

COTTAGE GROVE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 9, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jeff Gowing called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

ROLL CALL

City Recorder Trudy Borrevik called the roll. The following were

PRESENT: Mayor Jeff Gowing, City Councilors Bob Ehler, Kenneth Michael Roberts, Mike Fleck, Jake Boone, Garland Burbach and Amy Slay

YOUTH
REPRESENTATIVE: MJ Raade

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Richard Meyers, Public Works Director Jan Wellman, Finance Director Bert Likens, Community Development Director Howard Schesser, Community Services Director Pete Barrell, City Engineer Ron Bradsby and Police Chief Scott Shepherd

CITY ATTORNEY: Carrie Connelly

OTHERS PRESENT: Caitlyn May, The Sentinel; Cameron Reiten, KNND Radio

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRESENTATION OF COLORS BY
BOY SCOUT TROOP 140**

Boy Scout Troop #140 presented the colors and asked everyone present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OATHS OF OFFICE

The Oaths of Office for Mayor Jeff Gowing and Councilors Bob Ehler, Amy Slay and Kenneth Michael Roberts were given by the City Recorder, Trudy Borrevik.

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Mayor Gowing gave his State of the City Address which is attached hereto and marked Exhibit "A."

Mayor Gowing recognized Larry Woody from D & D Automotive, an outstanding lifelong citizen who has spent the last 15 years overcoming adversities. He said Larry, a mechanic by trade, was in an auto accident in April of 2002 which resulted in him being blind. He said most people would have given up but Larry took it as a challenge and continued to ride bicycles, ATV's and occasionally driving a race car at the local speedway, (with the help of radios). He said he purchased D & D Automotive in 2006 and went back to work as a mechanic. He said Larry continued to support the community and help mentor young individuals who wanted to learn his trade. He presented Larry with a framed Mayoral Certificate of Appreciation.

Mayor Gowing recognized Emily Rinck from Coast Fork Feed Company & Brew Station. He said not only has the feed store become a vital business to downtown, but also the innovative expansion has brought another venue for downtown entertainment and social gathering. He said their family friendly atmosphere promotes local artist, bingo, fundraisers and meeting places and they also promoted local beers and ciders on tap as well as a supplier for home brew and wine enthusiast. He presented Emily with the Mayoral Certificate of Appreciation.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Sherry Adams, 1239 Adams, Cottage Grove, expressed her displeasure that the Planning Commission recently unanimously and without any discussion, approved a conditional use permit for a "dab" lab that would produce 100 pounds a week using a solvent process which was very volatile and frequently exploded. She asked the Council if this was the direction they wanted the City to go.

Molly Patterson, 1140 S. 10th Street, Cottage Grove, asked what the City's protocol was after a weather regarding the maintenance of the streets. She said she felt it was a major fail. She hoped the City Manager and City Council would have a debrief session to come up with more effective ways to handle weather when it happened.

Tom Munroe, 2292 W. Harrison, Cottage Grove, congratulated the Council on their conduct during the last election. He welcomed Bob Ehler to the Council and said it was good to see that Councilors Roberts and Slay were re-elected to the Council. He hoped the Council would continue to move forward and with the new Mayor he thought they would.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- (a) Public Hearing to Rezone 55 Q Street and 1726 W. Main to Cottage Grove RC Residential Commercial (ZC-3-16)

Community Development Director, Howard Schesser, said the public hearing was for a rezoning of property known as Pam's Sunnyside located at 55 Q Street and 1726 W. Main Street from County and City zoning to RC Residential Commercial. He said prior to the annexation of the property in December, half was in the County and half in the City. He said the City Code required that once a property was annexed into the City, that it be zoned according to City zoning. He said R2 or RC were the only zones available to the property based on the Comprehensive Plan. He said the Planning Commission held a public hearing and was recommending approval.

Mayor Gowing opened the public hearing.

City Attorney, Carrie Connelly, said there was important language that needed to be read into the record.

Howard said he had provided Council with a replacement page of the findings, Exhibit B of the Ordinance, which left out Goal 12, which was #f on the replacement page. He read Goal 12 - Transportation.

Carrie said it was important to ask if there were any conflicts of interest of members of the Quasi-Judicial body that would be hearing the matter and also to ask if there were any ex-parte contacts so anyone who testified has an opportunity to respond to any information that might be used to make a decision but wasn't currently in the record.

