



CITY OF EAGLE POINT

"Gateway to the Lakes"

OREGON

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

MARCH 8, 2011

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Russell called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council members present: Bob Russell, Alan Curriston, Kathy Sell, Mike Parker, Ruth Jenks, Jonathan Bilden and Bill Fierke.

Staff members present: David Hussell, City Administrator; Joe Kellerman, City Attorney; Vern Thompson, Chief of Police; Robert Miller, Public Works Director; and Dena Roberts, City Recorder.

2. FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION.

Councilor Jenks led the flag salute and Council President Curriston led the invocation.

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

4. PRESENTATIONS.

- 4.1 Presentation of awards to the winners of the Little Butte and Eagle Rock Centennial Art Contest.

Mayor Russell presented awards to Tristen Wilkinson, Logan Evans, Emmalee Stevens, and Morgan Cooper. Cambria Jackson and Carson Smith were not able to be present.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR.

- 6.1 Presentation of regular meeting minutes of February 22, 2011 and special meeting minutes of February 23 and 26, 2011.

Mayor Russell announced the consent calendar and asked for a motion. Councilor Jenks moved that Council approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Councilor Fierke seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call: Alan Curriston, yes; Bob Russell, yes; Bill Fierke, yes; Ruth Jenks, yes; Jonathan Bilden, yes; Mike Parker, yes; and Kathy Sell, yes. The motion passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

8. PRESENTATION OF BILLS TO BE PAID.

Councilor Bilden moved that Council approve the bills as presented including the additional bill list. Councilor Jenks seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call: Kathy Sell, yes; Jonathan Bilden, yes; Bill Fierke, yes; Bob Russell, yes; Ruth Jenks, yes; Alan Curriston, yes; and Mike Parker, yes. The motion passed unanimously.

9. OLD BUSINESS.

10. NEW BUSINESS.

11. REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL AND CITY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES.

Councilor Fierke reported negotiation meetings had begun for the school district. He further reported there was a meeting last week which was a general meeting to review the ground rules. He explained he attended another meeting this evening at which the parties were going over each other's proposals. He advised it was still in session when he left to attend the City Council meeting.

Councilor Bilden reported he attended a SOREDI board meeting last week at which there was a presentation on the SORDEI/RCC/SOU partnership which is trying to develop current business, focusing on areas other than Medford. Councilor Bilden reported the Oregon House and Senate introduced a resolution honoring Eagle Point on its centennial. And, as part of that process, the Eagle Point Centennial Resolution as well as the Gladstone Centennial Resolution will be presented for the first time during a committee meeting hearing on March 21.

Councilor Jenks reported she and Council President Curriston attended a meeting with city staff regarding developing the city's new website. She advised preliminary steps are being taken and there will be a follow-up conference call this week.

Council President Curriston reported the Economic Development Commission met on Monday evening. He explained the city's insurance agent was present in order to determine liability issues. He noted the agent was excellent to work with. Council President Curriston advised there are a couple of Centennial events that the city will need to obtain an insurance rider which will cost a

little more, but that most of the other events sponsored by the city will be covered under the city's existing policy. He then distributed a draft copy of the registration form for the bike ride on June 11, noting that Attorney Kellerman was working on the disclaimer language. Council President Curriston stated he hoped to have 1,000 kids participating. Dave Hussell advised there were a series of recommendations completed by Economic Development Commission which will be brought before Council at their next meeting. Council President Curriston stated the new council members were seated and he was very impressed with them.

