

MINUTES OF THE REEDSPORT CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION APRIL 6, 2015  
7:00 P.M. CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Mayor Linda McCollum  
Councilors Rich Patten, Frank Barth, Diane Essig, Leslee Collier, DeeDee Murphy and Debby Turner  
City Manager, Jonathan Wright  
City Attorney, Steve Miller

OTHERS PRESENT: Vera Koch, Deanna Schafer, John Stokes, Chief Duane Wisehart, Christopher Damitio, Pina Simmons, Austyn Simmons, Sue Cousineau, Terry Plotz, Bill Otis, Wayne Stinson, Sheri Wall, Pat Friel, Gene Friel, Allen Teitzel, Sue Martino, Dan Loop, Joe Coyne, John Paul, Sherry Paul, Christopher Damitio, Elizabeth Nelson, Deborah Yates, Don Laskey, Barbara Mills, Brittany Swartz, Tom Anderson, Jennifer McDuffy, Barbara Wall, Wendy Harper, Nancy Whitney, Susan Stevens, Kristina Trans, Ron Kreskey, Elain Kreskey, Ruthane Skinner, Debbie McKinney, Dennis Swartz

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.*

Ms. Britney Swartz spoke on the agenda item under General Business Item C. She said that she is in favor of restoring the play equipment at Lion's Park, but as a new mother she is not in favor of the herbicides that are used to kill weeds and grass at the park. She would like the City to look into alternatives that are safer for the kids.

Sue Martino gave an update of the Hinsdale open house days for 2015.

2. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS

Douglas County Commissioner's presentation on the 2015-2016 Fiscal Budget.

Douglas County Commissioner Chris Boice gave a presentation on the 2015-2016 Fiscal Budget of the County. He showed graphs of the declining revenue of the County. He said that it is because of the fact that a large portion of the County is what is termed O & C (Oregon and California) land. This is land that only exists in Oregon and was turned over to the Federal Government in the 1900's. The land was ear-marked to be a

sustainable timber source but due to endangered species and other legislation, they are largely not harvested. The County does not collect taxes on these lands.

There was a large contingent present that was not in favor of the cuts to the Library budget. The man hours will be cut in half in spite of large donations to the program. Reedsport will have 14 hours.

Mr. Boice spoke of a Senate Bill that would restore some of the funds lost but not enough to restore services.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilor Diane Essig motioned to approve the Agenda as amended.

Councilor Leslee Collier seconded the motion.

MOTION:

that the City Council approve the Agenda as amended.

VOTE:

AYES 7 NAYES 0

(Mayor Linda McCollum, Councilors Barth, Essig, Patten, Collier, Murphy and Turner voted in favor of the motion.)

Mayor Linda McCollum 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 work session of March 2, 2015.

B. Approve minutes of the regular session of March 2, 2015.

C. Motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

Councilor Frank Barth motioned to approve the Agenda.

Councilor Debby Turner seconded the motion.

MOTION:

that the City Council approve the Agenda.

VOTE:

AYES 7 NAYES 0

(Mayor Linda McCollum, Councilors Barth, Essig, Patten, Collier, Murphy and Turner voted in favor of the motion.)

Mayor Linda McCollum declared the motion passed unanimously.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Shall the City Council appoint members to the City's boards and committees?

City Manager Jonathan Wright said that in December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, various positions on the Reedsport citizen participation boards, commissions and committees expire. Occasionally there are positions that remain vacant. There is one vacant position that is a partial term and will expire on December 16, 2016.

Councilor Diane Essig motioned to appoint Ms. Glenda Martin to the City's Parks and Beautification Committee to a partial term expiring on December 16, 2016.

Councilor DeeDee Murphy seconded the motion.

MOTION:

that the City Council appoint Ms. Glenda Martin to the City's Parks and Beautification Committee to a partial term expiring on December 16, 2016.

VOTE:

AYES 7 NAYES 0

(Mayor Linda McCollum, Councilors Barth, Essig, Patten, Collier, Murphy and Turner voted in favor of the motion.)

Mayor Linda McCollum declared the motion passed unanimously.

B. Shall the City Council enter into an Inter-Governmental Agreement with Douglas County for the transfer of responsibility for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)?

City Manager Jonathan Wright said that Douglas County has been a participant in and managed a county-wide Community Emergency Response Team ("CERT"). A CERT program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community. By providing citizens trained in disaster response and recovery, CERT can be a valuable community emergency management asset.