Councilor Burback said they were a customer of his business, Cottage Grove Garbage Service.

Councilor Fleck said Council should know they needed to disclose ex-parte and if there had been a change in the process to prompt that to be asked.

Carrie said nothing in the law had changed, but it should be asked if anyone had a conflict of interest of the Council and assuming there were none, asking if anyone had any ex-parte contacts.

Councilor Boone said he had ex-parte contact and had talked with the owners of the property about the process.

Mayor Gowing asked if anyone from the audience wished to speak.

No one appeared or requested to speak.

Mayor Gowing closed the public hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR BOONE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR FLECK TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

- (a) Approve Minutes of November 28, 2016 Regular Meeting
- (b) Approve Minutes of December 12, 2016 Regular Meeting

The vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Ehler	Councilor Roberts	Councilor Fleck	Councilor Boone	Councilor Burback	Councilor Slay	Mayor Gowing
AYES	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS							

ABSTAIN							
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RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

- (a) First Vote for Ordinance Rezoning Pam’s Sunnyside Property to RC Residential Commercial (ZC-3-16) Jim and Janet Tidrick

Community Development Director, Howard Schesser, said the Council just held the public hearing and the Planning Commission was recommending approval. He said the Ordinance had been available for a week so it could be adopted in one meeting. He said staff was recommending approval with the amendment of the addition of Goal 12 to the findings.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR FLECK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR BOONE THAT COUNCIL ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 3076 AS AMENDED.

Councilor Roberts asked if a lot of trucks would be going in and out of the street.

Howard said no more than there already was. He said at some time in the future the road would need to be redone.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Ehler	Councilor Roberts	Councilor Fleck	Councilor Boone	Councilor Burback	Councilor Slay	Mayor Gowing
AYES	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS							
ABSTAIN							

Councilor Gowing said Ordinance No. 3076 as amended was adopted.

- (b) A Resolution Amending the Comprehensive Fee Schedule – Annual System Development Charges Adjustment

City Engineer, Ron Bradsby, said annually in January the City adjusted the System Development Charges (SDC) according to the Engineering News Record (ENR) Construction Cost Index. He said Chapter 15.16.040 of the Municipal Code established the requirement for annual adjustments to the SDCs. He said the ENR showed costs had increased 3.06% and the table provided to Council showed the current rates and what the rates would be with the increase. He said the current SDCs, with the exception of Parks, were at the full amount as determined by the SDC study completed in 2011. He said Parks SDCs remained at 50% of the full amount recommended in the study. He said it was staff’s recommendation to adopt the Resolution.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR BOONE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR BURBACK THAT COUNCIL ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1920.

Councilor Fleck said he was going to vote against the Resolution. He said his hope was that next month there would be a committee with the Chamber looking at all aspects of development in Cottage Grove and it was one area he hoped to look at whether it was a good use of fees or if there needed to be an adjustment. He hoped to bring back consensus from the group at a later date to Council.

Emily Rinck, 1888 Harvey Road, Cottage Grove, said she had been a resident for 37 years and had seen huge amounts of changes. She said in addition to the feed store she also owned a construction company, was trying to build a new home and create rental spaces. She said Ron and the City were great to work with but would seriously consider increasing costs for building homes in Cottage Grove only because of the fact that although she didn't mind paying her dues, but said Cottage Grove's rates were really high. She said for a community trying to bring people into and build the community, costs could be really exorbitant. She said as a construction company and someone who was trying to build, she said it made it very difficult and supplied only a certain section of the community who could afford to build. She said they had worked with Hayden Homes before and they were great to work with, but why not local companies who may not be able to afford that level of money that came from Eastern Oregon and other areas of Washington and California. She said they were the ones who spent money here, not Hayden Homes. She asked the Council to consider the increases and if they covered the costs currently and continued to cover it in an effective manner, she didn't see a reason why they needed to be increased.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Ehler	Councilor Roberts	Councilor Fleck	Councilor Boone	Councilor Burback	Councilor Slay	Mayor Gowing
AYES	X			X	X		
NAYS		X	X			X	X
ABSTAIN							

