Services Committee reviewed and recommended approval of the updated pool fees. There were no public comments.

B. RESOLUTION NO. 1 – A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 924 REGARDING POOL FEES FOR THE CITY OF JUNCTION CITY.

MOTION: Councilor Nelson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1, with changes made. The motion was seconded by Councilor K. Leach and passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

IX. ANNUAL LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS

Administrator Bowers reviewed that Chief Chase had no concerns with approval of the annual licenses and his recommendation was for the Council to authorize him to make a written recommendation to OLCC to renew all licenses.

Councilor DiMarco noted that there were some establishments on the list that were no longer in business. Staff responded that the list was what OLCC had submitted to the City at the time of renewal and that the Council would be recommending approval on the licenses that were eligible to renew.

MOTION: Councilor K. Leach made a motion to authorize the Police Department to make a recommendation to renew all licenses. The motion was seconded by Councilor Nelson and passed by a vote of 5 to 1, with Councilors K. Leach, J. Leach, Nelson, Hitchcock, and Christensen voting in favor and Council DiMarco voting against.

X. STAFF REPORTS

Director Knope reported that 20 million gallons has passed through the new filter system and everything was working well. Public Works was in process of bringing filter C and D online by the end of this week.

Administrator Bowers reminded the Council of the joint Work Session with the School District on May 19, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

XI. COUNCILOR COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Councilor K. Leach thanked Director Knope for his assistance in addressing the 3rd Avenue issue.

Councilor DiMarco asked about the status of the Transportation System Plan update. Administrator Bowers responded that DKS and ODOT had indicated that a revised version would be provided to the Council by June 2nd.

Councilor DiMarco congratulated Administrator Bowers on approaching one year as City Administrator on June 12th, and he encouraged the Council to do a timely and useful evaluation.

XII. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

None.

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Kitty Vodrup, City Recorder

David S. Brunscheon, Mayor