The County is no longer able to manage a county-wide CERT program and finds that it is in the best interest of CERT to have the program managed at a local community level. On past emergency events the CERT program has been an essential part of emergency response efforts here in Coastal Douglas County. It's in the interest of the City and area emergency managers to continue with this program. The only City agency with the capacity to take on this responsibility is the Reedsport Volunteer Fire Department. The Fire Department has stated their desire to house the CERT program in order to keep the program operational.

The County has stated that they will continue to support the program by applying for equipment and training grants.

There is no direct financial impact to the City. There will be indirect costs associated with the accounting of grant funds, the use of City buildings and occasional administrative support.

Councilor Frank Barth motioned to accept the IGA between the City and the County and authorize the City Manager to sign all documents.

Councilor Rich Patten seconded the motion.

MOTION:

that the City Council accept the IGA between the City and the County and authorize the City Manager to sign all documents.

VOTE:

AYES 7 NAYES 0

(Mayor Linda McCollum, Councilors Barth, Essig, Patten, Collier, Murphy and Turner voted in favor of the motion.)

Mayor Linda McCollum declared the motion passed unanimously.

- C. Shall the City Council adopt a Resolution 2015-008 to apply for a Local Government Grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for rehabilitation of Lion's Park?

City Manager Jonathan Wright said that Lion's Park, is without a doubt the most frequented park of area youth and is the home of the Reedsport Skate Park. During the mid-1980's a group of community volunteers built two play areas in Lion's Park: one for pre-school children and one for older children. They used materials that are common to the area: pilings, timbers, tires, steel bolts, sheets of steel, and ropes. Thirty years have taken a toll on the equipment which has deteriorated and is currently lacking many of its original amenities.

Each year the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department opens an application period for funding local parks and recreation grants. There are two categories of grant funding, small (\$75,000 and less) and large (maximum of \$750,000). Staff is looking at applying for the full amount of the small grant. A local match of 20% is required for cities with a population of less than 5,000. If a grant was awarded for the maximum amount, the City's share would be approximately \$15,000.

A group of individuals has decided to help raise the funds to renovate both play areas of the park. They have estimated the cost for the new equipment the park at around \$80,000. Area donors have contributed \$9,000 to the project and a \$15,000 grant has been acquired. These funds are more than is needed for the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department grant matching requirement leaving no costs for the City should we receive the award.

Councilor Leslee Collier motioned to adopt a Resolution 2015-008 authorizing application for a local government grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for the renovation of Lion's Park play equipment and delegating authority to the City Manager to sign the application.

Councilor Frank Barth seconded the motion.

MOTION:

that the City Council adopt a Resolution 2015-008 authorizing application for a local government grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for the renovation of Lion's Park play equipment and delegating authority to the City Manager to sign the application.

VOTE:

AYES 7 NAYES 0

(Mayor Linda McCollum, Councilors Barth, Essig, Patten, Collier, Murphy and Turner voted in favor of the motion.)

Mayor Linda McCollum declared the motion passed unanimously.

- D. Shall the City Council adopt a Resolution 2015-009 to apply for a Local Government Grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for development of a restroom facility at Rainbow Plaza?

City Manager Jonathan Wright said that several years ago the Council identified a restroom facility at Rainbow Plaza as an objective to the City Council Goals. The need for a facility at this location is necessitated by the many uses of the area for area events, overflow parking during the fishing season and now the seasonal dry camping that has been established. The Plaza has also been identified as a future Trailhead in the Levee Loop Trail plan.

This is the same program that was unsuccessfully applied to in the 2013 fiscal year for the much larger Rainbow Plaza Development project and again in 2014 for a restroom facility. Both projects were successful in reaching a presentation stage but were not funded. Staff is optimistic that the restroom facility has a chance to succeed with the addition of the dry camping use and the designation as a Trailhead for the Levee Loop Trail which also encourages more recreational uses.

Chances for success may be increase by applying for a "small" grant which allows up to \$75,000 funded.

The Oregon Parks Department requires a local match of 20% of the project cost. The eligible match by the Project Sponsor may include local budgeted funds, local agency labor or equipment, federal revenue sharing, other eligible grants, state and county inmate labor, donated funds, the value of private donated property, equipment, materials, labor, the value of land acquired within the past six year period, cost of appraisals, pre-development costs within the past two year period (cannot exceed 15 percent of total project costs), or any combination thereof.