(c) Resolution Repealing Resolution No. 1919

City Manager, Richard Meyers, said at the last Council meeting, Council passed Resolution No. 1919 that set up a plan and schedule for sidewalks around Lincoln Middle School. He said as staff was getting ready to send out the notices, it was realized that there was some major sewer and water line work that needed to be done in that area. He said from Grant to Fillmore on the side of the street where there were no sidewalks was a sewer line that needed to be repaired. The City didn't want to have the sidewalks installed or repaired and then the City tear them out to install the new sewer and water lines. He said staff would like to send out notices to the property owners advising them the work was going to be done in their area and if they wanted the City to install/repair their sidewalks, they needed to check a box and return the paper to the City. He said the property owner would have the option of paying for the work or having a lien being placed on their property. He said all the properties that wanted the City to install the sidewalks would be

included in the City’s water and sewer line project. He said those property owners that wanted to do the work themselves would have thirty days after the project was completed to install their sidewalks. Those properties that didn’t install sidewalks, the City would have to go back and do the work and then a lien would be placed on the property, however it would probably be considerably more than if they were included in the entire project. He said Resolution No. 1919 needed to be repealed since it ordered the existing timeline would go into effect. He said staff would come back to Council as the project was nearing completion with a determination from Council ordering the other work to be done if anyone decided to do the work themselves.

Councilor Fleck said Council had wanted to provide a six month notice to property owners and asked how repealing the resolution would impact that.

Richard said the water and sewer line work would be done in front of some of the properties and the ground would be prepped for concrete. The property owners would see and have the knowledge that the work was coming and would eminently be happening and would be about six months out by the time the City project was completed. They would then have thirty days from that to complete their sidewalks.

Councilor Slay asked if the entire project was still going to be done by the end of the summer.

Richard said the project would be scheduled to be completed by the time school started.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR BOONE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR BURBACK THAT RESOLUTION NO. 1921 BE ADOPTED.

Councilor Roberts confirmed the City would be replacing the water and sewer lines and offer the property owners a chance to get their sidewalks installed/repared at a better rate. He asked about property owners that didn’t have the water and sewer line replacement by their property, would they still be included in the project.

Richard said all properties would be included in the project if they notified the City by checking the box on the notice they will receive.

YAC Representative, MJ Raade, said the youth in the community would appreciate sidewalks being installed for their walks to and from school.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Ehler	Councilor Roberts	Councilor Fleck	Councilor Boone	Councilor Burback	Councilor Slay	Mayor Gowing
AYES	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS							
ABSTAIN							

(d) Resolution Adopting Personnel Policy Prohibiting Retaliation of Employees Reporting Improper or Unlawful Conduct

City Manager, Richard Meyers, explained that the State Legislature placed a requirement on all jurisdictions to adopt a personnel policy prohibiting retaliation of employees by January 1, 2017. He said the City already had a policy in place; however the one before Council had language provided by the State statute. He referred to language in Section 4 that was probably put in the statute as a result of the issue with former Governor Kitzhaber.

Councilor Boone asked if in the title of the resolution, the word “of” should say “against.” He said the employees weren’t being prohibited from retaliating but the City from retaliating against the employees.

City Attorney, Carrie Connelly, agreed and said it was clearer with “against” instead of “of.”

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR BOONE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR BURBACK THAT RESOLUTION NO. 1922 BE ADOPTED WITH THE CHANGE IN THE TITLE FROM “OF” TO “AGAINST.”

The vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Ehler	Councilor Roberts	Councilor Fleck	Councilor Boone	Councilor Burback	Councilor Slay	Mayor Gowing
AYES	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS							
ABSTAIN							

(e) Resolution Adopting the National Incident Management System (NIMS) for the City of Cottage Grove

Community Development Director, Howard Schesser, said the Resolution adopted the National Incident Management System (NIMS). He said the City adopted similar ones in 2005 and 2007. He said the City was in the process of a grant request for a \$10,000 Homeland Security Grant to equip the emergency operation center with dedicated equipment, which was a part of a larger grant with Lane County. He said one of the requirements of the grant was to update the City’s NIMS Resolution.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR FLECK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR SLAY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 1923 BE ADOPTED.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Ehler	Councilor Roberts	Councilor Fleck	Councilor Boone	Councilor Burback	Councilor Slay	Mayor Gowing
AYES	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS							
ABSTAIN							

