

MINUTES OF THE REEDSPORT CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION OCTOBER 1, 2012  
7:00 P.M. CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

PRESENT:

Mayor, Keith Tymchuk  
Councilors Ginger Anderson, Bill Otis, Kathi Wall-Meyer, Mike Macho, Bill Walker and Diane Essig  
Interim City Manager, Vera Koch  
City Attorney, Steve Miller

OTHERS PRESENT:

Deanna Schafer, Jonathan Wright, D. Turner, Linda McCollum, Laurie Poel, Gail Adamson, Caddy McKeown, DeeDee Murphy, Lee Bridge, Lorelyn Lorence. Eric Samuelson, Charmaine Vitek, Debbie McKinney, Edward Spalione, Joe Coyne, Robbie Law

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. CITIZEN COMMENTS

*This time is reserved for citizens to comment on items that are not on the Agenda. Maximum of five minutes per item, please.*

Mr. Eric Samuelson of 930 Laurel came to address the Council concerning parking on Laurel Avenue. He reports ongoing parking issues further complicated by the sale of a vacant lot that was subsequently fenced, forcing patrons of the restaurant with large vehicles to park in residential neighborhoods.

He was advised to take photos and submit to the Traffic Safety Committee Advisory Board at their next meeting.

2. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS

Introduction of new City Manager Jonathan Wright, his first day will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October, 2012.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Agenda was amended to add the following two items under Executive Session and an Open Session for Council direction:

- a. Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h) To consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regards to current litigation or likely to be filed.
- b. Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(a) To consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent.

Mayor Keith Tymchuk also said that he would like to change the first item under General Business to a discussion on wave energy, not specifically the NNMREC project.

Councilor Ginger Anderson motioned to approve the agenda as amended.

Councilor Mike Macho seconded the motion.

MOTION:

that the City Council approve the agenda as amended.

VOTE:

A vote was taken on the motion with the following results:

AYES 7 NAYES 0

(Mayor Keith Tymchuk, Councilors, Anderson, Essig, Otis, Macho, Wall-Meyer and Walker voted in favor of the motion.)

Mayor Tymchuk declared the motion passed unanimously.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

*Routine items of business that require a vote but are not expected to require discussion by the Council are placed on the Consent Calendar and voted upon as one item. In the event that a Councilor or citizen requests that an item be discussed, it will be removed from the Consent Calendar and placed under General Business.*

- A. Approve minutes of the executive session of July 17, 2012.
- B. Approve minutes of the executive session of August 15, 2012.
- C. Approve minutes of the executive session of August 17, 2012.
- D. Approve minutes of the executive session of September 7, 2012.
- E. Approve minutes of the work session of September 10, 2012.
- F. Approve minutes of the regular session of September 10, 2012.

G. Approve minutes of the executive session of September 17, 2012.

H. Motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

Councilor Bill Walker motioned to approve the Consent Calendar.

Councilor Mike Macho seconded the motion.

MOTION:

that the City Council approve the Consent Calendar.

VOTE:

A vote was taken on the motion with the following results:

AYES 7 NAYES 0

(Mayor Keith Tymchuk, Councilors, Anderson, Essig, Otis, Macho, Wall-Meyer and Walker voted in favor of the motion.)

Mayor Tymchuk declared the motion passed unanimously.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Wave energy discussion.

Mayor Keith Tymchuk presented an application for membership in Oregon Wave Energy Trust (OWET). He said that he feels that because Reedsport is a leader in the wave energy development that the City should support the Oregon Wave Energy Trust. Membership is \$500 a year and worth it in the representation the Trust gives the wave energy industry.

Mayor Tymchuk is on the board of directors.

Council consensus was to apply for membership in OWET.

The Northwest National Marine Renewable Energy Center (NNMREC) has selected Reedsport as a finalist in the selection process for the Pacific Marine Energy Center. As one of two sites selected, the second is Newport, Reedsport has little existing infrastructure to support PMEC, but has several positive features. Some of these include: American Bridge, a railroad to town, the former International Paper location with a substation in Gardiner as a potential onshore infrastructure location, and deeper water nearer to the shore than Newport.

Both sites have strong community support, although it is noted that some representatives from the fishing and crabbing community have expressed the desire to keep NNMREC assets in

Newport and not move further south because there could be areas closed for private sector wave energy developments.

Further siting discussions will be held and more detailed local analyses will be conducted for the remaining two sites. A site should be selected by the end of the year.

