

CITY OF SUTHERLIN
Regular City Council Meeting
Sutherlin Civic Auditorium
Monday, March 23, 2015 – 7:00pm

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

MAYOR: Tom Boggs, Frank Egbert, Wayne Luzier, Karen Meier, Forrest Stone, Wes Anderson
Todd McKnight

CITY STAFF: City Manager, Jerry Gillham
City Recorder/HR Manager, Debbie Hamilton
Deputy City Recorder, Diane Harris
Finance Supervisor, Dan Wilson
Community Development Director, Vicki Luther
Public Works Operations Superintendent, Aaron Swan
Interim Fire Chief, Rich LaBelle
Fire Training Coordinator, Gene Fisher
Douglas County Fire District #2 Chief, Greg Marlar
City Attorney, Chad Jacobs (via Skype)

Audience: Joe Groussman, David Huntsman, Pam & Denny Cameron, John Stall, Tami & Jack Trowbridge, Floyd Van Sickle, Brian Burke Sr., Zada Wright, Beth & Jim Houseman, Paul Jackson

Meeting called to order by Mayor McKnight at 7:00pm.

Flag Salute:

Roll Call: All present

Introduction of Media: None present

PUBLIC COMMENT (agenda items only)

- Douglas County Fire District #2 Board Member, Paul Jackson, reported the board recently met, and voted to formally request City consider extending fire contract with FD#2. They believe it is best for tax payers, Fire District #2 and the City.

Councilor Boggs – Public voted and did not want to be taxed for fire services, would like to know how this is good for the city? *We believe we can do it with the current numbers. Need to sit down as a group and discuss this with possibly a couple of board members, couple of Council members and City Manager.* Is the proposal to extend the contract for the same amount? *We would need to discuss that.*

Councilor Stone – What has changed from the time you were adamant about the \$3.16 per \$1,000 tax or nothing? *There are many reasons to extend this contract:*

- *Current ISO rating for city is a 3; with a volunteer department could rise to a 6 or 7.*
- *Short term equipment concerns, such as turnouts, radios, air packs and hoses.*
- *Long term capital equipment concerns, such as engines and trucks.*
- *Unfair labor practice filed by the union would go away if FD #2 stays.*

Councilor Stone – Previously FD#2 Chief, [Greg Marlar], was asked about possibilities of re-negotiating a contract, the answer was no. What has changed? *At that time, approximately two years ago, it appeared FD#2 would be losing money at the contract rate. The numbers are much clearer now, and have realized we will not be losing money.*

Councilor Meier – What about all the people who have gone through training, as well as money and time spent setting up a volunteer department? *The time, energy and expense getting those volunteers up to speed will not be lost. There would be some hoops to jump through with FD#2, such as a physical and physical agility; if they pass that, we would welcome them.*

Councilor Anderson addressed City Manager, Jerry Gillham, asking if the board or FD#2 has approached him regarding the matter. *FD#2 [Deputy Chief], Rob Bullock, came into my office and inquired about it, it was a short conversation and he was told it was not my place to make the decision.*

Mayor thanked Jackson for coming before Council with the request. It was by Council consensus to discuss in open Council meeting.

Mayor McKnight reported it has been brought to his attention a Councilor had concerns regarding Wastewater Pre-design, asked if he would like to discuss those now. Councilor Anderson stated he would be willing to wait to discuss the issues at a workshop at next meeting.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- **Chamber of Commerce/Visitor Center**

Chamber President, Tami Trowbridge, presented budget report for period ending March 23, 2015.

Chamber Updates:

- Website has been updated
- Will be meeting with Lions/Lioness groups, Senior Center, Food Pantry and other groups to gather their contact information for Chamber website in an effort to coordinate volunteers.
- Site plan continues to be developed for the empty lot next to China Station.
- Best Western Hartford Lodge contacted Chamber to coordinate an effort to bring a sign company in to do maintenance on area business signs.
- Have been in discussion with Lamar Company regarding possible billboard advertisement on I-5.

Councilor Stone – How is the new Executive Director [Pam Semas] working out? *She is doing great, has updated social media, including member information and calendar updates.* Is internet/Wi-Fi now available again for outside access? *Yes, have access for both inside and outside.*

Councilor Egbert – Has anything else been done regarding the flag monument that has been created? *Currently working on getting the apparatus made for moving the monument to display in local businesses.* Would like to suggest in the meantime could place it in front of the Visitor Center. *Would also be easier to move to that location; approximate weight is 500 lbs.*

- **Economic Opportunity Analysis and Development Plan**

City Manager requested Economic Opportunity Analysis and Development Plan be postponed until after meeting with economist and architectural artist, March 26th. An artist's rendering and marketing data for recruitment of specific retail/tourism oriented businesses has been created. Therefore, would be able to present all information at one time to Council.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

- **Budget Committee Appointment**

Mayor McKnight announced two budget committee positions have been vacated, explaining those members are currently serving as volunteer firefighters and are considered "agents of the City" therefore could not serve on the committee. Two remaining applications are available for consideration, Rebecca Bright-Jones and David Huntsman. Terms ending are December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2016.

