

MINUTES
STANFIELD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 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 McCann at the Stanfield City Council Chambers, located at 150 West Coe Avenue, Stanfield, Oregon.

ROLL CALL

Members present were Mayor McCann, Council President Don Tyrrell, Councilors Scott Challis, Del Manley, Susan Whelan, Jason Sperr, and Ralph Parrish. City Staff present were Judge Rose Emerson, Finance Director Jerry Carlson, City Clerk Sandy Endicott, City Assistant Clerk Nikki McCann, Police Chief Bryon Zumwalt, Public Works Director Scott Morris, and Library Director Cecili Longhorn.

FLAG SALUTE

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

ADMINISTERING OATH OF OFFICE TO CITY MANAGER

Judge Rose Emerson administered the Oath of Office to Benjamin Burgener as the new City Manager.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

Councilor Whelan referred to comments on page 2 of the minutes in regards to Echo school having a “more dangerous situation”. After discussion, the statement referring to a “more dangerous situation” was agreed to be removed and has been corrected. Mayor McCann approved the minutes for the September 3, 2019 City Council as corrected.

HEARING ON ABATEMENT PROCEEDINGS FOR PROPERTY AT 725 S. MAIN ST.

Chief Zumwalt stated that the abatement for the property at 725 S. Main St. has come to an end. The council was provided a packet and summary of the status and history of the abatement process for this property beginning the end of last year with pictures included from February 1, 2019 to September 12, 2019. Chief Zumwalt stated he was seeking to move forward with the process but wanted to give the property owner a chance to speak to the council first.

The Property Owner, Lee Byrd, stated he had been in the hospital but has been working on cleaning up his property. Mr. Byrd felt he was never told what he could and could not keep on his property. He stated he doesn't have a lot of money but has been paying some people to help him. He started this job and would like to be allowed to finish it.

Councilor Challis asked to speak on the matter. Councilor Challis has been a neighbor with Mr. Byrd for 17 years. While Councilor Challis has noticed more materials collecting on Lee's property over the years, he has witnessed Lee do a lot of work this past year trying to clean up the property. Councilor Challis proposed giving Mr. Byrd until the end of the year to finish cleaning up the 17 years of collected materials on the property due to the difficulty of the task.

Councilor Challis mentioned the clean-up efforts of a neighboring property using volunteers.

Councilor Whelan asked if the Property Owner is physically able to finish the clean-up job before the end of the year. Mr. Byrd stated he would be able to finish the job with the proposed timeline and parameters.

Councilor Sperr added to the discussion in regards to a phone call and text from another of Mr. Byrd's neighbors, Adam Lemmon. Adam pleaded to give Lee an extension due to the progress Lee has made. Adam stated that before anyone goes on Lee's property to give him a call so he could help Lee first.

Mayor McCann asked Mr. Byrd what the purpose of the materials on his property is. Mr. Byrd stated he bought a lot of it to fix rigs. Mayor McCann then asked what Mr. Byrd did for a water supply. Mr. Byrd stated he doesn't need much water, he has barrels of water on his property and that he buys his water each month.

Mayor McCann stated to Mr. Byrd that come the first of January, the city will come and clean up the property, "no ands, ifs, or buts". Mr. Byrd said that he agrees. Councilor Whelan stated that Mr. Byrd needed to come and ask questions if he had any confusion of what is required.

Mr. Byrd's brother in law stated that he was concerned with the lack of communication to Mr. Byrd and his persecution of not having water and sewer. Mr. Byrd's brother in law commended the compassion of Councilor Challis and Sperr, and stated that he will also be helping Mr. Byrd clean his property.

Discussion proceeded around what is defined as junk and what communication was needed. The conversation then jumped over to how water and sewer is billed and how rates are set.

Councilor Challis then went back to reading what is defined as junk in the ordinance. Councilor Whelan stated she felt that Mr. Byrd should have a contact person, the conversation then veered to a discussion about fence height and other fence issues on the property.

Councilor Sperr motioned and Councilor Parrish seconded to allow Lee Byrd an extension until January 1st 2020 to have his property cleaned or the city will abate the property.

Ayes: Challis, Sperr, Manley, Tyrrell, and Parrish.

Nays: Whelan

Motion carried

Final discussion on who Mr. Byrd can contact if he has any questions. Mayor McCann referred Lee to City Hall.

RESOLUTION 10-2019 PROVIDING FOR THE LOCATION AND ERECTION OF STOP SIGNS ON CHELSEA LANE IN PANORAMIC RIDGE SUBDIVISION

Resolution 10-2019 was read by Mayor McCann.

Councilor Sperr motioned to approve Resolution 10-2019. Councilor Parrish seconded the motion.

Ayes: Challis, Sperr, Manley, Tyrrell, Whelan and Parrish.

Nays: None

Motion carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Court: Chief Zumwalt stated it has been a busy month with the top location being Pilot truck stop with 20 service calls, which is a little higher than normal. The written court report was included in the council packet.

