

GLADSTONE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of March 8, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Councilor Sieckmann, Council President Mersereau, Councilor Johnson, Councilor McMahon, Councilor Reisner.

ABSENT:

None.

STAFF:

Eric Swanson, City Administrator; Jolene Morishita Assistant City Administrator; David Doughman, City Attorney.

AGENDA ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS:

Councilor Johnson said he would like to add approval of an application for the NCCWC Budget Committee to the Consent Agenda. Mr. Swanson wanted to add items #10 and #11 to the Regular Agenda – recommendations for the appointment of Fire Chief and Library Director. There will also be an executive session following the regular meeting regarding litigation. Ms. Morishita added a temporary use OLCC license for Duke's Hometown Bar and Grill to the Consent Agenda.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Len Nelson announced a St. Patrick's Day luncheon at the Senior Center and invited everyone to attend. Ben Waverly said that back in December of 2014 a water main broke on Exeter Street near their house and flooded it. His insurance did not cover the damage. He has been dealing with several City Administrators and CIS and he would like to reach a settlement.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of February 22 and 23, 2016 Minutes.
2. Approval of Liquor License Application – KB Teriyaki Grill.
3. Approval of Monthly Reports
4. a) Approval of Project List
b) Approval of Liquor License Application – Duke's Hometown Bar and Grill

Councilor Reisner asked to pull item #1 from the agenda. Councilor Sieckmann would like to pull item #4b from the agenda. *Councilor McMahon made a motion to approve items 2, 3, and 4a. Motion was seconded by Councilor Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.*

Councilor Reisner said that in the minutes from the February 23, 2016, under Regular Agenda, item #9, Approval of Ordinance 1464 – he did not have issues about the Police Chief not being included – he just had a question. He also had a question regarding what Mr. Swanson said in Business Carried Forward regarding the Library advisory board. Councilor Sieckmann asked if the Police Department had seen the OLCC application from Duke's. Ms. Morishita confirmed that they had. *Councilor Reisner made a motion to approve with corrections Consent Agenda items 1 and 4b. Motion was seconded by Councilor Sieckmann. Motion passed unanimously.*

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council President Mersereau said they received an email from the Association of Northwest Steelheaders regarding the Dahl Beach project – he appreciates the input.

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. Request for Financial Support of Class of 2016 Senior Graduation Party:

Mr. Swanson did some research and determined that the usual amount they have donated in the past has been \$500. Councilor McMahon would like to have a representative come in person to ask for funds – Councilors Johnson and Sieckmann agreed. Councilor Johnson feels there should be a policy in place regarding charitable funds – Mr. Swanson agreed this should be addressed during the budget process.

6. Discussion and Consideration of City of Gladstone Technology Plan:

Mr. Swanson wanted to thank everyone involved. He gave some background information on the project and explained the reasons behind the choices that were made. Part of the proposal is to provide iPads to each member of the Council in order to cut down on paper use and staff time. There was discussion regarding security cameras, servers, budget, contracting out payroll services, fiber network, etc.

Councilor Sieckmann made a motion to accept the proposal for technology upgrades, contracting payroll services, and a new financial software package for \$304,156 over the next three fiscal years. Motion was seconded by Councilor Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion of Dahl Beach/Bulk Head Project Intergovernmental Agreement, Right of Way Entry Agreement and Easement between the City and Port of Portland:

Mr. Swanson went over some background information on the project. Council President Mersereau read the letter of support from Northwest Steelheaders. There was a Power Point presentation from the Port of Portland regarding the history of the project, an update on the revised design, and the IGA's. There will be no expense to the City. Mr. Doughman went over the IGAs, easements, prohibitions, restrictions, etc. There was discussion regarding the Parks & Recreation Board, building a floating dock, parking lot, deed restrictions, maintenance, liability, erosion, etc. Mr. Swanson feels this is a good project and would like to move forward with it.

Public Hearing:

Mr. Art Isrealson feels that all Councilors should read the letter from the Northwest Steelheaders. He also feels the ADA has been shoved under the carpet. He feels there is a lack of knowledge regarding the flow of the river and erosion. He feels that cottonwood trees are dangerous. Ms. Susan Liston highly recommends this project. She had questions regarding a quote from Councilor Johnson that was in the voter's pamphlet regarding tax increases and selling park lands.