Total projected project cost of \$94,000 (\$75,000 grant funded) would require approximately \$19,000 match which could include any combination of the eligible

configurations listed above. In 2014 the Chamber of Commerce pledged \$10,000 as support and will be approached again this round.

Councilor DeeDee Murphey motioned to adopt a Resolution authorizing application for a Local Government Grant Program (LGGP) grant from the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department for the development of outdoor recreation projects and assign 2015-009 as the title, authorizing the City Manager to sign all documents.

Councilor Leslee Collier seconded the motion.

MOTION:

that the City Council adopt a Resolution authorizing application for a Local Government Grant Program (LGGP) grant from the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department for the development of outdoor recreation projects and assign 2015-009 as the title, authorizing the City Manager to sign all documents.

VOTE:

AYES 7 NAYES 0

(Mayor Linda McCollum, Councilors Barth, Essig, Patten, Collier, Murphy and Turner voted in favor of the motion.)

Mayor Linda McCollum declared the motion passed unanimously.

- E. Shall the City Council adopt an Ordinance accepting a portion of public right of way known as Reedsport West Road from the State of Oregon?

City Manager Jonathan Wright said that the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) administers the Small Cities Allotment (SCA) program wherein cities under 5,000 populations are allocated up to \$25,000 on a competitive basis for street repair or reconstruction. In June of 2010 the City of Reedsport applied for and was granted a SCA grant for the installation of a sidewalk on the South Side of Winchester Avenue at the Railroad crossing. The project cost was estimated at \$158,525 and ODOT agree to pay, in addition to the SCA grant award, up to \$58,000 of the total project cost if we project if the City agreed to take jurisdiction of Reedsport West Rd. On February 22, 2012, the City signed a Cooperative Improvement Agreement, agreeing to the terms.

Reedsport West Road is the extension of Longwood Drive paralleling Highway 101 and located adjacent to City limits in the southwest area of town. This Ordinance completes the terms of the Cooperative Improvement Agreement with ODOT. The City has been performing most of the maintenance on this road for the past few years in anticipation of this transfer and that ODOT has recently resurfaced the area so it is in fairly good shape.

There are no costs to accept the subject property. The property is public land already and so there will be no change in the property taxes.

Councilor DeeDee Murphy motioned to adopt Ordinance 2015-1141 to accept Reedsport West Rd.

Councilor Leslee Collier seconded the motion.

MOTION:

that the City Council adopt Ordinance 2015-1141 to accept Reedsport West Rd.

VOTE:

AYES 7 NAYES 0

(Mayor Linda McCollum, Councilors Barth, Essig, Patten, Collier, Murphy and Turner voted in favor of the motion.)

Mayor Linda McCollum declared the motion passed unanimously.

F. Shall the City Council grant the Chainsaw Carving Committee a temporary parking exemption on Hwy 38 during the event?

City Manager Jonathan Wright said that the Chainsaw Carving Festival is a Chamber of Commerce sponsored event, held at Rainbow Plaza in the City's Waterfront/Downtown area. During the Chainsaw Carving Festival, other activities occur in that area such as the Corvette car show and Art Walk. For the second year, a car club would also like to participate but public parking around the event area is extremely limited and needs to remain open for the general public; therefore, the Chainsaw Carving Committee would like to request Council permission to allow the vehicles to park on Hwy 38 in the existing parallel parking spots.

Section 5.20.120.E. of the Reedsport Municipal Code restricts parking on Hwy 38 to two (2) hours in the downtown. The club is expected to take up only one block but for most of the day on Saturday, June 13, 2015.

While there is no economic impact to the City, the event benefits local businesses.

Councilor Rich Patten motioned to approve the temporary parking exemption.

Councilor Debby Turner seconded the motion.

MOTION:

that the City Council approve the temporary parking exemption.

VOTE:

AYES 7 NAYES 0

(Mayor Linda McCollum, Councilors Barth, Essig, Patten, Collier, Murphy and Turner voted in favor of the motion.)

Mayor Linda McCollum declared the motion passed unanimously.

7. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

City Manager announced that Public Works Director, John Stokes was the April employee of the month. While he has only been with the City a short time, he has demonstrated an ability and willingness to take on complex tasks and has fit into the community well.

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Linda McCollum, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Deanna Schafer, City Recorder