

MINUTES OF THE REEDSPORT CITY COUNCIL JULY 10, 2017 7: P.M. CITY HALL
CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT:

Mayor Linda McCollum

Councilors DeeDee Murphy, Leslee Collier, Frank Barth,
Debby Turner and Rich Patten, Student Councilor Claire
Havener

City Manager, Jonathan Wright

City Attorney, Steve Miller

OTHERS PRESENT:

Deanna Schafer, Jessica Terra, Chief Duane Wisehart,
Darlene Ash, Jim Ash, Deb Yates, Larry Meyer, Dennis
Swartz

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.*

3. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS

Mr. Dennis Swartz gave an impassioned speech about the injustices of the unequal
distribution of local law enforcement. He requested that the City Council review a letter
from the Justice Department.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilor DeeDee Murphy motioned to approve the Agenda.

Councilor Frank Barth seconded the motion.

MOTION:

that the City Council approve the Agenda..

VOTE:

AYES 6 NAYES 0

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

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Routine items of business that require a vote but are not expected to require a discussion by the Council are placed on the Consent Calendar and voted upon as one time. 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 June 5, 2017.
- B. Approve minutes of the regular session of June 5, 2017.
- C. Approve minutes of the special session of June 19, 2017.
- D. Motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

Councilor Leslee Collier motioned to approve the Consent Agenda.

Councilor DeeDee Murphy seconded the motion.

MOTION:

that the City Council approve the Consent Agenda.

VOTE:

AYES 6 NAYES 0

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

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Shall the City Council authorize the purchase of a new police vehicle for use as a K9 vehicle, the purchase and training of a new drug detection dog, and the expense for training and equipping a Police Officer as a drug dog handler?

Police Chief Duane Wisehart said that the Police Department desires to obtain a trained drug detection dog to detect and curtail illegal drugs within our community. Many drug users and dealers are known to attempt to circumvent I-5 drug interdiction efforts by

travelling and transporting illegal drugs on the more rural Highway 101, which goes through coastal Douglas County, and through the City of Reedsport. There is not a drug detection dog to work enforcement in this area and the Police Department is committed to acquiring one for this purpose.

With a new K9 program there is the need for a properly equipped vehicle, designed and outfitted for this purpose. Because of the success with recently acquired police vehicles we are wanting to purchase a 2017 Ford Police Interceptor SUV for the K9 car. A suitable new vehicle matching our specifications will be approximately \$27,979.00. The cost for professional up-fitting (modifying and adding all police equipment) will be approximately \$14,216.86. There is a higher cost for this service with a K9 vehicle because it has equipment and functions specific to a K9 car like a much different prisoner seating area, deployment and heat alert system, and the insert for the actual dog area. There are additional equipment costs for specific items our department installs in vehicles, such as a speed radar unit, police radio, graphics, and an in car camera system, with an estimated cost of \$3500.00.

A new K9 must be purchased and trained and then a police officer handler trained and certified with the dog for drug detection work. This initial training is a onetime cost, with future ongoing training and certification performed locally. The initial training course is typically 10 days, and is best performed at the vendor's location. There are several reputable vendors and trainers for police K9's, and this cost is estimated at \$13,000.00.

The ongoing training and costs associated with sustaining the program will not be hugely impactful to the City or Police Department. This will primarily consist of items for the care and feeding of the K9. There are many philanthropic sources for assistance with these needs that we will be reaching out to.

The estimated amount to start this program is approximately \$58,600.00. Funds to start this program will be derived primarily from two sources; The Police Department has been soliciting donations and receiving funds from the community since January 2017, and has received close to \$9000.00 so far. The City received nearly \$47,000.00 from Douglas County representing training reimbursement for an officer that left employment here. Ongoing costs to sustain the program will be handled through the approved Police Department budget.

Councilor Leslee Collier motioned to authorize the purchase and up-fitting of a new police vehicle for K9 use, and the purchase, training, and equipment needs for a new police K9 dog as well as the handler training and equipment needs.

Councilor Frank Barth seconded the motion.

MOTION:

that the City Council authorize the purchase and up-fitting of a new police vehicle for K9 use, and the purchase, training, and equipment needs for a new police K9 dog as well as the handler training and equipment needs.

VOTE:

AYES 6 NAYES 0

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

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

City Manager Jonathan Wright said that a Frisbee Golf course in Bicentennial Park was completed by the youth group of the Salem Presbyterian Church headed by former citizen Victoria Schaaf during the Christmas in July volunteer event.

The employees of the Month were announced as Mr. Matt Peck and Mr. Jay Lindeman. The nomination came from an anonymous citizen.

Councilor DeeDee Murphy reminded everyone that the annual DuneFest event will be held on July 27 through the 30th.

Councilor Frank Barth thanked the community for helping to make the Chainsaw Carving Festival on Father's Day weekend a success.

Mayor McCollum announce that former citizen Carlene Compton passed away.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE REEDSPORT CITY COUNCIL JULY 10, 2017
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Mayor Linda McCollum, Frank Barth, Rich Patten Leslee Collier, DeeDee Murphy and Debby Turner

City Manager Jonathan Wright

City Recorder, Deanna Schafer

A. Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e) – To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

9. OPEN SESSION

Councilor Debby Turner motioned to exchange tax lot 4700, owned by the City of Reedsport to the adjacent owners for the purpose of developing public parking.

Councilor Rich Patten seconded the motion.

MOTION:

that the City Council exchange tax lot 4700, owned by the City of Reedsport to the adjacent owners for the purpose of developing public parking.

VOTE:

AYES 6 NAYES 0

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

10. ADJOURN

Linda McCollum, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deanna, City Recorder