

MINUTES OF THE REEDSPORT CITY COUNCIL OCTOBER 3, 2016 7:00 P.M. CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT:

Mayor Linda McCollum

Councilors Leslee Collier, DeeDee Murphy, and Debby Turner (Councilors Frank Barth and Rich Patten were absent)

City Manager, Jonathan Wright

City Attorney, Steve Miller

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jessica Terra, John Stokes, Deanna Schafer, Jessica Lloyd-Rogers, Jerry Schneider, Debbie McKinney, Deborah Yates, Sharon Barker, Erik Hesselting

1. CALL TO ORDER

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.

Ms. Sharon Barker, 2891 Bowman Rd. came to speak about a construction project that is taking place across the road from her residence. She said that an overly large shop structure has been permitted by the City to be built on a residential lot. She cited flaws in the way the City handled the permitting process as she saw it.

City Manager Jonathan Wright explained that there is nothing in the City building codes to not permit the size of the structure. He said that a variance was applied for through the Planning Commission process for the location of the building on the lot. He said that he would look into any other issues with the process as Ms. Barker saw it and make sure there were no procedural mistakes.

3. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS

Mayor Linda McCollum presented a Letter of Commendation to Reedsport Volunteer Fire Department for going beyond the call of duty to assist Douglas County Search and Rescue in locating and transporting a missing hiker in the Kentucky Falls area.

City Manager Jonathan Wright also presented the Fire Department with the Employee of the Month award for the second time this year.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor McCollum amended the agenda to add a real property negotiations executive session.

Councilor Leslee Collier motioned to approve the amended agenda.

Councilor Diane Essig seconded the motion.

MOTION:

that the City Council approve the amended Agenda.

VOTE:

AYES 5 NAYES 0

(Mayor Linda McCollum, Councilors Leslee Collier, Diane Essig, DeeDee Murphy and Debby Turner voted in favor of the motion.)

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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 August 1, 2016.
- B. Approve minutes of the work session of September 12, 2016.
- C. Approve minutes of the regular session of September 12, 2016.
- D. Motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

Councilor Diane Essig motioned to approve the Consent Calendar.

Councilor DeeDee Murphy seconded the motion.

MOTION:

that the City Council approve the Consent Calendar.

VOTE:

AYES 5 NAYES 0

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

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Shall the City Council direct staff to draft an ordinance to address parking on Laurel Ave?

City Manager Jonathan Wright said that as specified in the Staff Report of September 12, 2016, due to the size of the road and previous experiences with the “resident parking only” designation, Staff is not in favor of continuing with this designation due to the size of the road and issues previously. At the conclusion of the September meeting, Staff was directed by Council do additional research and come back with a new proposal other than closing the entire street off to the public or to parking entirely.

On September 19, 2016 the Police Chief, Public Works Director, Planning Director and City Manager met onsite to discuss options. Based on the roads substandard width, most of the scenarios involved closing the road to at least one lane of travel. The options evaluated were presented to Council. After analyzing each, the participants concluded that Option 2 was the most effective. This option would close the Laurel Ave to eastbound traffic just after the Harbor Light Restaurant, preventing larger vehicles from searching for parking by continuing down Laurel. It will also create a 6’ shoulder on the south side of the road that can serve as a bike lane ensuring a fire lane is preserved for emergency vehicles. Lastly, there would still be parking on the north side of the road which would help support a new business should one be constructed on the vacant commercial lots just east of the restaurant.

Staff proposes this as the best suited option given the nature of the complaints from residence in this area and given the size of the roadway.

The cost to stripe the road and install the new signage for Option 2 would not exceed \$1,000 which could come from the Street Fund.

Due to lack of attendance by interested parties after brief discussion it was decided to once again table this issue and notice residents of the next meeting where this issue will be discussed.

- B. Shall the City Council pass a resolution formally requesting the State of Oregon replace the Hwy 101 Schofield Bridge citing serious concern for the life, health and safety of the public as the basis?

City Manager Jonathan Wright said that during the yearlong effort that was invested in applying for a Federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) resiliency grant, many issues concerning the community’s ability to recover from a natural disaster were

brought to light. One of the most significant being the age and construction type of the Highway 101, Schofield Creek Bridge. Upon inspection it was noted that the bridge is likely to fail under the lateral shift of a seismic event or even large scale flood. What's more is that during the City's levee certification efforts it has been determined by the City's contract engineer that the north bridge abutment has settled and with it has lowered the flood protection level provided by the Reedsport levee in this area.

Should this bridge become compromised during a natural disaster the community will effectively be cut in half and depending on the nature of the disaster, the Umpqua River Bridge and Highway 38 could also be compromised due to failure or landslides, effectively isolating the lower reaches of Reedsport from the energy provisions, shelter and medial service located at the higher areas of the City. This will significantly increase property loss and casualties and drastically decrease recovery times.

As the legislature prepares itself to draft a budget for the upcoming year, it is important that they are aware of how vital this bridge is to the life, health and safety of the region. This resolution identifies this community's support for the replacement of this vital piece of infrastructure in the hope that funds to be spent on bridge replacement will be earmarked for this important project.

According to the Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA), prepared for the HUD grant, this community stands to lose up to \$49,774,342 in property and casualties during the elongated recovery time after the failure of the bridge. The cost to the State to replace the bridge with a seismically engineered bridge is around \$17,000,000.

Councilor Diane Essig motioned to adopt a resolution in support of the replacement of the Schofield Bridge.

Councilor Debby Turner seconded the motion.

MOTION:

that the City Council adopt a resolution in support of the replacement of the Schofield Bridge.

VOTE:

AYES 5 NAYES 0

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

8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
(Mayor, Councilors, City Manager, City Attorney)

City Manager Jonathan Wright reported that Governor Kate Brown has formally taken a stance against the NIMS floodway guidance recently distributed.

He gave an update on the Municipal Court Judge recruitment process and that the City Prosecuting Attorney has tendered her resignation and recruitment will begin to fill that vacancy shortly.

Chief Duane Wisehart gave an update on hiring a new officer that will start on November 1st, 2016 and a second position that will be filled soon.

Councilor Collier reported on the League of Oregon Cities conference that she recently attended with Mayor McCollum and Councilor DeeDee Murphy.

Introduction of Mr. Eric Kesseling, the new Main Street Coordinator was made.

Mayor McCollum said that the City of Reedsport will hold the first ever Christmas Tree lighting at Lions Park.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE REEDSPORT CITY COUNCIL OCTOBER 3, 2016 CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Mayor Linda McCollum, Councilors Diane Essig, Leslee Collier, DeeDee Murphy and Debby Turner

City Manager Jonathan Wright

City Attorney, Steve Miller

- A. Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e) – To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.
- B. Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(i) To review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer of any public body who does not request an open hearing.

8. ADJOURN

Linda McCollum, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deanna, City Recorder