



CITY OF EAGLE POINT

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EAGLE POINT CITY COUNCIL
17 BUCHANAN AVE. SOUTH, EAGLE POINT, OREGON

MARCH 11, 2014

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 P.M.

Council President Fierke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Jonathan Bilden, Wayne Brown, Bill Fierke, Ruth Jenks and Aaron Prunty.

Council Members Absent: Bob Russell and Kathy Sell.

Staff Members Present: Henry Lawrence, City Administrator; Robert Miller, Public Works Director; Vern Thompson, Police Chief; Mike Upston, Planning Director; and Sara Miller, Meeting Secretary.

Guests: Jerry Zieman, Budget Committee; Suzi Collins and Millie Wewerka, Planning Commissioners; and members of the public and press.

2. FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION

Council President Fierke led the Pledge of Allegiance and Jerry Zieman provided the invocation.

3. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Suzi Collins announced the theme for the 4th of July Parade this year which is America Volunteers. She further noted that the Grand Marshall had not been announced yet and there would not be a fly over.

4. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

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5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6.1 Presentation of Regular Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2014.

Council President Fierke announced the Consent Calendar and asked for a motion. Councilor Bilden moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented and Councilor Brown seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call: Aaron Prunty, aye; Jonathan Bilden, aye; Wayne Brown, aye; Bill Fierke, aye; Ruth Jenks, aye; Kathy Sell, absent; and Bob Russell, absent. The motion passed unanimously by those present.

7. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items considered for removal from the Consent Calendar.

8. PRESENTATION OF BILLS TO BE PAID

Council President Fierke asked if there were questions about the bills to be paid. There were no questions regarding the bills to be paid. Councilor Bilden moved to approve the Bills to be Paid including the additional bills list (Submission No. 1) in the amount of \$4,668.06. Councilor Prunty seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. Roll call: Jonathan Bilden, aye; Wayne Brown, aye; Bill Fierke, aye; Ruth Jenks, aye; Aaron Prunty, aye; Kathy Sell, absent and Bob Russell, absent. The motion passed unanimously by those present.

9. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

10. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

11. REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL AND CITY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Councilor Bilden reported the Economic Development Commission had met and he announced vacancies on the Commission. The Commission is working on their work plan, which is posted in the Council Chambers. Councilor Bilden expressed appreciation to Mike Upston, Planning Director, for his work on that as well. In addition, Councilor Bilden attended a Southern Oregon Regional Economic Development Inc. (SORED) Board meeting earlier in the day with their focus being on the Experience Southern Oregon campaign. At the Workforce Investment Board meeting, they discussed partnering civic and business entities with school districts to prepare students to obtain higher education after high school. The League of Oregon Cities (LOC) met two weeks earlier and spent a lot of time working on a medical marijuana bill with a sunset date of May 2015.

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Additionally, the Economic Development Commission discussed advertising at the Airport, at an estimated cost of \$400 to \$1,000 per month, and sought Council's input. Council President Fierke suggested the Commission bring the information forward to the Council.

Councilor Jenks reported attending the Rotary Club meeting to share information and answer questions about bus services. Next, Councilor Jenks expressed appreciation to Robert Miller, Public Works Director, for attending the Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation (RVACT) meeting on her behalf and deferred to Mr. Miller for an update. She also referenced a handout (Submission No. 2) regarding the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), and Mr. Miller provided a brief update on the Linn Road Project. The next step is approval at the federal level; however, federal funding for transportation is not guaranteed during these economic times. Regarding the Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (RVMPO), the next meeting is scheduled for March 25th and voting will be held on grant projects, including Eagle Point's Stevens Road project. Eagle Point is a finalist in the RVMPO process.

Councilor Prunty reported the Parks and Recreation Commission would be meeting the following week.

Likewise, Councilor Brown reported the Rogue Valley Sewer Services (RVSS) Board was scheduled to meet the following week.

