

MINUTES
STANFIELD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
150 WEST COE AVENUE

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Stanfield City Council was called to order at 6:00 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 and Councilors Scott Challis, Del Manley, Susan Whelan, Don Tyrrell, Jason Sperr and Ralph Parrish and Student Representative Madison Poulson. City Staff present were City Manager Blair Larsen, Police Chief Bryon Zumwalt, Public Works Director Scott Morris, 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 MAY 7 AND 14, 2019

Mr. Larsen said that Mr. Carlson found some typographical errors and some misattributed statements, and those have been corrected. Mayor McCann approved the minutes for the May 7 and 14, 2019 City Council meetings as corrected.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Court: The police and court reports were submitted in writing. Chief Zumwalt said that the new officer, Officer Jensen, is out of the academy and starting his field training. He said that the two new police cruisers are also completely outfitted.

Public Works/Building: Mr. Morris said that there is no Public Works written report this month. He said that there has just been the usual work. He said that the design work is done for the Harding avenue project, and he will be meeting with the City Manager to approve the plans and put the project out for bids. Councilor Sperr asked about the Panoramic Ridge neighborhood park design. Mr. Morris said that option B is the Staff's preferred design. Mr. Morris also explained the work that is being done on that park by the developer.

Finance/Administrative: Councilor Sperr said he reviewed the bills list and didn't find any errors.

Councilors Manley and Parrish moved and seconded to approve the April, 2019 Finance Report, and the payment of the bills for the month of April in the amount of \$146,861.07, as funds become available. Ayes: Challis, Manley, Whelan, Parrish, Sperr and Tyrrell. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Safety: None.

Library: Submitted in writing. Ms. Longhorn said she submitted the report in writing. She said that school class visits were starting soon. She said there is a lot of activity planned for the summer lunch program, and the Library has received \$10,000 worth of grants for the summer lunch program. Mayor McCann volunteered to do a water safety class. Ms. Longhorn talked about the other activities that are planned for the summer.

Councilors Sperr and Manley moved and seconded to approve all Committee reports as presented. Ayes: Challis, Manley, Whelan, Parrish, Sperr and Tyrrell. Nays: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE UMATILLA COUNTY SPECIAL LIBRARY DISTRICT

Mr. Larsen said that the Council had examined this agreement at a previous meeting, and he had some concerns about it. He said he spoke with the Library District Board about it, and some things in the agreement have changed. He said he thinks it is in good enough shape now to approve.

Councilors Manley and Parrish moved and seconded to approve the agreement with the Umatilla County Special Library District as presented. Ayes: Challis, Manley, Whelan, Parrish, Sperr and Tyrrell. Nays: None. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Ms. Longhorn said that she thinks that the Police Department Facebook page is great, and that people like to see it. Chief Zumwalt said that he is not a fan of Facebook, but they started the page to reach out to the community and help them know what the Police Department is doing. Councilor Whelan asked how often posts are put up. Chief Zumwalt said at least a couple of times a week, but every arrest is posted. He said the he has even gotten a lot of positive comments about it from other parts of the state.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Larsen said that he reached out to some people to serve on a City Manager applicant review committee, and they were all willing to help and available. He recommended that the Council appoint three members of the committee, and one alternate, with one of the committee members being a City Councilor. He said the purpose of the committee was to do an initial review, and rank the applicants so that the City Council can quickly review the applicants and select the applicants that they wish to interview by phone.

Councilor Whelan volunteered, and Councilor Manley nominated her to serve on the committee. The consensus of the Council was to name Hermiston City Manager Byron Smith and County Commissioner George Murdoch to the Committee as well, with Pendleton City Manager Rob Corbett as an alternate.

Councilors Tyrrell and Parrish moved and seconded to appoint Councilor Whelan, Byron Smith, and George Murdoch to the applicant review committee, with Rob Corbett as an alternate committee member.

The Council and Staff discussed the City Manager recruitment.

Mr. Larsen said that he spoke with Mr. Carlson and City Clerk Sandy Endicott about jointly serving as Interim City Manager, and they both indicated willingness to serve. He said that the Council should discuss compensation for serving in that role. Mr. Carlson said that this is not a pressing issue, and he will not be present at the next council meeting. Councilor Challis asked for Staff to provide information on the increased hours for Mr. Carlson and Mrs. Endicott so that they can determine the proper compensation. Mr. Larsen said the he and the Staff would provide some recommendations.

COMMENTS FROM THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Ms. Poulson thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve as the first Student Representative to the City Council. She said she was made to feel at home on the Council, and she was pleased to learn about how City government really works. Ms. Poulson explained how the Student Government elections work, and how the next Student Representative would be chosen.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

Mayor McCann asked about another building painting project. Councilor Sperr said he wanted to. The Council discussed potential painting sites. Councilor Whelan asked about code enforcement at 110 N. Main Street. The Council and Staff discussed code enforcement efforts at that site.

Councilor Tyrell asked the Council if they would like to remove the ban on donations from 3D Idapro Solutions. He said that things have improved. Mayor McCann asked about the status of

the lawsuit. Mr. Larsen said that he had been told that it was going to be dropped, but it's not official yet. He said that there are still fines pending from last year that the Municipal Judge placed on hold until the lawsuit was sorted out. Councilor Sperr said that he thought the Council should hold off on that. The Council and Staff discussed the current state of the plant and odor complaints. Mr. Larsen said that things are improved, but the real test would be when the heat started up later in the summer.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to consider, Mayor McCann adjourned the regular meeting of May 21, 2019 at 6:54 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for June 4, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. Blair Larsen, City Manager/Recorder

Attest: _____
Mayor

Date of Approval: _____