

MINUTES
STANFIELD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 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, Don Tyrrell, and Susan Whelan, and Student Representative Madison Poulson. Councilor Ralph Parrish participated by phone. Councilors Jason Sperr, Del Manley were absent. City Staff present were City Manager Blair Larsen, Police Chief Bryon Zumwalt, 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 DECEMBER 4, 2018

Mayor McCann approved the minutes for the December 4, 2018 City Council Meeting as written.

SWEARING IN OF NEW POLICE OFFICER ALEX JENSEN

Mayor McCann swore in newly-hired Police Officer Alex Jensen.

REPORT FROM UMATILLA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

Fire Chief Scott Stanton updated the City Council on the Fire Districts activities this year, including the new lower ISO rating and a proposed new station, as well as problems with the starch plant. He said they are currently looking for a new fire engine. Mr. Carlson asked about the possibility of Umatilla and Echo joining the fire district. Chief Stanton said that there are conversations taking place with the Umatilla Rural Fire District. Mayor McCann asked about fire protection at the old Umatilla Chemical Weapons Depot. Chief Stanton said that it is being divided among various agencies, and the fire district will probably take at least a portion of it on.

ORDINANCE NO. 431-2018: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 431-2018 AND AMENDING ORDINANCE No. 259-1992, GRANTING TO UMATILLA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION A FRANCHISE TO PROVIDE ELECTRICITY AND ELECTRIC SERVICE WITHIN THE CITY OF STANFIELD

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Court: Chief Zumwalt said his report was submitted in writing. He said that Officer Jensen will go to the Academy starting January 21st, and will finish in May.

Public Works/Building: Mr. Morris said that the new Public Works storage building is complete, and they will start moving equipment in tomorrow. Mayor McCann asked about the offer for 170 S. Main Street. Mr. Larsen said that the offer was for \$100,000, with \$20,000 down and carry a contract with the City for the remainder over 10 years at 5% interest. Mr. Larsen said that the offer is low, and the City would lose money at that price. He said the price should be closer to \$120,000. Mr. Larsen asked if the Council was interested in selling at this price, or near this price, or if there was interest in the City using the building. Mayor McCann said that he thought a wellness clinic would be more of a benefit to the community than it would be if the City used

it. Councilor Whelan asked if the other Councilors thought the current City Council chambers were adequate. Councilor Tyrrell said that he supports a new City Hall later if the City found the funding, but that he would like to see a new business in town.

Mr. Larsen said he is interested in pursuing grant funding to add the current City Council Chambers as an addition to the Library—make it the same level as the library, keep the façade, but push the back wall out to the property line and add storage. He said such a room could be outfitted for use both by the Library for events, but also for City Council meetings. He said it would not be a simple process but would involve almost an entire new building, because all that would be kept of the current building is the front façade. He said he would like to hire an architect to do some conceptual drawings so that he could get some estimates.

Councilor Huxoll said that he would like to see money coming in, rather than just going out.

The consensus of the Council was to break even on the project, and make a counter offer at \$120,000 for the building, as is.

Councilors Whelan and Huxoll moved and seconded to authorize Mr. Larsen to make a counter offer of \$120,000, with a City-carried contract at 5% interest, as is, and to finalize a deal under those terms. Ayes: Huxoll, Whelan, Parrish, and Tyrrell. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Finance/Administrative: Mr. Larsen said that Sperr reviewed bills. Mr. Carlson said that Capital Outlay items are high right now, but that is because we have been doing a lot of construction recently, and that will cease soon.

Councilors Huxoll and Whelan moved and seconded to approve the payment of the bills for the month of November in the amount of \$415,399.42, as funds become available. Ayes: Huxoll, Whelan, Parrish, and Tyrrell. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Councilors Huxoll and Whelan moved and seconded to approve the November Finance Report. Ayes: Huxoll, Whelan, Parrish, and Tyrrell. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Safety: None.

Library: None.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Larsen reported that he is scheduling the public hearings to make adjustments to the City's Urban Growth Boundary. He said there will be a public hearing before the Planning Commission on February 13th, and a public hearing before the City Council on February 19th, both at the Stanfield Secondary School Cafeteria.

Mr. Larsen said that the City is working with the Cities of Echo and Umatilla to conduct a Housing Study, and there will be a committee working with the hired consultants on the project. He said that there need to be a couple of representatives from Stanfield on the committee. He asked for suggestions. Mayor McCann suggested Steve Otzenberger. Councilor Tyrrell suggested Councilor Whelan serve on the committee. Councilor Whelan agreed.

Mr. Larsen asked if there was any interested among the Council on changing the meeting time to 6:00 pm. The Council, Staff, and Audience discussed meeting times and public participation. The consensus on the Council was to wait to hear from absent members of the Council.

The Council and Staff discussed the situation with the railroad crossing, which leaves the City with only the options of complaining to the Federal Railway Administration and to elected officials.

COMMENTS FROM THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Madison Poulson reported that they switched to a different winter donation drive, and this year they are taking donations for the wounded warrior project. She said that they earned \$340 from just one day. She said that the school is having an ugly sweater contest on Thursday.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

Councilor Huxoll said that this was his last day. Councilor Whelan thanked Councilor Huxoll for his years of service. Mayor apologized for missing the Christmas luncheon last Friday.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to consider, Mayor McCann adjourned the regular meeting of December 18, 2018 at 8:11 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for January 15, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. Blair Larsen, City Manager/Recorder

Attest: _____
Mayor

Date of Approval: _____