

MINUTES OF THE REEDSPORT CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION DECEMBER 6, 2010 7:00 P.M. CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

PRESENT:

Mayor, Keith Tymchuk

Councilors Bill Otis, Bill Walker, Councilor Tonya Wahl, Mike Macho, Diane Essig and Ginger Anderson.

City Manager, Scott Somers

City Attorney, Steve Miller

OTHERS PRESENT: Vera Koch, Diane Novak, Lori Newman, Kathi Wall-Meyer, Debbie McKinney, Lee Bridge, Lorelyn Lorence, Roberta Brazell

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. 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.

3. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS

Mayor Keith Tymchuk read a Proclamation of election results, November 2nd, 2010.

Mayor Keith Tymchuk read a Proclamation of election results to accept the amendment to the City of Reedsport Charter of 2006.

Matt Ruwaldt of the Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers spoke on a tidal wetland restoration project located on Scholfield Creek, a property owned by the City of Reedsport. Mr. Ruwaldt said that in reviewing the proposed project and other potential projects in his region he realized that it would be more sensible to approach the individual projects one project. He has applied for a technical assistance grant to help the Partnership to develop a region wide project with individual elements. Mr. Ruwaldt said that he will keep the Council updated on the status of the grant application and the potential elements of the new project.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

City Manager Scott Somers asked Council to amend the agenda to reverse the first two items of General Business to allow for discussion of options for raising wastewater fees prior to amending the Ordinance to change the methodology of Equivalent Residential User average usage for metered accounts and constant cost factor figure.

Councilor Ginger Anderson moved that the City Council approve the Agenda as amended.

Councilor Diane Essig 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 Tymchuk, Councilors Essig, Macho, Wahl, Otis, Anderson and Walker voted in favor of the motion.)

Mayor Tymchuk declared the motion passed unanimously.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. None

6. 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 November 7, 2010.

B. Approve minutes of the regular session of November 7, 2010.

C. Motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

Councilor Bill Walker moved that the City Council 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 Tymchuk, Councilors Essig, Macho, Wahl, Otis, Anderson and Walker voted in favor of the motion.)

Mayor Tymchuk declared the motion passed unanimously.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Shall the City Council adopt a Resolution establishing a wastewater fee schedule and assign 2010-023 as the title?

Mayor Keith Tymchuk said that although no Councilor wants to raise rates, as it has been pointed out previously, the City has a debt service that needs to be paid. This is not an easy decision. The Council will continue to investigate the rate structure for sewer and water.

Mayor Keith Tymchuk said that he would like to see Option 4 implemented because it has the lowest impact on flat rate users and brings the metered accounts to be more equitable with the flat rate.

Councilor Mike Macho said that he would chose Option 3 because it spreads the increase to more users, not just metered accounts.

Councilor Ginger Anderson agreed and would support Option 3.

Councilor Bill Walker said that he would support Option 4.

Councilor Tonya Wahl said that these options are not fair to current users and she would vote for no increase.

Councilor Diane Essig said that she favors Option 3.

Councilor Bill Otis said he would like a firm commitment from Council and staff that within sixty days we have looked at Furlough days for staff to help pay some of the debt down. We take a look at the way we apply ERUs to all rate users, including apartment buildings, RV parks ect. to make sure that everyone is paying equally. He said that he would like to see Option 2 because as a meter user, this is still a 70% increase. He said that the equability is not there in the choices given.

Otis said that it is imperative that all options to save money are looked at.

Mayor Keith Tymchuk said that although he supports Option 4, he could be persuaded to chose Option 3 if that is what the majority of Council wants and in an effort to bring a resolution to this issue tonight and would encourage other Councilors to do so also.

Councilor Ginger Anderson moved that the City Council adopt a resolution establishing Option 3 as the wastewater rate schedule.

Councilor Diane Essig seconded the motion.

MOTION:

that the City Council adopt a resolution establishing Option 3 as the wastewater rate schedule.

VOTE:

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

AYES 5 NAYES 2

(Mayor Tymchuk, Councilors Essig, Macho, Anderson and Walker voted in favor of the motion.)(Councilors Otis and Wahl voted in opposition.)

Mayor Tymchuk declared the motion passed.

- B. Shall the City Council adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 3.12 of the Municipal Code and assign 2010-1103 as the title?

City Manager Scott Somers said that in order for the City Council to set wastewater user fees by resolution, the City Council first needs to amend Chapter 3.12 of the Municipal Code. Historically, user fees for wastewater have been set by ordinance. In order to improve efficiency and promote continuity, the City has been transitioning the way it sets its fees - from ordinances to resolutions. As a result the City Council has the ability to approve one resolution annually in order to update the City's fee schedule.

Councilor Mike Macho moved that the City Council adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 3.12 of the Municipal Code.

Councilor Ginger Anderson seconded the motion.

MOTION:

that the City Council adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 3.12 of the Municipal Code.

VOTE:

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

AYES 6 NAYES 0 ABSTAIN 1

(Mayor Tymchuk, Councilors Essig, Macho, Wahl, Otis, Anderson and Walker voted in favor of the motion.)(Councilor Wahl abstained from voting.)

Mayor Tymchuk declared the motion passed.

C. Shall the City Council award a bid for fuel services for the years 2011-2012?

City Manager Scott Somers said that on November 19, 2010 the City of Reedsport received two proposals for fuel services for the calendar years 2010-2011. Sealed bids were received from The Jerry Brown Company (CFN) and Tyree Oil Inc. (Pacific Pride). Present at the bid were Councilor Diane Essig, City Manager Scott Somers, City Recorder Deanna Schafer, City Attorney Steve Miller and Theresa Weed, a representative of the Jerry Brown Company.

