

MINUTES OF THE REEDSPORT CITY COUNCIL APRIL 1, 2019, 7:00 P.M. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT:

Mayor Linda McCollum
Councilors Mark Bedard, DeeDee Murphy, Leslee Collier,
Rich Patten, Ellen Anderson and Debby Turner
City Manager, Jonathan Wright
City Attorney Steve Miller

OTHERS PRESENT:

Deanna Schafer, Duane Wisehart, Jerry Wilson, Allen Teitzel, Kathi Wall-Meyer, Josh Mast, Ron Mast, Linda Courtney, Nino Pelayo, Bill Moore, Gwen Moore, Nia Maxwell, Todd Harrington, Phil Schermerhour, Ron Eberlein, Sue Martino, Rosalina Deatherage, Jim Deatherage, Robb Crocker, Amy Stauffer, Dennis Swartz, Debbie McKinney, David Marshall, Victoria Lavalley, Ed O'Carroll, Deborah Yates, Cormac Dailey, John Paul, Carol Swift, Jon Vannoy Sr., Tina Amatisto, Imran Amatisto, Susan Vanier, Jeff Vanier, Diane Palmer

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.

Deb Yates noted the passing of Leo Murphy, his family is one of the founding families of Gardiner and owned and ran a Dairy farm on the site of the former International Paper Mill.

Mr. Jeff Vanier came to express his dislike for Cannabis dispensaries being allowed in Reedsport. He said that he has gathered 5 sheets of signatures of other citizens who oppose them as well. He asked how to get it stopped.

Mayor McCollum said that the City had originally discussed allowing them or not through Council meetings and a Planning Commission process. Mayor McCollum directed him to meet with City Manager Jonathan Wright on the initiative petition process that allows citizens to direct changes to City code.

Ms. Carol Swift, a local resident who is a nurse said that she opposes the sale and use of Cannabis. She said that although the legal age is 21 it will not stop teenagers from obtaining and using it. She cited health concerns that are tied to the use of cannabis.

Mr. Nino Pelayo said that he is here to appeal a 90 day suspension of his business license concerning the displaying of a sign for Herbal Choices. He said that he was aware that the business sign in question was against the City rules and that it was an unintentional mistake by his set-up crew. He indicated that there have been several store openings and he has not had any issues. He was appealing to the City Council to have the suspension removed.

City Manager Jonathan Wright said that he had numerous conversations with Mr. Pelayo regarding allowed signage for their business. He produced a letter sent to Mr. Pelayo noting the provisions of City Code that the display violated and the reason for the suspension.

Mayor McCollum polled the Council and the Consensus was to support the City Managers decision to revoke the license.

Dennis Swartz's spoke of his dislike of several members of the Police Department and what he feels are illegal impounds.

Mr. Jim Deatherage said that he is the realtor for the Herbal Choices businesses and helped purchase the building. He said that the sign that was displayed is not a picture of a Marijuana leaf and should be allowed.

Mr. Allen Teitzel said that he was a member of the Planning Commission that wrote those conditions and felt that there was a lot of thought that went into them. He said that it was agreed to allow the dispensaries because everyone has a choice, however, not everyone agreed. He felt that the City Managers decision should be supported.

Mr. Mark Van Alstine came to the Council to complain about people hanging out in the alley behind the 7-11 market which shares an alley with his home. He said that they leave trash and vandalize his home.

Chief Wisheart said that he needs to let the Police Department know so that they can patrol it. There are laws against that behavior.

3. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS

Mayor Linda McCollum read a National Day of Prayer Proclamation.

Mayor Linda McCollum presented a Good Friends and Neighbors award to Oregon Department of Transportation. Mr. Todd Harrington and Mr. Phil Schermerhoer were in attendance to accept the award on behalf of the local Maintenance Region.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

City Manager Jonathan Wright asked that the Agenda be amended to add an executive session concerning labor negotiations.

Councilor Mark Bedard motioned to approve the Agenda as amended.

Councilor Debby Turner seconded the motion.

MOTION:

that the City Council approve the Agenda as amended.

VOTE:

AYES 7 NAYES 0

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

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 City Council Work Session meeting of March 4, 2019.
- B. Approve minutes of the City Council Regular meeting of March 4, 2019.
- C. Motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

Councilor DeeDee Murphy motioned to approve the Consent Calendar.

