

GLADSTONE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of September 13, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Councilor Sieckmann, Councilor Neace, Mayor Mersereau, Councilor K. Johnson, Councilor McMahon, Councilor Reisner.

ABSENT:

Councilor S. Johnson

STAFF:

Eric Swanson, City Administrator; Jacque Betz, Assistant City Administrator; David Doughman, City Attorney; Carolyn Gray, Accounting Manager.

AGENDA ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS:

Mr. Swanson wanted to add an item to the agenda under Correspondence – two letters from the Library and a letter to NW Natural Gas regarding the pipeline in the area of Meldrum Bar Park. He would also like to discuss dates for a Town Hall meeting in October.

Fire Chief O'Conner – Presentation of Fire Department Citizen Award:

The ambulance crew, fire crew, dispatcher, citizens, and the patient involved in a cardiac arrest call that occurred on July 20th were recognized. Brian Meyers, the patient's neighbor, was awarded the Civilian Lifesaving Award for performing CPR for approximately 4 - 5 minutes before the Fire Department arrived. Councilor McMahon wanted to commend the 9-1-1 dispatcher for doing a phenomenal job.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Beverly Chase, a member of the Library Board and the Library Foundation, read the two letters from the Library Board and Library Foundation to the Council regarding their disappointment resulting from recent correspondence between the Gladstone Council members and the County Board of Commissioners regarding the future of the Library. The letter from the Library Board requests a new Council liaison be assigned and thanked Councilor S. Johnson for his time and support.

Bill Osbourn wanted to announce the SOLV clean-up project that will be held on September 24th between 10:00AM and 2:00PM. They are trying to include volunteers from the Oregon City side of the river. All supplies are provided.

Evon Tekorius is running for House of Representatives, District 40. She gave some of her background information and some of the reasons why she is running for the position.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of August 15, 2016 and August 30, 2016 Minutes
2. Approval of Resolution 1090 – Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Gladstone and Gladstone Police Association
3. Approval of Financial Reports
4. Approval of August Check Register and Bank Balances

Councilor Sieckmann asked that item #3 be removed. Councilor Reisner asked that item #2 be removed.

Councilor McMahon made a motion to approve items #1 and #4. Motion was seconded by Councilor Reisner. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #2: Councilor Reisner had questions regarding the date in the sections pertaining to renewal of the agreement, retroactive pay, and blank spots in Appendix A. There was discussion regarding salary. *Councilor McMahon made a motion to approve item #2 with the corrections discussed. Motion was seconded by Councilor Neace. Motion passed (5-1).*

Item #3: Councilor Sieckmann had a question regarding expenditures under General Administration being at 80% – if this is an issue going forward. Mr. Swanson said that it should not be – some things are paid upfront.

Councilor Sieckmann made a motion to approve item #3. Motion was seconded by Councilor K. Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Swanson said regarding the letters from the Library that they are putting together a list of “frequently asked questions” regarding the Library/IGA dispute and the Council will have a response.

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. Resolution 1089 – Close US Bank Checking Account Titled Employee Pension Trust Account:

Ms. Gray explained that the balance in this dormant account has not changed since approximately 1999 – it was set up prior to the PERS retirement system was implemented. The funds will go into the general bank account.

Councilor Sieckmann made a motion to approve Resolution 1089. Motion was seconded by Councilor Reisner. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Ordinance 1469 – Modification of Franchise Agreement with B&B Leasing:

Mr. Swanson introduced Lance Paulson, Allan Bushey, and Pamela Bloom, and gave some background information on the agreement. There was a Power Point presentation regarding rates, franchise fees, etc.

Public Testimony:

Bill Osbourn wanted to point out that the 5% increase would just be passed on to the residents and he is opposed to anything that will tax the citizens more.

Susan Liston doesn't understand why the City signed a 20-year agreement without asking for bids from other companies. She feels this is a back door way of getting money from citizens without being honest with them.

Mayor Mersereau closed the public testimony.

Councilor McMahon made a motion to approve Ordinance 1469. Motion was seconded by Councilor Sieckmann. Discussion: Councilor Sieckmann asked for clarification regarding the franchise fee/rate increase. There was further discussion regarding rates. Mr. Doughman gave the first reading of Ordinance 1469.

Mr. Betz took a roll-call vote: Councilor Sieckmann – yes; Councilor Neace – no; Councilor K. Johnson – yes; Councilor McMahon – yes; Councilor Reisner – no; Mayor Mersereau – yes. Motion passed (4-2).

BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD:

Mr. Swanson discussed some topics/dates for a Town Meeting. The evening of October 19th was tentatively agreed upon.

Mr. Swanson said he recently went on a walk-through of the Dahl Beach project. There is a 12-inch Natural Gas line running under the river over to West Linn. The pipeline is now approximately 3 feet from the surface. He is requesting authorization for a letter signed by the Mayor requesting a response from NW Natural regarding their plans to address the safety of the pipeline. The Council approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

7. Policy Advisory Committee for the Gladstone Transportation System Plan Update:

Mr. Swanson said that the IGA has already been approved. We are moving forward with plans to put together the TSP, obtain feedback, and proceed with getting citizens to serve on the advisory committee. The grant is for \$129,000 with an in-kind match of \$17,000. There is a link on the City's website for further information. It was decided to push the application deadline date to October 3rd.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

None.

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

Councilor Sieckmann:

He attended the North Clackamas County Water Commission meeting recently – they were discussing spending a maximum of \$145,000 to cap off the old Lake Oswego water line on the West Linn side for our future use.

He would like to ask for the Council's support in asking Staff to come back to the next meeting with some ideas regarding where to dedicate funds from the right-of-way and business license fees. The rest of the Council agreed.

Councilor Neace:

She wanted to thank those who attended the Coffee with a Councilor event.

Councilor Reisner:

He feels the City should have an official City Engineer and asked about putting out an RFP/RFQ. Mr. Swanson was not aware of the issue and said they have an agreement with Sisul Engineering to act as the City's Engineer. Councilor Reisner asked if they could obtain a copy of the agreement. Councilor Reisner feels the City should have a designated traffic engineer as well. There was further discussion regarding the TSP and traffic capacity.

Councilor Reisner said that since the Council appoints/supervises three positions (City Administrator, City Attorney, and Municipal Judge) he would like to see the invoices in regards to legal services and report back to the rest of the Council. Councilor Neace said she had checked with other cities and feels we are in line. The rest of the Councilors agreed.

Councilor Reisner said he had asked for information regarding Mr. Swanson's calendar/timesheet, Ms. Betz's billings, etc. He had a question regarding the charges to obtain the information. Mr. Swanson explained that there are policies regarding public records and fees. Ms. Betz explained the difference in the charges. Councilor Neace said that since the Council President and Mayor go over the City

Administrator's timesheets/calendars there would be no need for the additional information. Councilor Sieckmann confirmed that and said there have been no discrepancies.

Mayor Mersereau:

He attended the Coffee with a Councilor event on Monday. One of the topics was an interest in bringing food pods to Gladstone. There was also a lot of interest in the Library Board.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned.

Approved by the Mayor this _____ day of _____, 2016.

ATTEST:

Tom Mersereau, Mayor

Jacque Betz, Assistant City Administrator