Council President Fierke attended the recent Economic Development Commission meeting and was impressed with the Commission's enthusiasm and progress. Regarding the School Board, the next meeting agenda includes approving policies mandated by the State, and reviewing other policies. Council President Fierke expressed appreciation to Henry Lawrence, City Administrator, for the information in the Friday Letter and also noted he received additional comments about painting the dome. A brief discussion followed about the dome.

12. STAFF REPORTS

Mike Upston, Planning Director, provided a report about the Economic Development Commission meeting with Commissioner Barber taking the lead on the fourth item of Strategic Initiative No. 1 and Commissioner Casper working on the first item. Regarding the Planning Commission, the next meeting is scheduled on March 18th. During that meeting, Mr. Upston plans to present an overview of Main Street Projects across the country and also provide training on Quasi-Judicial Land Use Decisions. In-house staff projects include: Boundary Line Adjustment/Munson Project, and Conditional Use on N. Shasta. Council President Fierke inquired about whether or not the Rogue Valley Transit District had provided a response to the City's questions about estimated ridership and revenue. Mr. Upston had received an email which he would study and forward. Councilor Jenks noted that the blooming daffodils at City Hall were spectacular.

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Robert Miller, Public Works Director, announced the next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled on March 17th. Mr. Miller noted the Commission's request for a joint meeting and the City Council agreed to a joint meeting on March 25th at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, to discuss the results of the recent Parks Survey. Mr. Miller also reported working on items related to the USDA financing. Council President Fierke and Councilor Jenks asked about dirt being moved near the 4.0 MG water tank. Mr. Miller responded that the V.A. National Cemetery owns the property adjacent to the water tank, and he believed it was their workers.

Police Chief Thompson reported the radar reader board is on Stevens Road to help slow down traffic on that road. With regard to recruitment for the entry level position, 19 people tested and oral boards are scheduled within a few weeks. Chief Thompson also reported on the Department's recent trainings: Officer Kazakoff attended a child sexual assault seminar; and Sergeants May and LaFord, and Senior Officer Davis attended a leadership conference. Chief Thompson attended the leadership conference as well as a summit to discuss current drug issues with other law enforcement leaders from throughout the State. Chief Thompson concluded by noting that Jackson County has the second highest rate of medical marijuana cards.

Henry Lawrence, City Administrator, reported Melissa Owens was in Bend, Oregon, at a Finance Officers conference. Next, he discussed the next Council meeting agenda which will include finance items related to the USDA loan. Eagle Point's goal with the USDA loan is to lock in a rate of 3.5% before the end of March, or at a lower rate if rates decrease. Mr. Lawrence also reported that Robert Miller, Public Works Director, had been working on the Environmental Report with input from consultants, and coordinating the Engineering Report with Civil West. A bond attorney has also been retained who has previously worked with the City. Mr. Lawrence credited Ms. Owens and Mr. Miller for doing the heavy lifting with minimal assistance on this project. He also noted the City is on track to pay off existing debt to facilitate the new USDA loan for a new water tank and moving the Bellerive pump station. Next, Mr. Lawrence referenced Councilor Bilden's report regarding the marijuana dispensary bill and discussed local control. The City is taking the position that it has the ability to regulate dispensaries and will not issue a business license to a business that violates federal law. Legislature has been working on clarifying the law, and the City plans to approve a one-year moratorium, consistent with the recent action by the Legislature. The last item reported was the Chamber of Commerce's permit request for the Vintage Faire on May 10. The Chamber proposed expanding the Vintage Faire from Royal Avenue to down Main Street which would involve closing Main Street. Staff is working with the Chamber to coordinate with businesses to make sure everyone is on the same page. A brief discussion followed.

There were no other staff reports.

13. INFORMATION

There were no information items to discuss.

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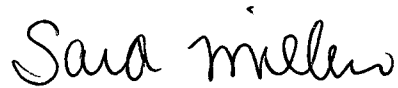
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14. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council President Fierke closed the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara Miller, Meeting Secretary

ATTEST:


Robert E. Russell, Mayor