Councilor Ellen Anderson seconded the motion.

MOTION:

that the City Council approve the Consent Calendar.

VOTE:

AYES 7 NAYES 0

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

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Receive Reedsport/Winchester Bay Chamber of Commerce advertising report.

Reedsport/Winchester Bay Chamber of Commerce office manager Amy Stauffer presented an overview of the advertising expenditures for the year ending 2018 per the agreement with the City of Reedsport.

Room tax receipts \$132,607.77

Outside Contract Services \$79,219.57

Advertising/promotions and other costs \$74,408.38

Net loss \$21,019.78

Transfer from General Fund on June 2018 to cover expenses \$75,000.

B. Shall the City Council authorize the signing of a contract for services between the City of Reedsport and Mast Bros. Towing?

Chief Duane Wisheart said that the Reedsport Police Department currently utilizes a rotational method of summoning the assistance of a tow truck with Mast Bros. Towing and North Bend Towing. These tow trucks are called for roadside assistance, impounding vehicles for police evidence, towing them as abandoned, from the scene of a collision, or other reasons. Often we have a vehicle towed and impounded as evidence for processing and ultimately release it back to the owners. The fees and amount of the tow bills is asked about by the owners of the vehicle and we usually have no way of knowing this amount or even giving an estimate. Additionally, the police department requires a secure and access controlled location to keep vehicles impounded as evidence, usually while waiting to process for evidence or awaiting a search warrant to do so. The response times for a tow truck and the availability of tow equipment has at times been an issue, as has the ability for towed vehicles to be stored in a secure location. For these reasons the police department sent out a request for proposal (RFP) to the two local tow companies, asking for fees for listed services and other costs, the cost for towing a city owned vehicle, and outlining their ability to securely store a vehicle. In this way we can better monitor the locations stored and control the fees charged for services.

North Bend Towing and Mast Bros. Towing each submitted a response to the RFP. A small ad hoc committee was then formed of citizens that are on the Traffic Safety Committee, and they each looked over the two proposals. The committee recommended unanimously (3-0) that the tow services contract should be awarded to Mast Bros Towing based on the submitted proposals. Based upon experience with both tow services the Police Department concurs with this recommendation.

There is no significant financial impact to the City, but the City will know up front the cost for towing any city owned vehicles going forward.

Tina Amatisto spoke during the discussion stating that the police favor the Mast Bros Towing Company. She acknowledged that there were incidents where her driver showed up on the scene improperly dress but that has been corrected. She said that she does not know why the City needs a towing contract and that there business has never showed up late or not showed up. This is a small business that would possibly not be able to stay in Reedsport without a fair share of the calls. Two tow truck drivers rely on their business.

Both drivers spoke in favor of leaving the calls the way they currently are split between the two companies. Both said that they do not get a paycheck unless they go out on calls, which is the way the compensation is made by per call. They spoke of how hard it is to find employment in Reedsport.

Police Chief Duane Wisehart said that he has no animosity with North Bend Towing but there have been some issues. With call outs and the facility where the vehicles are taken after they are towed. He cited a break in at that site. He said that to his knowledge there are no cameras or inside storage.

There was discussion on preference and non-preference tows. North Bend Towing would still receive all AAA tows.

Councilor Mark Bedard asked if there was a Traffic Safety Committee member present.

Councilor DeeDee Murphy said she doesn't know the background but this is why we have a Traffic Safety Committee.

Councilor Anderson said that she would like to have the Committee come in and talk to the Council.

Councilor Mark Bedard said that he feels like he doesn't have enough information to make an informed decision. He said that he doesn't like to micromanage but that being said he would like more time to look into the issue. He would like to know why the Traffic Safety Committee made this decision. He would like minutes or something explaining that.

Councilor Mark Bedard motioned to table this issue and direct staff to conduct additional research.

Councilor Ellen Anderson seconded the motion.

MOTION:

that the City Council table this issue and direct staff to conduct additional research.

VOTE:

AYES 5 NAYES 2

(Councilors Patten, Turner, Murphy, Bedard and Collier voted in favor of the motion.) (Mayor McCollum and Councilor Anderson voted in opposition of the motion.)