BUSINESS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

(a) Election of Council President

Councilor Burback nominated Councilor Fleck and Councilor Slay nominated Jake Boone.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR BOONE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR SLAY THAT JAKE BOONE BE ELECTED COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Ehler	Councilor Roberts	Councilor Fleck	Councilor Boone	Councilor Burback	Councilor Slay	Mayor Gowing
AYES	X	X		X		X	
NAYS			X		X		X
ABSTAIN							

(b) City Council Subcommittee and Liaison Appointments

City Manager, Richard Meyers, said Mayor Gowing prepared the Council subcommittee and liaison appointments. He said Council needed to appoint the appointments to the Vision Keepers.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR BOONE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR BURBACK THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE LIST OF APPOINTMENTS AND THAT COUNCILORS ROBERTS AND EHLER BE APPOINTED TO THE VISION KEEPERS.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Ehler	Councilor Roberts	Councilor Fleck	Councilor Boone	Councilor Burback	Councilor Slay	Mayor Gowing
AYES	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS							
ABSTAIN							

(c) Authorization of Change Order on Cottage Grove Water Pump Station Upgrades 2016 Project

City Engineer, Ron Bradsby, said the project was for the Taylor Street Pump Station which was awarded in July, 2016. He said after the bid was awarded, the contractor submitted his products for approval and during the process changes were made. He explained issues that arose after the project was started including an issue with power to the pump station from Pacific Power. He said any change orders over \$15,000 needed approval from the City Council. He explained the change order in the amount of \$127,054.14, or an 11.2% increase, that was attached to the Council Memorandum. He said staff's recommendation was for Council to authorize the City Manager to sign the change order at a cost not to exceed \$127,054.14.

Councilor Fleck asked where the funds were coming from.

Ron said they would come from the Water Reserve Fund.

Councilor Fleck asked about the power situation and asked for more background information.

Ron explained and said after thorough investigation, it was determined that the original plan had to be revised because it wasn't approved by the Pacific Power local office. He explained the three proposals provided by Pacific Power.

Councilor Fleck asked if it wasn't in the City's Code that required lines to be buried. He also asked if the lines coming from the old pump station weren't three phase and if the original plans were to go underground.

Ron confirmed that the City's Code did require lines to be buried. He explained that the power needed to be upgraded, but he didn't know all the grade terms. He said the initial plan was to go underground from the pole near the old pump station.

Councilor Roberts asked if there was difference in cost between the original and revised plans.

Ron said the initial proposal and design would have cost the City approximately \$30,000 and the revised design was \$57,000. He said an agreement was made with Pacific Power to run the line for another \$50,000.

Councilor Boone said the Council's choice was to either approve the change order or the City can continue to build the pump station that didn't have sufficient electricity.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR BOONE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR SLAY THAT THE COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 OF THE COTTAGE GROVE WATER PUMP STATION UPGRADES 2016 PROJECT WITH COSTS NOT TO EXCEED \$127,054.14.

Councilor Ehler asked if going up 10th Street to Taylor under the freeway if it would cause problems with the new school going in.

Ron said no, that the school would be coming off the new route the City was installing.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Ehler	Councilor Roberts	Councilor Fleck	Councilor Boone	Councilor Burback	Councilor Slay	Mayor Gowing
AYES	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS							
ABSTAIN							

(d) Goal Setting Worksession

City Manager, Richard Meyers, said staff would like to schedule a goal setting work session for the Council. He said it would probably be a four hour work session and preferably on a Saturday.

After discussion, the goal setting work session was scheduled for Saturday, February 4th starting at 8:00 am in the Sinclair Room at City Hall.

(e) Concerns from Council

Councilor Burback asked what the date of the Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner was. He also expressed his concerns about the response time of the fire department to a recent fire near his house.

Councilor Roberts agreed with Councilor Burback about the fire department response.

Council Boone asked for a quick rundown on how the City responds to extreme weather issues.

Public Works Director, Jan Wellman, said the City put a lot of sand down on the streets during the recent snow/ice storm. He said when it first snowed it was good to leave a little snow down on the streets to improve traction, if it's scrapped off everything turns to ice. He said the primary thing was to serve the business district, collector streets and main thoroughfares to keep traffic moving. He said they didn't go up into residential streets. He said they didn't use the entire street maintenance and snow removal budget on the first storm of the year. City crews were out all weekend sanding and responding to calls for particular spots. He said the City didn't use salt and only used deicer on the bridges. He said crews responded to hilly, slick or shaded areas.

