

City of Lafayette
City Council Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION: Council President Pagella read 'A Prayer Among Friends' by John Daniel.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Heisler called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. **FLAG SALUTE:** Mayor Heisler led the flag salute.

3. **ROLL CALL:** Preston Polasek, City Administrator called the roll.

Present: Chris Heisler, Chris Pagella, Chris Harper, Mark Joy, Marie Sproul, Doug Cook

Absent: (one vacancy)

City Staff Present: Preston Polasek, City Administrator; Terry Lucich, Fire Chief

Others: Paul Knobel, Al LeMay, Mark Grabow

4. **REPORT FROM YAMHILL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE:**

There was no representative from the YCSO to respond to questions on the latest report. There was discussion about the speed radar trailer that had been used at 16th Street and Bridge Street.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilor Harper made a motion to approve the minutes of Lafayette City Council dated June 12, 2014 and July 17, 2014. Councilor Cook seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

6. **ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM AGENDA:** None

7. **CITIZEN INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None

8. **ACTION ITEMS:**

a. Resolution 2014-11 Adoption of the Yamhill County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Preston Polasek stated that the City had adopted a local Emergency Operations Plan about a year ago, separate from the County plan. He provided the Council copies of the Yamhill County plan that pertains to Lafayette. Adoption of a county-wide plan is needed in order to follow the proper protocol and be eligible for financial assistance in the event of a disaster. Preston stated that Fire Chief Terry Lucich was involved in the development of the mitigation plan. Councilor Cook asked about the reverse 9-1-1 system, discussed on page 7-164. There were only items 3, 4 and 5 listed; it appears to be a typographical error. Discussion on how the reverse system continued.

Councilor Pagella asked how resources would be allocated during a catastrophic event. Chief Lucich responded that it would require cooperation among agencies and volunteers during the first few hours to coordinate and prioritize response actions. He stated that they would address local needs by sending out one person to determine what is needed and then set up triage. Disaster response scenarios are practiced by the Lafayette Fire Department.

Councilor Cook made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-11, adopting the Yamhill County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Councilor Pagella seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

9. DISCUSSION ITEM:

a. News Media Ordinance

Preston Polasek stated that this was a continuation of the discussion from the September meeting, in which the Council directed him to provide sample ordinances from other cities. Councilor Pagella stated that the two ordinances from other cities were almost exactly the same in how non-media entities were recognized. Preston indicated that he did add KLYC Radio of McMinnville to the draft ordinance, as discussed at the previous meeting. There was discussion on provisions to add media agencies to the approved list. The Council recommended to proceed with the ordinance adoption.

b. Sign Regulations Relating to Elections

The Council reviewed the City Attorney's legal opinion regarding the sign ordinance as it relates to election signs. Preston stated that there was no new information provided in the legal opinion but it provided peace-of-mind that what the City is doing is standard; the ordinance is enforceable.

Al LeMay, Yamhill County Oregon Republican Party, stated that he does not agree with the legal opinion and believes the ordinance still regulates speech by placing a time and size restriction on signs.

c. Purchase of Additional Water Rights from the Willamette River

Preston stated that McMinnville Water & Light has negotiated on behalf of the other cities in the regional system to purchase year-round water rights from the Willamette River. This matter will be discussed more during executive session. Preston stated that initial cost estimates, for 3 million gallons of water per month, were in the range of \$45,000 to \$113,000; this would be a one-time fee. He indicated that the Water Resources Committee had discussed the possibility of obtaining more water rights, but there was concern about budget limitations. There are also several factors that can influence the value of those water rights over time and the Council should recognize that. Preston provided a handout summarizing the purchase options. Councilor Harper stated that buying some water rights makes sense; however, it would be more economical to maintain the springs the City currently has than the joint system. Lafayette's current water rights from the Willamette River are more than the city would probably ever need. The Council discussed future water needs and the options of maintaining our existing water sources. Councilor Harper indicated that the water rights McMinnville Water & Light has are older than the current rights owned by Lafayette, and the older water rights hold more value. Preston informed the Council that consultants Groundwater Solutions Inc. (GSI) advised that the age of the water rights should not be of concern in making this determination. Councilor Harper stated that the members of the Water Resources Committee had differing opinions on how much rights to purchase. He said that all members felt there was value in purchasing additional rights and they would recommend purchasing 7 to 8 million gallons. Discussion ensued.

10. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

a. Public Works: Councilor Cook asked about water leak repairs on Adams and Lincoln. Preston stated that Public Works was trying to detect and repair as many leaks as possible to decrease water waste.

Preston informed the Council that the City obtained the new NPDES permit, which is good for 5 years. This permit sets the protocol for testing and procedures in the wastewater system. He said that Roy Loftis, Plant Operator, has been working hard on this project and having the permit finished is a good accomplishment for the City.

b. Fire: Fire Chief Terry Lucich discussed his report with the Council. He stated that the department has responded to as many calls through mid-October as they normally do in a full year. He discussed training of new volunteers and the types of calls the department responds to.

c. Administration: Preston thanked the Council for the opportunity to attend the Leadership conference. He reminded the Council members of the City Dinner in Carlton. Councilor Sproul asked about possible duplicate payments on the A/P Control Report. Preston stated that they are for separate invoices that happen to be the same dollar amount.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

12. COUNCILOR'S REPORTS: None

13. MAYOR'S REPORT: None

The Council took a 5 minute break at 7:55 pm.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Per ORS 192.660(2)(e) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions. Council entered into executive session at 8:00 pm.

15. COUNCIL ACTIONS AS FOLLOW UP TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

16. ADJOURNMENT: Councilor Pagella made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Joy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Minutes approved on this 8th day of January, 2015.

CERTIFIED:



Chris Pagella, Mayor

ATTESTED:



Preston Polasek, City Administrator