- C. Shall the City Council approve a proposal by Anderson Perry & Associates, Inc. to provide services for production of an Operation and Maintenance manual for the City of Reedsport Levee System?

City Manager Jonathan Wrights said that as part of the City's levee certification effort, the City's Operations and Maintenance manual must be updated to include all of the projects necessary to obtain certification. Their proposal was submitted to the City Council as an add-on item for a current grant; however, it has since been determined that there is no remaining funding available in that grant and will need to be funded directly from the City storm water fund. See attached proposal for project details.

If approved the \$10,500 funds will come from the City's Stormwater Fund 005. This fund contains a mix of local fuel tax funds, storm water fees and the proceeds of a recent timber sale in excess of the amount required for this project.

Councilor Debby Turner motioned to approve a proposal by Anderson Perry and issue a contract in an amount not to exceed \$10,500 for Levee O&M Manual updates.

Councilor DeeDee Murphy seconded the motion.

MOTION:

that the City Council approve the Consent Calendar.

VOTE:

AYES 7 NAYES 0

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

D. Shall the City Council approve funding for the purchase of emergency water purification storage bladders and CERT fliers via Department of Homeland Security grant?

Public Works Director John Stokes said that as part of the City safety and operations, In October of 2018, the City's Emergency Operations Committee (EOC) was again presented with a grant opportunity via Douglas County Emergency Services, to apply for a Federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS) grant to provide equipment to the City in case of an emergency. In order to support last year's purchase of water purification equipment, water storage bladders as well as community fliers for the CERT program were selected as candidates for the application.

With assistance from Wayne Stinson of Douglas County Emergency Services, unused bladders from military surplus may be available. However, if not, military manufacturers of such will also sell the bladders to the City. Additionally, the City and CERT have exhausted their supply of fliers for community emergency awareness and information. The DHS grant also will cover production of updated fliers for the City and CERT to have on hand.

After applying for the DHS grant in the spring of 2018, the City was notified of the award in the fall for the full amount of the grant which will effectively aid in providing a greater degree of survivability in a potential disaster.

The grant amount is \$14,390 which will need to be allocated up front to secure the manufacture, shipping and printing of the bladders and fliers. After receipt of the equipment, materials and verification of payment, the DHC will reimburse the City for 100 percent of the costs incurred up to the grant value per the attached agreement. Funding for this allocation is available from 029.

Councilor Rich Patten motioned to approve the grant allocation/reimbursement and agreement with the DHS to purchase the water bladders and fliers.

Councilor Ellen Anderson seconded the motion.

MOTION:

that the City Council approve the grant allocation/reimbursement and agreement with the DHS to purchase the water bladders and fliers.

VOTE:

AYES 7 NAYES 0

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

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

City Manager Jonathan Wright said that Bedrock's is celebrating 20 years as owners of the restaurant in the City.

He also gave an update on the final numbers of the Crestview timber sale. He said that after all expenses the City netted \$343,818.44. This money will be set aside for match to grants applied for the Reedsport levee system repairs in the Storm Water Capital fund.

Vic Schaff was back in town over Spring break with her youth group to help the City plant Sunset Maple trees along Highway 38, she has requested permission to apply for a parks Kaboom grant to replace play equipment at Henderson Park. The equipment was upgraded by a Ford Family Leadership Cohort several years ago but is showing signs of wear.

Councilor Ellen Anderson noted that this is her one year anniversary.

Mayor Linda McCollum commended Dennis Swartz on his participation in the City Government.

Councilor Debby Turner mentioned that the Chainsaw Carving Championships will be held on Father's Day weekend and the Chamber is working on the preparations.

Councilor Mark Bedard commended Kathy Wall-Meyer and Allen Teitzel for all of the hard work they do on beautification of the down town corridor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE REEDSPORT CITY COUNCIL APRIL 1, 2019 CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT: Mayor Linda McCollum, Councilors Mark Bedard, Ellen Anderson, Leslee Collier, DeeDee Murphy and Debby Turner

City Manager Jonathan Wright, Deanna Schafer

City Attorney, Steve Miller

- A. Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(d) To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.

B. Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h) To consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

ADJOURN

Linda McCollum, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Deanna, City Recorder