



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL MEETING February 9, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Gene Ditter called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. A quorum was established. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Other members present: Gary Rychard, Bob Brundage, Van Schoenborn and Brian Kauffman; Staff present: Carrie Corcoran, City Recorder; Alan Frost, Public Works Director; Steve Tabor, City Attorney; Danielle Wetzel, Police Sgt. There were 6 people in the audience.

ADDITIONS OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

PRESENTATIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Wayne Stedronsky stated he had a couple of suggestions for areas that he thought the council should focus on:
 - Speeding through town
 - A plaque honoring Orville Wright as the 1st principal of Sublimity
 - Skate park option – But says the kids should earn the park
 - City's own library
 - City's own community Center
 - City's own police department
 - Removal of the old water tower
 - New ordinance concerning junk and junk yards
 - Map of city including the urban growth boundary
 - Handouts of the city maps
 - Entrance signs into the city

- Gene Ditter said that the Council will need to start working on goals in March or April. He also said that the Marion County would have to be the one's who set the speed limit since Center Street is on a county road.
- Gene asked Melvin Tufteskog to present his idea about a city wide clean-up; Mel suggested getting recycling dumpsters and getting volunteers to help clean-up throughout the city.

- Gerry Aboud – Lighting concern on 1237 S Center Street
 - Stated that he has a concern with the amount of light that is being spilled onto his property in the evening and feels that Power Yamaha did not meet the conditions of approval for their variance in regards to the lighting.
 - A discussion occurred
 - Randy Cranston said that he was on the Planning Commission when the application for Power Yamaha was approved. He said that he felt the lighting concern for Jerry Aboud's property was valid and that it is in violation of the condition that was approved.
 - Steve Tabor said that the issue of "glare" as discussed is open to interpretation.
 - Wayne Stedronsky said that he did not understand what the issue with the light being on the property was.
 - Mayor Ditter asked if the council would like to continue this item until next month so that the council members could each have a chance to drive up in the evening and see the lighting on Mr. Abouds property.

MOTION: Gary Rychard made a motion to continue the lighting issue until the March meeting; Bob Brundage seconded the motion; unanimously approved.

STAFF REPORTS

- A. Carrie Corcoran, City Recorder
Nothing to report

Gene Ditter stated that we received a bid for upgrading our sewer system which would include adding a panic button, moving the cameras and upgrading the recording system.

- B. Alan Frost, Public Works Director
- Went through the sanitary survey with the county last week and informed the council that the city passed with “flying colors”
- C. Police
- Sgt Meeks presented the police report and stated that there wasn’t much activity to report on in the city within the last month.
 - Gary Rychard asked for clarification between “closed” and “in activated” and Sgt Meeks informed him that “Closed” means that they are completed and cannot be re-opened whereas “inactivated” means that it wasn’t closed in case new evidence was presented.

CONTINUING BUSINESS: None

RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES (document attached): Gene Ditter asked if any questions or comments on ordinances presented last month for the updated nuisance ordinance.

Van Schoenborn said that he had an issue with Section 4 (snow/ice) and said that he thought it was unrealistic and should be removed. Also said that under section 12, the utility wire requirements are too low; power companies already operate under state guidelines, so the city should just follow those.

Bob Brundage noted that under section 7B that he thinks the tree height above the roadway should be 14ft

Council suggested changing section 4 (snow/ice removal) from 12 to 24 hours.

Brian Kauffman asked that section 6 be posted in both parks (prohibiting consumption of alcoholic beverages on public property)

Mayor Ditter read Ordinance 709 and Ordinance defining nuisances, providing for their abatement; providing penalties; repealing ordinances 326, 327 and 368; and declaring it an emergency.

Mayor Ditter mentioned businesses licenses and said that he would like to discuss this at the next meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Expenditures: Alan Frost noted that the sewer bill was higher due to rain levels and snow in the last billing cycle.

MOTION: Van Schoenborn made a motion to approve the expenditures as presented; Bob Brundage seconded the motion; unanimously approved.

- B. Minutes

MOTION: Gary Rychard made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2009 council meeting; Brian Kauffman seconded the motion; unanimously approved.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- A. Revenue Statement:
No comment

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Ditter assigned the committee's to council members as listed:

Gene Ditter – 9-1-1 & Sewer
Gary Rychard – Police, Personnel and alternated 9-1-1
Bob Brundage – Planning Commission and Sewer Committee
Van Schoenborn – Parks & Water
Brian Kauffman – Streets

Gene discussed a letter from Kurt Schrader concerning a Recovery & Reinvestment meeting that took place in January.

Brian Kauffman said that we need to also look into any funding that may be available to the school and volunteered to do that.

Randy Cranston invited the City Council to come to the chamber lunch in March and to consider having a booth at Santiam Marketplace on March 7th.

Meeting adjourned: 8:25PM