

City of Sublimity

COUNCIL MEETING

March 12, 2007

CALL TO ORDER: Gene Ditter called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. A quorum was established. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Other members present: Jan Fritz and Joe Lulay. Staff present: Carol Ditter, Acting City Recorder, Alan Frost, Public Works Director and Steve Tabor, City Attorney. Absent: Carrie Adams.

PRESENTATIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Representative Girod: Representative Fred Girod introduced himself to the council and those present in the audience. He provided business cards for himself and his chief of staff Lori Caston. He informed that council that if there is a need to contact any state agencies, they can contact him or Lori Caston at repfredgirod@state.or.us and that either of them is available to assist with any help.
- Wayne Stedronsky, 108 NE Broadway, commented on backyard burning and asked the council to consider banning this option within the city limits.
- Fred Ripp, 212 SE Denny, asked for clarification on what the \$5.00 listed on the income statement was for.

STAFF REPORTS

- A. Carrie Adams, City Recorder: Absent, no report for this month
- B. Alan Frost, Public Works Director: No report for this month
- C. Police: Chief Eubank discussed a statistics report for January 2006 to December 2006 that he had provided to the council. He mentioned that less crime equaled more community involvement and police enforcement. He also discussed a new program called the Education Enforcement Program in which all of the Stayton Police officers have taken part in conducting.
Sylvia Zook, a Sublimity resident, asked about traffic control on 9th St. and the increased speeds at which people have been driving. Chief Eubank discussed basic driving rules. Wayne Stedronsky spoke saying that the traffic trailer has helped to control the traffic in the past.
Lt. Sebens discussed the Crosswalk grant and noted that new operations will be posted in the paper.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Financial Software Package Review: Discussed that a meeting with Gene Ditter, Jan Fritz and Carrie Adams may be held to bring a recommendation to the council at the April meeting.
- B. Council Goals: It was decided that these will be discussed at a work session.
- C. Allied Waste Rate increase proposal: Robin Murbach from Allied Waste presented a proposal for a yard debris and commingle option for the citizens of Sublimity. She stated that the rates would be \$5.50 a month and that if passed, this would be implemented city wide unless a resident can reduce their usage to a 20 gallon can. Robin mentioned that there would be two additional carts that would be provided to the citizens for yard debris and commingles. Robin also discussed a proposed 6% increase in rates for the city stating that the last increase was in May 2005.

Joe Lulay made a motion to accept the 6% rate increase for Allied Waste effective April 1st, 2007; Jan Fritz seconded the motion; unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Approval of minutes: Jan Fritz moved to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2007 meeting; Doug Denson seconded; unanimously approved.
- B. Bills to be paid: The council discussed the sewer contract bill and Jan Fritz made a motion to approve the bills to be paid; Joe Lulay seconded; unanimously approved.
- C. Appointing a budget officer: The council discussed appointing a budget officer. No decision was made.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- A. Income Statement: No comments

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Steve Tabor: Steve said that he will be asking Dave Kinney to assist with the SDC's update and will be writing a cost proposal. Alan Frost said that he would talk to Dave when he speaks to him on Wednesday about this.
- B. Gene Ditter: Gene informed the council that the Statewide Student Contest "If I were Mayor" was about to take place again. He stated that he will work with Carrie Adams to get information out to the students. Sewer: There will be a public meeting at Stayton Community Center on March 22 at 1:30PM. 9-1-1: The center is in search of a new director; the old director resigned as of 03-12-07. Gene mentioned that they are also having structural problems in the new center. He also wanted to make the council aware that the cost to the City for the 9-1-1 center will be increasing by \$3,000. Mayor Ditter then discussed problems that had been occurring with the current alarm system as well as the problems that we had been having with the alarm company. He discussed a quote that he had received from another alarm company and that the annual savings for monthly monitoring fees would be close to \$1,000.
- C. Bob Brundage: Bob informed the council that the Planning Commission will be having one additional meeting on the 19th to continue to make changes to the development code. Mayor Ditter mentioned that Wayne Stedronsky has rejoined the Planning Commission and will begin at the March meeting.
- D. Jan Fritz: Jan informed the council that she had met with LGPI to discuss the rate study that will be conducted for the city concerning wages and job descriptions. She also mention that we did not have a final audit yet, but that the City should have one here shortly.
- E. Joe Lulay: Joe discussed crosswalk enforcement.
- F. Doug Denson: Nothing to report.

Randy Cranston, Planning Commission Chairperson, stated that he had drawn up a list of duties for the Planning Commission Chairperson for the council's review.

The council discussed the sale of the Best Western and that ownership will change as of April 1, 2007.

An e-mail concerning backyard burning was read from a citizen and it was decided that Carrie Adams will draft a response to this individual.

Meeting adjourned: 8:45PM.