Mr. Pete Tracy read the letter of support from the Northwest Steelheaders. He thanked the Council for their hard work.

The public hearing was closed.

Councilor Sieckmann said he is in favor of the project, but he feels the language in the IGA's needs to be cleaned up and he wants to see a longer timeframe at the end of the project. Councilor Reisner wants to see the bulkhead go away but not the parking lot. He also has concerns regarding the language in the IGA's. Councilor Johnson wants to know what the value of this project is to the Port of Portland and also wants cleaned up language regarding the deed restrictions.

Councilor McMahon made a motion to approve the Dahl Beach Bulkhead Restoration project as presented today and approve City staff to finalize the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Port of Portland, and also asked that Councilor Sieckmann be involved in the finalization of the IGA's. There was no second.

Councilor Sieckmann made a motion to direct City staff to work with the Port of Portland to incorporate the information that came forward tonight and bring something back to the next Council meeting for a vote. Motion was seconded by Councilor McMahon.

Discussion: Councilor McMahon asked if Councilor Sieckmann would approve it at the next meeting. Councilor Sieckmann said he feels the project is a benefit, but thinks we need to make sure we are protecting our park and the residents of Gladstone.

Ms. Morishita took a roll call vote: Councilor Sieckmann: yes. Councilor Johnson: no. Councilor McMahon: yes. Councilor Reisner: no. Council President Mersereau: yes. Motion passed.

8. Update on City Council Position #6 and Mayor:

Mr. Swanson said they have advertised the positions and are planning on conducting interviews the first part of April. Councilor Sieckmann asked about the process of interviews and Mr. Swanson said the interviews would be public, done by the Council with assistance from Staff. There was a discussion regarding the process.

9. Consideration of Cancelling March 22, 2016 City Council Meeting:

Everyone agreed to cancel the March 22, 2016 City Council Meeting.

10. Recommendation for Appointment of the Fire Chief Position:

Mr. Swanson thanked everyone who was involved in the process. Tom O'Conner is being recommended for the position.

Councilor McMahon made a motion to approve the hiring of Tom O'Conner as Fire Chief. Motion was seconded by Councilor Sieckmann. Discussion: Councilor Reisner asked questions regarding salary and benefits. Motion passed (4 to 1 - Councilor Reisner voted no).

11. Recommendation for Appointment of the Library Director Position:

Mr. Swanson thanked everyone involved in the process. Linda Lewis is being recommended for the position. Mr. Swanson gave some background information on Ms. Lewis and went over the salary and benefits.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve the hiring of Linda Lewis as Library Director. Motion was seconded by Councilor McMahon. Discussion: None. Motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD – UPDATE:

None.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

None.

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

Councilor Sieckmann:

The Planning Commission has been doing some follow up on the Code review grant and trying to figure out where to go from here. Mr. Swanson said next Tuesday at 10:00 at City Hall in Oregon City there is a meeting regarding their offer to assist us and possibly an IGA in the future.

Councilor Johnson:

He wanted to thank everyone for attending the meeting.

Councilor Reisner:

He also wanted to thank the audience members. He urged everyone to go to the area of West Gloucester and East Arlington to see the speed reader signs. He wanted everyone to know about the Easter Egg Hunt on the 26th at the High School.

Councilor McMahon:

March is Meals on Wheels Month – on the 24th the Gladstone Senior Center is having a benefit at Burgerville where they will be donating 10% of the proceeds from 5:00PM to closing. The Fire Department will also have a boot for donations. He also invited any Council members to ride along with him when he delivers Meals on Wheels on Tuesdays.

Council President Mersereau:

He asked if Mr. Swanson could let them know which Council liaison positions were left open due to the Mayor position being vacant. Mr. Swanson said it would probably make sense to wait until the position has been filled, but he will let the Council know. Council President Mersereau wanted to thank Mr. Swanson for all his hard work and for helping them move forward.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned.

Approved by the Council President this 12th day of April, 2016.

ATTEST:



Tom Mersereau, Council President



Jolene Morishita, Assistant City Administrator