



CITY OF EAGLE POINT

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EAGLE POINT CITY COUNCIL
17 BUCHANAN AVE. SOUTH, EAGLE POINT, OREGON

JUNE 14, 2016

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Russell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Bob Russell, Wayne Brown, Bill Fierke, Ruth Jenks, and Aaron Prunty.

Council Members Absent: Jonathan Bilden, and Kathy Sell.

Staff Members Present: Henry Lawrence, City Administrator; Joseph Kellerman, City Attorney; Robert Miller, Public Works Director; Melissa Owens, Finance Officer; Vern Thompson, Police Chief; Mike Upston, Planning Director; and Cindy Hughes, City Recorder.

Guests: Jackson County Commissioner Colleen Roberts; Millie Wewerka, Budget Committee Member and Planning Commissioner; Jerry Zieman, Budget Committee Member; and members of the public and press.

2. FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION

Mayor Russell led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Jerry Zieman offered the invocation.

3. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Julie Thompson with Guardians of Eagle Point Museum, expressed appreciation for all of the support and participation in the recent Native American Indian Celebration. There were no other audience questions or comments.

4. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

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5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6.1 Presentation of Regular Meeting Minutes of May 24, 2016.

Mayor Russell announced the Consent Calendar. There were no questions or comments. Councilor Fierke moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented and Councilor Prunty seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call: Wayne Brown, aye; Bill Fierke, aye; Ruth Jenks, aye; Aaron Prunty, aye; Bob Russell, aye; Kathy Sell, absent; and Jonathan Bilden, absent. The motion passed unanimously by those present.

7. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items considered for removal from the Consent Calendar.

8. PRESENTATION OF BILLS TO BE PAID

Mayor Russell asked if there were questions about the bills to be paid. There being none, Councilor Jenks moved to approve the Bills to be Paid and the Additional Bill List (Submission No. 1) for a grand total amount of \$215,013.45. Councilor Fierke seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call: Wayne Brown, aye; Bill Fierke, aye; Ruth Jenks, aye; Aaron Prunty, aye; Bob Russell, aye; Kathy Sell, absent; and Jonathan Bilden, absent. The motion passed unanimously by those present.

9. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Resolution No. 2016-25. A Resolution approving a Jackson County Order to initiate formation of the Rogue Valley Heritage Special District and consenting to the inclusion of City Territory within the Boundaries of the District.

Mayor Russell announced the City Council had reviewed this item and invited representatives of the Special District to discuss the proposed Resolution. Doug McGeary introduced himself as a Trustee of the Southern Oregon Historical Society; however, he was present to represent the Special District. Mr. McGeary discussed the current and past efforts to establish a Special District. This effort is different in that the County Board of Commissioners will place the petition on a county-wide ballot with the support of cities within the County. Mr. McGeary noted that Eagle Point was the last city to consider approval of placing this matter on the November ballot.

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Mr. Geary discussed the area's commitment to preserving its heritage, even in times of depression, and referenced Eagle Point as being highly prideful of its heritage and background. Additionally, there had been a supportive levy in 1948 through the mid-90s but it had been disallowed with changes in the law.

Discussion ensued about the future distribution of assistance to cities by the Special District. Mr. McGeary explained that after the first year, a five member board would be responsible for determining financial distributions through a budget process. Attorney Kellerman explained that cities passing Resolutions would be included in the Special District. Further, Mr. McGeary discussed his experience with items such as this being a two part vote. One part would establish a district and the second part would fund the Special District. However, with the passage of the Resolution, Eagle Point would be subjected to the tax even if the voters voted in opposition. Through discussion, it was determined that the average Eagle Point household would pay approximately \$10 per year or \$33,000 city wide; or \$11 per year depending on the actual average household value.

Mayor Russell asked for a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-25. Councilor Jenks motioned to approve Resolution No. 2016-25, a Resolution approving a Jackson County Order to initiate formation of the Rogue Valley Heritage Special District and consenting to the inclusion of City Territory within the Boundaries of the District. Mayor Russell seconded the motion. Discussion ensued wherein Councilor Prunty expressed appreciation for museums but did not think property tax was the way to fund them as it is already as high as it needs to be. Councilor Fierke concurred with Councilor Prunty, and believed it to be worthwhile but expressed concern for citizens. However, Councilor Fierke noted it would go before the voters to decide. Councilor Brown also noted the cost would add to the burden of citizens. Councilor Jenks received the Finance Officer's confirmation about the City funding the museum each year and discussed the depletion of funds. Mayor Russell thought the amount was not too much and called for the vote. Roll call: Wayne Brown, aye; Bill Fierke, aye; Ruth Jenks, aye; Bob Russell, aye; Aaron Prunty, nay; Kathy Sell, absent; and Jonathan Bilden, absent. The motion passed with four aye votes.