Mayor Gowing said he wanted to start using a form for citizen concerns to complete and turn in to staff to ask for a response, etc. to questions or concerns. He thanked his friends and family for coming to see him sworn in, especially his daughter and son-in-law who traveled from Milwaukie.

BUSINESS FROM CITY MANAGER

(a) Mid-Year Finance Report

City Manager, Richard Meyers, said Council was provided with a mid-year financial report which consisted of revenue and expenditures compared to the budget. He said the only department that had real issues was the Building Inspection Program Fund, which staff would continue to monitor very closely.

Councilor Fleck said for the Building Inspection Program, he assume it meant there wasn't anything being built so there were no fees being collected.

Richard said there were a number of permits that would be coming in soon such as the Hayden Homes Project and the new elementary school. He explained how the fund worked in regards to the building season.

(b) Report from City Manager

City Manager, Richard Meyers, said the Chamber of Commerce Banquet was on Saturday, January 21st in the Armory beginning at 5:00 pm. He asked Council to let the City Recorder know if they wanted to attend.

Richard said City Hall Day at the Capitol was in Salem on Wednesday, February 8, 2017. If Council wanted to attend, they needed to let the City Recorder know.

Richard said he received information from the Oregon Mayors Association about the "If I Were Mayor" contest. He said if Council wanted to participate this year, to let him know.

Richard asked Council to review their bio's on the City's website and if they wanted to update or create a bio, to provide the information to the City Recorder.

BUSINESS FROM CITY ATTORNEY

(a) Report from the City Attorney

City Attorney, Carrie Connelly, welcomed Councilor Ehler to the City Council. She also congratulated Mayor Gowing and re-elected Councilors Roberts and Slay. She provided information to Council about her role as City Attorney and said she was available through the City Manager. She said a work session would be scheduled soon for an overview of Oregon ethic laws required of Councils.

Carrie said her role in meetings was to try and head off issues as they were coming up. She talked about the SDC increase and said it happened automatically by the City's Code, which said it "shall be adjusted" on an annual basis. She said tonight's decision on Resolution No. 1920 wasn't whether or not to increase the SDCs, it was whether to show the increase in the fee resolution. She said prior Councils had decided that SDCs would increase by the CPI. She said what the current

Council had to decide whether or not staff showed that increase in the fee resolution. She said it might be something to discuss at a future meeting or could be discussed tonight. She said there was lengthy process that went into amending SDCs and wasn't the processed followed at tonight's meeting.

Councilor Fleck said it was his understanding that previous Councils couldn't bind future Councils unless it was a contract for services or something that would extend over the period. He asked why the Council was bound by the FCS study. He said he didn't understand that there was no way that the City could not do an increase. He asked if Council had no recourse.

Richard said the Council adopted the FCS study, a plan with contracts that included borrowing money and funding projects that were specifically identified. He said if the City failed to raise the money that was identified in the plan to do the projects or pay the debt that has been isolated out and identified in that plan, the entire methodology establishing the SDCs would be compromised.

Councilor Fleck asked if he was saying that if costs increased to where the City had to put off a project, it would be the same if SDCs weren't collected in that period. Basically it would put off the project within the Capital Improvement Plan.

Richard said the SDCs weren't necessarily the CIP. He said these were things that were making it possible for expanded development. So when the City looked at wider roads and bigger pipes, things that made it possible for development to occur, so the early on developers weren't getting in quick and everyone else having to pay extra. He said it spread the cost out over everyone so they were paying their share of what they were using of the system. He said that was why the State law had adopted a very stringent process to adopt and create the SDCs and required the plan.

Councilor Fleck said the City didn't have to have "shall" in the ordinance and he would move that Council bring it forward at a future meeting to change that to "we will adopt at each meeting." He said he wasn't going to be subject to rates that the Council had no control over. He said that was advocating his responsibility to the citizens and he absolutely would not stand for that.

Mayor Gowing said he felt like he was being told that the Council had to pass it and we should have the right to vote something down.

Carrie said if the Council wanted to vote on the SDC increase and change the Code language, it had to go through an ordinance amendment process. She said the vote that was asked tonight was the fees had gone up and could it be shown in the fee resolution. She said the vote wasn't to increase the rates, it was amending the fee resolution to show increased fees.

