

MINUTES
STANFIELD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2018
STANFIELD CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
150 W. COE AVENUE

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Stanfield City Council was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Tom McCann at the Stanfield City Council Chambers, located at 150 West Coe Avenue, Stanfield, Oregon.

ROLL CALL

Members present were Mayor McCann, Councilors Jack Huxoll, Jason Sperr, Del Manley, Don Tyrrell, and Susan Whelan, and Student Representative Madison Poulson. Councilor Parrish was absent. City Staff present were City Manager Blair Larsen, Police Chief Bryon Zumwalt, Librarian Cecili Longhorn and Finance Director Jerry Carlson.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor McCann led the audience and members of the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 16 AND NOVEMBER 6, 2018

Mayor McCann approved the minutes for the October 16 and November 6, 2018 council meetings as written.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-2018: A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE STANFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT CONTINUANCE BOND

Councilors Tyrrell and Whelan moved and seconded to adopt the resolution. Ayes: Huxoll, Sperr, Manley, Whelan, and Tyrrell. Nays: None. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 430-2018: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12.12 OF THE STANFIELD MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE USE OF CITY TRAILS AND THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS

Councilor Whelan asked if the City Attorney had looked at this. Mr. Larsen said that with basic ordinance such as this, he doesn't typically incur the expense of running it by the attorney.

Councilors Whelan and Sperr moved and seconded to approve the ordinance. Ayes: Huxoll, Sperr, Manley, Whelan, and Tyrrell. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Councilors Whelan and Tyrrell moved and seconded to adopt the ordinance. Ayes: Huxoll, Sperr, Manley, Whelan, and Tyrrell. Nays: None. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Court: Chief Zumwalt said his report was submitted in writing. He said that the new hire will start December 18th, and is scheduled to start at the academy on January 21st. There were no questions or comments on the Court report.

Public Works/Building: Mr. Larsen reported that Mr. Morris is at training this week. He said that the Public Works storage building is almost done, but the work to hook up the building to the gas line by Cascade Natural Gas will probably take longer.

Finance/Administrative: Councilors Sperr and Manley moved and seconded to approve the payment of the bills for the month of October in the amount of \$266,884.69, as funds become available. Ayes: Huxoll, Sperr, Manley, Whelan, and Tyrrell. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Councilors Huxoll and Manley moved and seconded to approve the finance report for the month of October as presented. Ayes: Huxoll, Sperr, Manley, Whelan, and Tyrrell. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Safety: None.

Library: Cecili Longhorn said that some of the numbers on the report have dropped, because a state report that she fills out in the past has been incorrect, and she is now filling out the correct report. She said interlibrary loans have gone up, because patrons of other libraries are requesting our library's materials more. She said wifi use is up, as is Libraries2Go usage. She said that their goals for this coming year are to improve adult programming. She said that this is hard to do, but adult craft nights have been very popular and successful. She said that she has been polling residents on what they would be interested in. She said that the Library struggles with funding, and many grants are not available to us, because the Library does not have a 501(c)3 friends of the library organization. She said that it is a goal this year to form such a group.

Councilors Huxoll and Manley moved and seconded to approve all the committee reports as presented. Ayes: Huxoll, Sperr, Manley, Whelan, and Tyrrell. Nays: None. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Scott Challis said has heard that he was elected to the position of City Councilor by write-in votes on the November ballots, and said that he would accept the position.

Mr. Carlson said that Scott Morris has been lobbying for a 6:00 pm start time for council meetings, and this was also mentioned in the survey results.

Cecili Longhorn said that it is crazy how many dogs are running loose around town. She said that she is interested in Dog Park, and that many others are as well. She said it is just a fenced-in area, and would allow people to socialize their dogs.

Councilor Sperr said that he would like to see more hours added to the Code Enforcement Officer. Councilor Whelan agreed, and said she would like to see more teeth to the code enforcement program. Mr. Larsen said that it is a budget issue, and he would like to see more funding in the next year's budget for code enforcement.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Larsen reported that the City had received 239 responses to the opinion survey so far, and he is very pleased with the response. He said he plans to continue to accept survey responses until December 31st, because they were late getting out, and many did not receive it in their bills, and he wanted to give everyone an opportunity to submit a response. He said a survey getting over ten percent return is very good.

Mr. Larsen notified the Council of the Christmas Luncheon for City Officials and Staff. He said that it will be at the Library this year, and Cecili Longhorn was organizing it.

Mr. Larsen encouraged the Council to attend the upcoming training offered by the League of Cities.

Mr. Larsen notified the Council that the City will be receiving a \$100,000 grant from ODOT to repave Harding Avenue, from Main Street east toward Edwards Road. He said that they would like to get as close to Edwards as possible, but will likely not have enough funding to go that far. The Council, Staff, and Audience discussed Harding Avenue and the needed improvements.

The Council also discussed a new used car lot in town, as well as the needs of small businesses.

Mayor McCann said that a man who lives outside of town complained to him about trains blocking the Coe Avenue railroad crossing for long periods of time. He said he used to take collect evidence on blockages and send it to public utilities commission, who would fine them. Mr. Larsen said that he would look into enforcement options. The Council, Staff, and Audience discussed the problems associated with the railroad crossing.

Mr. Larsen said that the first Tuesday of January will be on the 1st, and he suggested skipping that and having the only meeting in January on the 15th.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

Councilor Tyrrell said that he is pleased with the survey responses, and won't need to chain himself to the old water tower.

Councilor Whelan said that the Christmas decorations over the road are looking a little shabby this year. Mr. Larsen said he would talk to Mr. Morris about it.

Councilor Sperr thanked Councilor Huxoll for his 20+ years on the City Council.

Councilor Huxoll thanked everyone for their work over the last 20 years.

Mayor McCann said he will be gone from this Sunday until Friday the 14th.

Student Council Representative Madison Poulson said the school had successful blood drive, and will expect the Council to come give blood in the spring.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to consider, Mayor McCann adjourned the regular meeting of December 4, 2018 at 8:07 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for December 18, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. Blair Larsen, City Manager/Recorder

Attest: _____

Date of Approval: _____

Mayor