

MINUTES OF THE REEDSPORT SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 16, 2017, 6:00 P.M. CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT:

Mayor Linda McCollum

Councilors DeeDee Murphy, Leslee Collier, Frank Barth, Mark Bedard (Councilor Debby Turner was absent). Student Councilor Claire Havener.

City Manager, Jonathan Wright

City Attorney, Steve Miller

OTHERS PRESENT:

Deanna Schafer, Jessica Terra, Duane Wisehart, Tatiana Resetnikov, Dennis R Swartz, Terry K. Moore, Rosa Soleno, Joe Coyne, Joane Patten, Sandi Donnelly, Diarin Dolan, Kristine Campo, P. Simmons, Austyn Simmons, Deb Yates, Chris Adamson, Kathleen Browning, Colleen Eberlein, Ron Eberlein, Gary Goorhuis, Barbara Wall, Jennifer McDuffy, Lee Bridge, Joane Olstrom

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Shall the City Council adopt a resolution 2017-017 approving Douglas County order to initiate formation of a Library Special District?

Mayor Linda McCollum said that citizen comments on this topic were taken at the October 2, 2017 meeting and would not be heard tonight.

City Manager Jonathan Wright on October 2, 2017 a matter came before the Reedsport City Council prompted by a local group seeking to form a tax measure to be put before the voters in support of the Reedsport Library. After hearing testimony, Resolution 2017-017 was moved and seconded. This resolution allowed the petitioners to move forward with the creation of a special district with a not to exceed taxing rate of .39 per thousand. When votes were cast the motion failed to rally a majority vote. The motion was declared by the Mayor as dead.

He said that tonight the Council has a couple of options. 1) A City Council member who was a member of the prevailing group, or Council member not present, may make a motion to reconsider the original motion. If no qualified member of the Council makes the motion to reconsider the original motion, the matter is dead. The second option is to consider a new motion that is substantially different from the first. I have met with the petitioners and they are not interesting in amending this the current resolution and urge the matter be reconsidered.

Should this resolution fail there is no way that this matter can be brought before the voters of Reedsport. Therefore, the petitioners can move forward with the creation of the district but it must exclude Reedsport.

After some council discussion, Councilor Mark Bedard said that because of his history on the City Budget Committee he is well aware of the challenges that the City faces. He said that he does not support measures that take money away from the taxing districts but feels that it is up to the citizens to decide.

Councilor Mark Bedard motioned to reconsider a resolution supporting the formation of a Coastal Library Special District.

Councilor Frank Barth seconded the motion.

MOTION:

that the City Council reconsider a resolution supporting the formation of a Coastal Library Special District and assign 2017-017 as the title.

VOTE:

AYES 4 NAYES 2

(Mayor Linda McCollum, Councilors Barth, Murphy and Bedard voted in favor of the motion. Councilors Patten and Collier voted in opposition. Student Councilor Claire Havener cast an advisory vote in favor.)

Councilor Frank Barth motioned to adopt a resolution supporting the formation of a Coastal Library Special District and assign 2017-017 as the title.

Councilor DeeDee Murphy seconded the motion.

MOTION:

that the City Council adopt a resolution supporting the formation of a Coastal Library Special District and assign 2017-017 as the title.

VOTE:

AYES 4 NAYES 2

(Mayor Linda McCollum, Councilors Barth, Murphy and Bedard voted in favor of the motion. Councilors Patten and Collier voted in opposition. Student Councilor Claire Havener cast an advisory vote in favor.)

3. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

(Mayor, Councilors, City Manager, City Attorney)

City Manager Jonathan reported on the new water treatment plant and grants he is working on.

Councilor Mark Bedard said that there will be a fundraiser at Bedrock's Pizza to raise money for flags for the Lion's clubs displays.

Councilor Patten reported that there will be a meeting of the Douglas County Parks Department at the MAC Center in Winchester Bay.

4. ADJOURN