Mayor Russell reported he attended a RVCOG orientation for new council members at which there were many, many state agencies represented. He stated it was a good introduction to government. Mayor Russell further reported he recently represented Eagle Point at the Mayor's Day at the Capitol event. There were approximately 60 mayors from around state in attendance. He further advised there were sessions of mutual interest and each Mayor had the opportunity to meet with their individual state representatives. Mayor Russell noted this is the first time there has ever been a 30/30 tie in the House. He further advised voters passed a law last year that the Oregon Legislature would meet annually and this was their first session under this new ruling. Mayor Russell reported Peter Courtney, head of the Senate, spoke with the Mayors about redistricting. He explained it is done every 10 years, with district lines being redrawn due to population shifts. The legislature will make a recommendation on redistricting; unfortunately, it has not worked over the last 50 years. If it doesn't work it goes to the Secretary of State draws and the Secretary of State draws the redistricting lines. Mayor Russell explained it is likely Eagle Point will lose Mike McLane. He advised he met with Doug Whitsett and discussed legislation being proposed that will change DEQ water standards. He explained Oregon's water standards will be 20-25 times stricter than any other state in the country, which will mean higher water bills for Oregonians. Mayor Russell concluded by stating there are over 3,000 bills being considered and that often the state representatives don't have much time to review these bills.

12. STAFF REPORTS.

Rob Miller reported the 4MG water main project had been completed with the last payment being made to Central Valley Excavation. He explained the budget started at \$380,000, the bids came in \$40,000 under bid, and then the paving portion of the project was removed reduced that portion from \$80,000 down to \$14,000. Mr. Miller advised a total of approximately \$100,000 was saved on the project.

Rob Miller reported staff has been tracking water breaks over the past three years and has found out that the majority of the water breaks are occurring in the C-900 (pvc pipes) instead of the ductile iron pipes. Staff is working on a policy that will change the utilization of pvc piping on all new water mains to ductile iron. It is expected by doing this there will be much less by way of water losses.

Rob Miller next reported that Phase I of Hillside Elementary is underway and bids are out for Phase II. Bid openings should occur in approximately two weeks. He advised staff has been reviewing the plans and meeting with the School District to move the project forward as quickly as possible.

Dave Hussell reported staff has been working on the content phase of the website and within the next 30 days should begin the design phase which will run simultaneously with the content phase. He noted it will be very different from the current website. Mr. Hussell stated the labor

negotiations had been moving forward with mediation recently. He further advised he would report in detail during Executive Session.

Mayor Russell closed the regular meeting at 7:20 p.m. and called for a short break before going into Executive Session.

13. INFORMATION.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO ORS 192.660(2)(d) LABOR NEGOTIATIONS AND ORS 192.660(2)(a) EMPLOYMENT.

Mayor Russell opened the Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(a) Employment at 7:30 p.m.

Discussion.

Mayor Russell closed the Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(a) Employment at 7:40 p.m.

Mayor Russell opened the Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(d) Labor at 7:40 p.m.

Discussion.

Mayor Russell closed the Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(d) Labor at 8:13 p.m.

Mayor Russell re-opened the regular meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Attorney Kellerman asked if there was consensus among the Council to support staff's previous directions in labor negotiations and direct them to continue to proceed on that course. Mayor Russell asked if there were any objections. There were one. Consensus was noted.

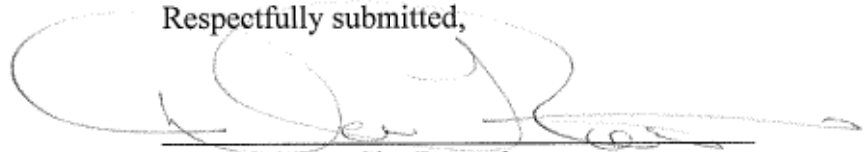
Mayor Russell noted Council was to continue their goals session at a workshop on March 22 prior to the City Council meeting and asked if that date was still suitable. Council advised the date and time was acceptable.

15. INFORMATION.

16. ADJOURNMENT.

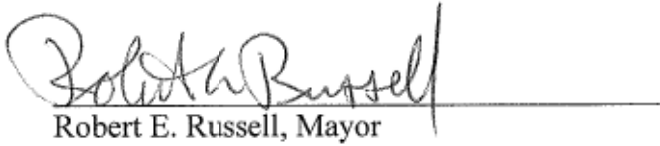
There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Russell adjourned the meeting at 8:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dena Roberts", written over a horizontal line.

Dena Roberts, City Recorder

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert E. Russell", written over a horizontal line.
Robert E. Russell, Mayor