Mayor Gowing said again they were increasing without voting on it, we are just rubber stamping the process and I don't like that. He said whether it passed or not, he didn't like doing it that way.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR FLECK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR SLAY TO BRING THE SDC ORDINANCE BACK TO THE COUNCIL FOR AMENDMENT.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Ehler	Councilor Roberts	Councilor Fleck	Councilor Boone	Councilor Burback	Councilor Slay	Mayor Gowing
AYES	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS							
ABSTAIN							

Councilor Boone asked if it was going to be brought back at the current meeting to redo the resolution. He said he thought the motion was to bring back what was voted on earlier in the meeting.

Carrie said Council needed to consider an ordinance amending the Code that took out the “shall.”

Councilor Fleck said his motion was to bring back the ordinance to change the wording “shall” to “may.”

Councilor Boone asked if there as option for the Council to revote on the resolution that failed. He said the fee was apparently already being increased and he preferred to show it in the paperwork instead of hiding it.

Carrie said someone who voted against the resolution could move to reconsider the prior motion.

Councilor Fleck suggested waiting until Council considered the ordinance amendment. He said if the Council voted to change the ordinance then they would have to change the fee schedule again.

Councilor Boone asked if there was a downside to not passing the fee schedule resolution.

Richard said no, that the fees started January 1, 2017.

Mayor Gowing asked if the ordinance amendment could come to Council at the next meeting.

Carrie said staff could possibly get it prepared for the next meeting but it wouldn’t be available to pass in one meeting. She said changing the fee resolution could be done at the next meeting. She said staff needed to review the process to provide the Council with solid options. She said the fee was increased whether or not the resolution was passed or not. She said whether it was increased in the future was what the Code change would affect. She asked whether Council wanted to have the fee resolution changed tonight or at the next meeting.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR FLECK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR SLAY FOR COUNCIL TO RECONSIDER RESOLUTION 1920.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Ehler	Councilor Roberts	Councilor Fleck	Councilor Boone	Councilor Burback	Councilor Slay	Mayor Gowing
AYES	X	X	X	X		X	X
NAYS					X		
ABSTAIN							

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR FLECK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR BOONE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1920.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Ehler	Councilor Roberts	Councilor Fleck	Councilor Boone	Councilor Burback	Councilor Slay	Mayor Gowing
AYES	X	X		X		X	X
NAYS			X		X		
ABSTAIN							

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Gowing adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council at 8:30 p.m.

The next regular City Council Meeting will be held January 23, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.


 Trudy Borrevik, City Recorder


 Jeffrey D. Gowing, Mayor

I'd like to start by thanking the citizens of Cottage Grove for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Mayor. It has been a long time goal of mine and I am honored to have been selected.

I'd like to thank Mayor Tom Monroe for his years of service to the city and the guidance he has given me.

I'd also like to welcome Bob Ehler to the council, he has been involved with community service here in town for almost 30 years and I'm confident he'll put his heart and soul into the success of Cottage Grove.

We've had several accomplishments in the past year, yet we still face many challenges. Our most notable accomplishments include:

- Two annexations- one that included properties on west main and brought the rest of Pam's Sunnyside into the city limits. The other was the Cottage Grove Airport. The City and State Aviation Department have been working on that annexation for a while and hope that it will improve the ability of the State Aviation Department to develop and improve the airport increasing economic development opportunities.
- Pak Tech- will begin operations this spring. They are continuing to make improvements to the property at 230 Davidson. It will be exciting to see them begin and we are very excited to welcome them to our community.
- Hayden Homes has broken ground on the development of their 32 units adjacent to Riverwalk. The new rentals are desperately needed in the community. The innovative cottages will be an example of what can be done to address the needed housing in the community.
- Online bill paying was made available for city utility accounts in 2016 and we already have over 15% of the accounts using the system to pay their water/sewer bills.
- Great exhibits at the library-Human Origins Exhibits from the Smithsonian an OBON Society exhibits were huge successes in 2016. It's amazing for a library in a community of just under 10,000 to have the number of programs and activities.
- Community Center stays busy and full, the list is huge of all the events and meetings that are held in the community center. It is truly a hub in the community and is always busy.
- Armory fundraising continues, and the window restoration work will be completed in 2017. With heat in the Drill Hall we continue to see more use of the building. This past year's Model Train Show, KNND's Business Expo, Eugene Film Festival, Mayor's Ball and the upcoming Chamber of Commerce Banquet all show how the building can be used when restoration is complete.
- The City is continuing to maintenance of the entire Row River Trail. The trail and Scenic bikeway are bringing a substantial number of cyclists to the community. We will continue to work with the BLM to enhance the maintenance of the trail to maintain this valuable asset.
- The Cities Row River Water Treatment Plant was named "Small Treatment Plant of the Year" by the Northwest Membrane Operator Association that represents the 9 state region.