The Jerry Brown Company with a price of \$.0575 markup above the Eugene OPIS unbranded average rack price per gallon was the apparent low bidder.

The price of \$.0575 markup above the Eugene OPIS unbranded average rack price per gallon is no change from the current contract with The Jerry Brown Company for fuel services.

Councilor Bill Walker moved that the City Council award a bid for fuel services for years 2011-2012 with The Jerry Brown Company and authorize the City Manager to sign on behalf of the City.

Councilor Mike Macho seconded the motion.

MOTION:

that the City Council award a bid for fuel services for years 2011-2012 with The Jerry Brown Company and authorize the City Manager to sign on behalf of the City.

VOTE:

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

AYES 7 NAYES 0

(Mayor Tymchuk, Councilors Essig, Macho, Wahl, Otis, Anderson and Walker voted in favor of the motion.)

Mayor Tymchuk declared the motion passed unanimously.

D. Shall the City Council adopt a Resolution amending rules and regulations for the use of the Reedsport Community Center and assign 2010-021 as the title?

City Manager Scott Somers said that in September, 2010 city staff had been approached by a fitness instructor offering a class called Zumba and asked if the City would consider amending the current policy on use of the center to allow for-profit fitness classes.

During the September 13, 2010 City Council meeting the City Council reviewed a draft resolution amending rules for use of the Community Center. Rather than adopting the draft resolution that had been presented, Council directed staff to edit the resolution by changing some of the language and bring it back to the City Council for consideration at a future Council meeting.

In addition to directing staff to edit the draft resolution, the Council motioned to allow for-profit fitness classes to occur in the Community Center and to set a fee of \$20 per use of the Center since \$20 is what the fitness instructor had been charged at the Highland Elementary School to conduct his classes. Since the City currently charges most users \$25 per use, staff is recommending a fee of \$25 per use be charged for fitness classes as well.

The fee charged for private users at the Community Center is \$25 per day. Should that Council agree to adopt the Resolution by allowing fee for service fitness classes in the Center, the City could increase user fees received from the Center by approximately \$3,900 annually based on 3 classes held per week. Much of this additional revenue will be needed and used for increased maintenance costs such as paper products, cleaning supplies and stripping and waxing the gym floor 1-2 times per year. Remaining funds will be deposited into a separate fund for Community Center improvements as directed by the City Council.

Councilor Diane Essig moved that the City Council adopt a resolution as presented amending rules and regulations for the use of the Reedsport Community Center and assign 2010-021 as the title.

Councilor Tonya Wahl seconded the motion.

MOTION:

that the City Council adopt a resolution as presented amending rules and regulations for the use of the Reedsport Community Center and assign 2010-021 as the title

VOTE:

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

AYES 7 NAYES 0

(Mayor Tymchuk, Councilors Essig, Macho, Wahl, Otis, Anderson and Walker voted in favor of the motion.)

Mayor Tymchuk declared the motion passed unanimously.

8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

(Mayor, Councilors, Student Councilors, City Manager, City Attorney)

City Manager Scott Somers reminded the Council of a Holiday dinner for the Fire Department that will be held on Saturday the 11th at 6:00pm.

There will be a Traffic Safety meeting and an Urban Renewal District Advisory Board meeting on December 9th. He also said that R & G excavating will begin installing the in water diffuser for the Wastewater Treatment Plant during the following week.

Mayor Keith Tymchuk said that Arnie Roblan has been selected as the co-speaker of the House.

Councilor Bill Otis said that he wanted to thank Councilor Tonya Wahl for her service as a Councilor; this will be her last meeting.

Other Councilors expressed their appreciation of her time served.

Mayor Tymchuk reminded staff that Councilor Otis had expressed interest in exploring staff furloughs in order to offset wastewater rate increases. He directed staff to have a cost savings per day figure by the February City Council meeting. He said that he is not sure that he would go this way but it helps to have that information available.

City Manager Somers asked Council members to clarify if they wanted staff to research all cost savings measures or to focus solely on staff furloughs. He asked Council what the goal was?. Is it to find money to offset the wastewater increase or is it to look at laying off staff and furlough days only?

Councilor Otis said he wanted every option to be on the table and that the City needs to think outside of the box. Otis said that he wants the citizens to know that this Council is looking at ways

to fund this project other than raising fees. He said that he would like the City to use the model that the State of Oregon, Douglas County and the School District uses for furloughing.

Audience member Debbie McKinney addressed the Council by suggesting that the Council not consider furloughing staff as a means of solving high wastewater fees.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE REEDSPORT CITY COUNCIL DECEMBER 6, 2010
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

PRESENT: Mayor Keith Tymchuk

Councilors Ginger Anderson, Tonya Wahl, Mike Macho, Bill Otis, Bill Walker and Diane Essig

City Manager Scott Somers

OTHERS PRESENT: City Attorney, Steve Miller, Kathi Wall-Meyer, Lori Newman-Umpqua Post

Executive Session:

Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2) (i) - to review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the City Manager.

10. OPEN SESSION

Mayor Keith Tymchuk opened the public meeting and called for a motion to approve the City Manager's employment agreement.

Councilor Mike Macho moved that the City Council approve the City Manager's employment agreement.

Councilor Diane Essig seconded the motion.

MOTION:

that the City Council approve the City Manager's employment agreement.

VOTE:

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

AYES 7 NAYES 0

(Mayor Tymchuk, Councilors Essig, Macho, Wahl, Otis, Anderson and Walker voted in favor of the motion.)

Mayor Tymchuk declared the motion passed unanimously.

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9:37

Mayor Keith Tymchuk

ATTEST:

Deanna Schafer, City Recorder