Questions or comments: None

Public Works/Building: Director Scott Morris reported on their most recent public works committee meeting. The median between Stanfield and Feedville was discussed regarding what should be done with the median. The resolution was to do a better job cleaning the median and re-address the situation after watching it over the coming year and comparing different costs.

Mayor McCann asked about the striping on Harding. Director Scott Morris stated they are going to stripe and finish the shoulder work.

Mayor McCann asked about the survey done on Howard Street, Director Scott Morris stated it was for a walking path from Stage Gulch to Ball and tie it back into the other trail.

Questions or comments: Councilor Challis mentioned how nice fire hydrants look. Mayor McCann asked about the new sprinkler system, Director Scott Morris stated it was for Panoramic Park and that they should hopefully be in there in the next couple of weeks to get started on the sprinkler system. The work on the water tank will also likely start the end of September.

Finance/Administrative: Finance Director Jerry Carlson stated that the council has a copy of July's report, however August's was not done yet. Councilor Whelan asked if Jerry was behind on any bills or just the reporting. Finance Director Jerry Carlson confirmed it was just the reporting.

Questions or comments: None.

Councilors Sperr and Manley moved and seconded to approve the bill list for August 2019, and pay bills in the amount of \$370,790.36 as funds become available.

Ayes: Challis, Manley, Sperr, Whelan, Parrish, and Tyrrell.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Councilors Sperr and Challis moved and seconded to approve the July 2019 finance report.

Ayes: Challis, Manley, Sperr, Whelan, Parrish, and Tyrrell.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Safety: Director Scott Morris asked for a moment to talk about the abatement process. Scott stated how important it is for the council to reinforce the abatement process, mentioning how much work everyone goes through in the process. Mr. Morris stated that if everyone that comes into council and cries to the council for an extension gets extended, it takes the "teeth" out of the process. Discussion continued with an ending agreement from the council that the council will better reinforce the abatement process going forward.

Councilor Sperr stated to the council that it is important to speak up when they don't agree with a motion.

Library: Cecili Longhorn submitted a written report, which she recapped. Ms. Longhorn was able to go to a conference back east and was able to visit several libraries while on the trip. Libraries are changing and are more focused on community engagement. We are very fortunate with the access to books and funding that we have. Ms. Longhorn will also be speaking at a summer reading summit at the end of the month. Craft night for ages 16 and up is coming up. We have around 30 people attend and is a better turn out than most libraries get. Once a month story time is also starting up again. Lastly, the teachers at the elementary will be issued a library educator card.

Councilor Challis recommended we get some information over to the library about the trail project as well for the community. The importance to attend one of the trail meetings as a council was discussed as well.

Councilors Sperr and Manley moved and seconded to approve all committee reports.

Ayes: Challis, Manley, Sperr, Whelan, Parrish, and Tyrrell.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Cecili Longhorn encouraged the council to be really tough on people living in motor homes and on people who do not have water. She has experienced neighbors dumping "crap" between houses.

OTHER BUSINESS

Finance Director Jerry Carlson brought up issues at the railroad crossing. Councilor Challis and the council talked about some resources to contact about railroad crossing issues, including the FRA.

City Clerk Sandy Endicott brought up the need to motion to have Benjamin Burgener added as a signer to all of the city's bank accounts and remove the prior city manager, Blair, as a signer.

Councilors Challis and Manley moved and seconded to approve adding Benjamin Burgener as a signer to all of the city's bank accounts and remove prior city manager, Blair, as a signer.

Ayes: Challis, Manley, Sperr, Whelan, Parrish, and Tyrrell.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Mayor MacCann recognized the hard work of Sandy Endicott and Jerry Carlson during the interim of looking for a new City Manager.

Benjamin Burgener also recognized the organization and professionalism of Ms. Endicott and Mr. Carlson along with the rest of the staff for the preparation and onboarding.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

Mr. Carlson has not heard from the attorneys in regards to 3D Idapro and recommended removing that topic from the executive session.

Benjamin Burgener brought up the grand opening of the new quilting shop, Mama Bears, on October 11th, 2019. The quilting shop would love to have the council and mayor attend if at all possible, potentially around 9:30am. Benjamin will update the council when an exact time is determined.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CITY MANAGER'S CONTRACT UNDER ORS §192.660(2)(a)

Mayor McCann recessed the regular meeting and opened an executive session as authorized by ORS 192.660(2)(a) to discuss City Manager's contract.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Mayor McCann re-opened the regular meeting.

Councilors Whelan and Sperr motioned and seconded to change the proposed city manager contract in section 7 to include that the city will pay Benjamin Burgener's insurance premiums up to \$300, and in section 8 to give the city manager 10 hours of vacation each calendar month.

Ayes: Challis, Manley, Sperr, Whelan, Parrish, and Tyrrell.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to consider, Mayor McCann adjourned the regular meeting of September 17, 2019 at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Benjamin Burgener, City Manager

Attest: _____

Don Tyrrell, Council President

Date of Approval: _____