- In an effort to continue to find ways to provide housing for all members of the community the City Council has supported the efforts of the Cottage Village Coalition in partnership with Square One Village to develop a tiny home project that will provide much needed low cost housing in the community.

Some challenges we face in the New Year include:

- Public safety and crime continue to be a concern
- We will shortly exceed the population of 10,000
- Our infrastructure
- More housing

In order to address these issues, City council will start the New Year with a goal setting session. This session will be an opportunity for councilors to discuss in depth their goals for the next year. We will prioritize these goals 3 or 4 that will be achievable in the short term as well as steps to achieve longer term goals.

This year will be a busy year for Cottage Grove!

2017 is shaping up to be an incredible year for cycling events in Cottage Grove. Right now there are 4 major cycling events that will be coming to Cottage Grove,

We will be working to address the needs of the swinging pedestrian bridge. We are waiting from OBEC engineers that will identify cost estimates for repair or replacement options on the bridge.

Main Street Bridge, Harrison Bridge and Silk Creek Bridge on River Road will be repaired this spring to address inspection deficiencies.

Taylor Pump Station is underway. This \$1.1 million project will eliminate a pump station on the water distribution system and improve water service and fire protection for a portion of town. Included in the project are upgrades to the remaining pump station on Holly Avenue as well including backup power.

E/BID was extended. I am excited to be working with E/BID for the next 5 years as they continue to improve the economy of Cottage Grove. We have already seen the results with the Main Street program the Downtown Halloween, Turkey Drop and Christmas Downtown have been successes and have brought people downtown, not just on the days of the events but back down other days. I hope that work continues and more businesses and individuals see the essential need of the Main Street program and the important role that the E/BID plays.

Already seeing the impact of the part-time Code Enforcement Officer in Community Development and Community Service Officer in the Police Department. The Code Enforcement Officer is getting a handle on the issues and will be providing some ideas for code improvements. The Community Service Officer in the Police Department is nearing the completion of training and we are already seeing an increase in time officers are spending on patrol and other duties.

In 2017 the Police Department will be looking for more Reserve officers and also will be exploring the creation of a Civilian Volunteer Program. Anyone interested in these opportunities should watch for announcements or contact the Chief.

Our police department has a new Chief, Scott Sheperd. We will also be getting a new Community Development Director after the retirement of Howard Schesser at the end of this month. It has been a job but it also represents hours and hours of commitment beyond just working. Look forward to new professional staff to continue the work.

The city Council has made a commitment to the safety of our youth by stepping forward to require the sidewalk to be installed around Lincoln Middle School. We expect the sidewalk to be completed by.....

I'd now like to take this time to recognize an outstanding lifelong individual who has spent the last 15 years overcoming adversities. Larry Woody, a mechanic by trade was in an auto accident in April of 2002 which resulted in him being blind. Most would have given up at this point, but Larry took it as a challenge - continuing to ride bicycles, atv's and occasionally driving a race car at the local speedway, (with the help of radios). In June of 2006 Larry purchased D&D Automotive and went back to work as a mechanic, along with his son in law. Larry continued to support the community and help mentor young individuals who wanted to learn his trade. This past fall Larry retired and turned the business over to his daughter and son in law so he could spend more time with his family. It's my pleasure to recognize Larry Woody with the Mayoral Certificate of Appreciation award.

Next I'd like to recognize an outstanding business. The Coast Fork Feed Company & Brew Station. Not only has the feed store become a vital business to downtown, but also the innovative expansion of the Brew station has brought another venue for downtown entertainment and social gathering. Their family friendly atmosphere promotes local artist, bingo, fundraisers and meeting places. They also promote local beers and ciders on tap as well as a supplier for home brew and wine enthusiast. It's my pleasure to recognize The Coast Fork Feed Company & Brew Station with the Mayoral Certificate of Appreciation.

In closing I think 2017 is going to be a very busy but rewarding year for our city and I'm excited to be serving you as Mayor as we move forward to the future.