Councilor Bill Walker made a motion to express support of the City of Reedsport as a site for the Pacific Marine Energy Center.

Councilor Mike Macho seconded the motion.

**MOTION:**

that the City Council express support of the City of Reedsport as a site for the Pacific Marine Energy Center.

**VOTE:**

A vote was taken on the motion with the following results:

AYES 7 NAYES 0

(Mayor Keith Tymchuk, Councilors, Anderson, Essig, Otis, Macho, Wall-Meyer and Walker voted in favor of the motion.)

Mayor Tymchuk declared the motion passed unanimously.

**B. Coos Bay Rail Link proposal discussion.**

Mayor Keith Tymchuk said that he has been asked to speak at a public meeting in Eugene, Oregon concerning the shipping of Coal through the City of Eugene.

Ms. Caddy McKeown was present as an audience member. She said that she would address the Council on this issue. She said that there have been companies that have expressed interest in a Coos Bay Terminal project. She said that there are three components to the project, shipper, end-user, and terminal operator.

Mayor Keith Tymchuk said that as a member of the Governors' Intervener Chair he sees the project as an economic tool.

Councilor Essig said that the length of the trains is a concern to her. She said that she has heard that some of them are a mile long.

Ms. McKeown said that it is potentially true that a mile long train travel on the line but to give an idea of what that looks like she said that a mile long train takes 4 minutes to pass a through an intersection.

Ms. McKeown said that she is a residence of the South Coast also and that she was skeptical at first. She said that she has traveled to Long Beach California to see a terminal that is located there. She said that she was very impressed.

Councilor Kathi Wall-Meyer said that she had asked to have this discussion but would like to refrain from saying anything negative or positive until after the testimony at the Eugene meeting. She said that she did write to the Governor and asked him to support a complete environmental impact study. She said that there are just so many question marks with this issue that it needs to be thoroughly evaluated.

Councilor Bill Walker said that the Mayor should represent the City of Reedsport in supporting this project.

Mayor Tymchuk said that he intends to state that there is a general consensus of support by the Reedsport City Council.

All Councilors were agreeable.

#### C. Electric charging stations discussion.

Interim City Manager Vera Koch said that the City of Reedsport has been approached by Art James of Oregon Department of Transportation in Salem. Mr. James is in charge of a statewide program named the TIGER 2 Project, Electric Vehicle Fast Charging Stations. The project consists of identifying and locating Electric Vehicle Fast Charging Stations in communities along major highways. This is the last phase of an ongoing project and is the result of additional funding being allocated to the project. ODOT has completed multiple sites up and down the I-5 Corridor.

This phase will add the communities of Elkton, Reedsport and Coos Bay. In order to participate in the program the City needs to present eligible sites that meet the minimum criteria set by ODOT. When Mr. James met with staff, he said that no one site will meet all of the criteria but it is the goal to meet as many of them as possible. The site does not need to be a public owned facility, it can be privately owned.

Koch said that staff will continue to evaluate City owned sites and potential non-government sites and report back to the Council in November.

#### 7. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS (Mayor, Councilors, City Manager, City Attorney)

Mayor Tymchuk announced that this meeting is both the last one for Councilor Ginger Anderson, she is relocating and the last one for Vera Koch as the Interim City Manager.

#### 8. EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE REEDSPORT CITY COUNCIL, SEPTEMBER 10, 2012 CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

PRESENT: Mayor Keith Tymchuk, Councilors Ginger Anderson, Bill Otis, Mike Macho, Bill Walker and Diane Essig

Interim City Manager, Vera Koch

Attorney Steve Miller

OTHERS PRESENT: Deanna Schafer, Jonathan Wright, Jerry Schneider, Jessica Lloyd-Rogers (Coastlake News)

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9. OPEN SESSION

Councilor Diane Essig motioned to authorize a two year contract with Mr. Jonathan Wright for the position of City Manager.

Councilor Mike Macho seconded the motion.

MOTION:

that the City Council authorize a two year contract with Mr. Jonathan Wright for the position of City Manager.

VOTE:

A vote was taken on the motion with the following results:

AYES 7 NAYES 0

(Mayor Keith Tymchuk, Councilors Anderson, Essig, Otis, Macho, Wall-Meyer and Walker voted in favor of the motion.)

Mayor Tymchuk declared the motion passed unanimously.

10. ADJOURN

Mayor Keith Tymchuk

ATTEST:

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Deanna Schafer, City Recorder