Staff Report – City Recorder, Debbie Hamilton, reported two previous applicants have withdrawn their applications. Joe Groussman has now taken on other obligations, and would like to be considered as a last resort. [Other applicant, Denny Cameron, requested his application be withdrawn].

MOTION by Councilor Luzier to appoint Rebecca Bright-Jones and David Huntsman to the Budget Committee; second by Councilor Boggs.

Discussion: The specific terms need to be assigned to each applicant and included in the motion.

AMENDED MOTION made by Councilor Luzier to appoint Rebecca Bright-Jones to budget committee, term ending December 31, 2015 and to appoint David Huntsman, term ending December 31, 2016; second by Councilor Boggs.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Councilors Boggs, Meier, Anderson, Luzier, Stone, Egbert and Mayor McKnight

Opposed: None

Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **March 9, 2015 Minutes – Regular Meeting**

MOTION made by Councilor Boggs to approve Consent Agenda as presented; second by Councilor Meier.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Councilors Boggs, Meier, Anderson, Luzier, Stone, Egbert and Mayor McKnight

Opposed: None

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS/GENERAL BUSINESS

- **Resolution 2015.03 – Street Sweeper Purchase Approval**

Staff Report – Public Works Operations Superintendent, Aaron Swan, reported on street sweeper purchase, a 2009 Schwarze A7000 Regenerative Air Sweeper for net purchase price of \$100,000.

Councilor Stone – City will be using current sweeper as trade-in? *Yes*

Councilor Meier – Does current sweeper work at all? *It does, however there is no vacuum in the sweeper, therefore does not pick up dirt and debris effectively or efficiently.* Does new one have a larger capacity? *Yes, a 7- 8 cubic yard hopper, current sweeper has only a 1 – 1 ½ cu. yd. capacity. When using current sweeper, a dump truck has to be available to dump hopper regularly, which also involves two employees; this will not be required with proposed sweeper.*

Councilor Anderson – Realize this was discussed prior to being a Councilor, would like clarification regarding the budgeted purchase and option for borrowing the money from another fund or private agency.

Finance Supervisor, Dan Wilson – Enough funds were not available in our reserve fund to purchase outright. During last budget process, the purchase was approved, as well as option to finance.

Mayor – We did come in under budget. *Yes, \$140,000 was budgeted, purchase price is \$100,000.*

MOTION made by Councilor Luzier to approve Resolution 2015.03 – 2009 Schwarze A7000 Street Sweeper Purchase; second by Councilor Stone.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Councilors Boggs, Meier, Luzier, Stone, Egbert and Mayor McKnight

Opposed: Councilor Anderson

Motion carried.

REPORTS

- None

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

- None

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Anderson

- Would like to address why voted no for street sweeper was because of the funding option.

Councilor Luzier –

- None

Councilor Stone –

- Are there any updates regarding the Enterprise Zone spec building? *City Manager – County is moving forward on it. This next fiscal year they intend to complete prep work to make it constructible in the following fiscal year. The Commissioners decided to slow the process down allowing The Partnership's Executive Director, Alex Campbell, a year to reach out and spread the word that a spec building will be built. A potential business could come in early having a*

greater say on how that building will be built. What is the size of proposed building? Approximately 25,000 square feet.

Councilor Egbert –

- Would like to thank Hamilton concerning events at the Community Center being rented by multiple groups during day of “Woofstock” event. Hamilton went above and beyond regarding the issue, and happy to report it has worked out better than expected and will benefit all parties involved. Appreciated her promptness and follow-through to resolve the problem.

Councilor Boggs –

- None

Councilor Meier –

- Is there an update on wetlands situation at Wastewater Treatment Plant Site? *Have not received any updates. The wetland area will stay as designated; building site has been moved beyond that site. Current hold-up is the required EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) process.*

Mayor McKnight –

- Would like to recognize Sutherlin Girl’s State Basketball Championship win; bringing home the title for the second year in a row. Would like council to honor them as in the past. *Gillham – passed on an idea from wife, Sue, who suggested Council announce a proclamation and present it to the team at a special High School assembly.*

Hamilton – Have spoken to Coach Grotting, and have scheduled them to attend April 13th Council meeting to receive certificates, however proclamation presentation at the high school is a great idea, will setup and notify Mayor and Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

- None

ADJOURNMENT –

With no further business meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Announcement –

Mayor McKnight announced a five-minute break before Council meets in Executive Session called under ORS #192.660(2) (d) to conduct deliberations with person(s) designated by the Council to carry on labor negotiations. Subsection (2) (d) allows a governing body to confer in Executive Session with its labor negotiator.

Executive Session called to order at 7:41pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – ORS #192.660(2) (d) – Labor Negotiator Consultants

Executive Session adjourned at 8:56pm.

Jerry Gillham

Approved:

Jerry Gillham, City Manager

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Harris

Todd McKnight

Diane Harris, Deputy City Recorder

Todd McKnight, Mayor

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL APRIL 13, 2015