10.2 Discussion regarding Eagle Point Municipal Code (EPMC) 10.20.210 (skateboards) and EPMC 10.20.180 (motorcycles).

Henry Lawrence, City Administrator, explained that Councilor Prunty initiated the item for the Council's consideration. Councilor Prunty noted a good summary had been provided in the agenda statement and that essentially, he would like the Council to repeal the related Ordinances to be more consistent with state law. With regard to skateboards, there were conflicts within the Code. Motorcycle laws at the state level had been changed and therefore the City's Code is inconsistent with the state. On the skateboard issue, bicycle lanes and multi-use paths could be permissible in an updated Ordinance. There was additional discussion about scooter safety, and input from Chief Thompson, which resulted in Mr. Lawrence determining to revisit the Code and present revisions to the Council at a later date.

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11. REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL AND CITY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Councilor Fierke discussed the upcoming August visit from Showa Japan students and the need for host families. Councilor Fierke also reported on the D9 School Board meeting and an article about a student returning to school. At that meeting they discussed determining the need for additional facilities or renovations. In addition, the School District's budget passed, and policies were discussed as well as a review of insurance.

Mayor Russell reported on the Native American Celebration and festivities. Regarding the Medford Water Commission's Public Hearing on its proposed budget, a memo about budget items resulted in the postponement of the public hearing until the following day. Mayor Russell also added a report from Margy and Nick Nickelson, of Eagle Point, about receiving a letter from the White House by President Barack Obama. Mayor Russell read the letter (Submission No. 2), which praised Eagle Point's citizens for coming together during the loss of the mill, and Debbie's passing. It served as a reminder of how people can make a difference, and of the powerful bond of kinship and community.

There were no other City Council reports.

12. STAFF REPORTS

Mike Upston, Planning Director, reported on the continuing progress of Sienna Hills Phases 3, 4 and 5; and announced a public hearing regarding lodging at the Eagle Point Golf Course; as well as the review of the Fairview Way Subdivision development. Mr. Upston further reported on a presentation by the Paradux Media Group to the Economic Development Commission about "Branding" Eagle Point's identity. A similar presentation is proposed for the July 26th City Council meeting. Additionally, there could be changes to regulations regarding salmon habitat within the next year or two. Last, the City is continuing to monitor Congested Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Program funding which may delay the Stevens Road Project.

Melissa Owens, Finance Officer, announced an upcoming preliminary audit review of the fiscal year, with a return visit scheduled in September. Along those lines, staff is working on closing the current fiscal year. The Permit Technician, hired a few months ago, is no longer with the City so advertisement of the position will begin and interviews are planned for July. In the interim, a current staff member will be assisting with some of the duties; however, it takes that person away from their normal responsibilities.

Robert Miller, Public Works Director, reported on the USDA contract, and plans to hold a pre-construction conference during the week of June 27th. With regard to other projects, Lucas Park Restrooms and Crystal/Teakwood Drive will be completed soon. Mr. Miller also provided a funding update, similar to Mr. Upston's update, with possible delays in the Stevens Road Project related to a shortage of funds with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Congested Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Program. After Mr. Miller's staff report, Councilor Brown inquired about lead piping. Mr. Miller reported no known lead water mains, pipes, or service connections in the system but some meters

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have a small amount of lead and will remain with the system until replaced. Last, testing in private homes is done once every three years.

Vern Thompson, Chief of Police, reported on Officer Daniel Cardenas attaining high scores at the Police Academy. Chief Thompson also reported on Eagle Point's participation in Oregon's recent Cascadia Rising exercise, an emergency preparedness exercise named after the Cascadia Subduction Zone. The exercise is designed to help prepare for a massive, 9.0-magnitude earthquake. A simulated Emergency Operations Center was activated in the Police Department, wherein City staff discussed and analyzed communications, responses and processes. Mayor Russell commented about the recent citizen assist on horseback.

Joseph Kellerman, City Attorney, reported he almost expected to see an award for the citizen assist and exclaimed it was wonderful press for Eagle Point. A brief discussion followed about the City Council extending their appreciation to that individual.

Henry Lawrence, City Administrator, reported on the 6th annual Eagle Point cycling event and expressed appreciation to Alan Curriston and the Siskiyou Velo Cycling Club. Two Eagle Point front office staff members opened the event registration at 6:30 a.m. and there were 92 cyclists. Participants seemed to greatly enjoy the event and approximately \$800 profit was made after expenses.

13. INFORMATION

13.1 Letter from U.S. Senator Ron Wyden congratulating the City of Eagle Point for recognition from the National Arbor Day Foundation.

There was no discussion regarding Item No. 13.1.

At approximately 7:51 p.m., Mayor Russell recessed the meeting.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO ORS 192.660(2)(d), To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.

At 8:00 p.m., Mayor Russell opened the Executive Session pursuant to 192.660(2)(d). Following discussion, Mayor Russell closed the Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.

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There being no further business, Mayor Russell reconvened and closed the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Cindy Hughes, City Recorder

ATTEST:


Robert E. Russell, Mayor