

COTTAGE GROVE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 14, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Thomas Munroe 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 Thomas Munroe, City Councilors Kenneth Michael Roberts, Jake Boone, Jeff Gowing, Garland Burback, Amy Slay and Mike Fleck

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 and Police Chief Scott Shepherd

CITY ATTORNEY: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Jon Stinnett, The Sentinel; Cameron Reiten, KNND Radio

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA

None.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mayor Munroe read the "Giving Tuesday" Proclamation and presented it to Diane Hazen, Executive Director of the Family Relief Nursery. Diane said a few words and talked about how it started and what they were doing in Cottage Grove on that day. Mayor Munroe thanked her for the great job they were doing in Cottage Grove.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

(a) EID/BID 2nd Public Hearing

Community Development Director, Howard Schesser, said the first public hearing was October 10, 2016 and this was the second public hearing, the assessment, for the EID/BID process. He said the 33% remonstrance hadn't been met in either of the districts. He said he would provide exact numbers when the Council considered the second reading of the ordinance.

Mayor Munroe opened the public hearing.

No one appeared to speak.

Mayor Munroe closed the public hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

(a) Approve Minutes of October 24, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting

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

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

(a) Second Vote of Ordinance No. 3067, Extension of EID/BID Districts

Community Development Director, Howard Schesser, said Council held all the public hearings as required by law. He said the assessment amounts for each property were sent to the property owners and business owners. He said based on the remonstrance received, the EID had a 29% remonstrance and the BID had a 6% remonstrance. He said the districts couldn't be extended if the remonstrance was more than 33% so it was within the Council's right to extend the districts. He said in Section 6 of the ordinance, the numbers that would be filled in were EID, \$26,489 a year and BID, \$4,700 a year. He said it was now appropriate for Council to hold the second vote on the Ordinance.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR FLECK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR BOONE THAT ORDINANCE NO. 3067 BE ADOPTED.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Mayor Munroe said that Ordinance No. 3067 had been adopted.

(b) Resolution Placing Liens on Specific Properties as a Result of Nuisance Abatement

Community Development Director, Howard Schesser, said there were two properties that had tall grass as well as garbage and other materials that were creating a hazardous nuisance. He said they were both abated by City Staff and thirty day notice was given with an invoice which hadn't been paid. He said the Resolution placed a lien against the property.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR GOWING AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR FLECK THAT RESOLUTION NO. 1916 BE ADOPTED.

Councilor Roberts asked about the 6th Street property and what was removed from the property to have the lien amount so large. He asked if the amount included labor.

Howard said there were several dumpsters full of material but he didn't know specifically what it was. He said the lien amount did include labor, materials, dumping fees and rental fees.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Howard said he reversed the figures in the resolution and that the 6th Street lien should be \$1,542.96 and the Cherry Ct. lien should be \$4,278.35.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR GOWING AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR FLECK TO RECONSIDER AND AMEND RESOLUTION 1916 TO REVERSE THE LIEN AMOUNTS IN THE RESOLUTION.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR BOONE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR SLAY TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1916 AS AMENDED.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

BUSINESS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

(a) Historic Landmarks Commission Appointment

Community Development Director, Howard Schesser, said there was one opening on the Historic Landmarks Commission and one application had been received by the incumbent, Lloyd Williams. It was recommended that Lloyd Williams be appointed to a three year term to expire December 31, 2019.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR BOONE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR ROBERTS THAT LLOYD WILLIAMS BE APPOINTED TO THE HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION FOR A THREE YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2019.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

(b) Solid Waste System Benefit Fee

Councilor Burback, as a part-owner of the Cottage Grove Garbage Service, recused himself from the discussion and vote and sat in the audience.

Councilor Fleck advised that his son, who lived in his household, worked for Cottage Grove Garbage Service and asked if he should recuse himself from the discussion and vote as well.

City Manager, Richard Meyers, suggested that he recuse himself.

Councilor Fleck recused himself and sat in the audience.

Richard said it had been requested by the Cottage Grove Garbage Service to look into terminating the agreement with Lane County regarding the System Benefit Fee. He said in 2000 the City entered into an agreement with Lane County for a solid waste System Benefit Fee. He discussed the agreement and what was included in the System Benefit Fee. He said in the current agreement, if the Cottage Grove Garbage Service hauled their waste to a landfill outside the County, they would have to pay the System Benefit Fee. If the agreement were terminated, which is allowed in the agreement with the City or County giving a 60 day notice, Cottage Grove Garbage Service could haul their waste outside the County without having to pay the System Benefit Fee. He said the Cottage Grove Garbage Service was asking the City to remove the System Benefit Fee so if and when the County raised their tipping fees, they would have the option to haul outside the County if economically feasible. He said Veneta, Junction City and Coburg did not sign the agreement back in 2000 and are not paying the fee unless they dump in Lane County.

Councilor Gowing asked if by terminating the agreement, if it would affect the customers at all.

Richard said the City could lose the household hazardous waste clean-up or the master recycling program by terminating the agreement. He said the question would be, if the City were still hauling to Lane County and Short Mountain, then the System Benefit Fee would still be paid and therefore the programs might not be eliminated.

Tim Alverson of Cottage Grove Garbage Service said it gave them another option if the rates were raised to \$90 or \$100 per ton. He said at that point, it might make economic sense to haul out of the County to Coffin Butte.

Councilor Boone asked about allowing the public to comment.

Richard said by terminating the agreement, it might not allow someone who wanted to be a master recycler, to be eligible for the program. He said someone might want to comment on that.

No one from the audience asked to speak.

Councilor Roberts asked if there was somewhere other than Short Mountain to dump garbage.

Tim said they currently dumped everything at Short Mountain but if the City terminated the agreement with Lane County, they could dump at Coffin Butte, which was north of Corvallis. He said there were several components to the tipping fee which was currently \$76.77 per ton and approximately \$34 went towards to the system benefit fee, \$3 to the Land Management Division and the rest was for landfill operations. He said Coffin Butte was privately owned and the only thing a hauler would pay for was the actual cost of running the landfill. He said they had a gate rate which varied depending on how much volume was being hauled in.

Councilor Boone asked what was needed to terminate the agreement.

Richard said the Council would need to authorize the City Manager to send a letter to the County terminating the agreement.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR BOONE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR GOWING TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SEND A LETTER TO LANE COUNTY ADVISING THAT THE CITY WISHED TO TERMINATE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT.

Public Works Director, Jan Wellman, said if the Council were going to consider terminating the agreement, then there should be a commitment from the Cottage Grove Garbage Service that they were going to reduce rates. He said if they saved money by going to Coffin Butte, they should reduce their rates. He said he had sat on the Lane County Waste Management Stakeholder group for some time and Lane County was under stringent requirements from DEQ and were trying to meet the costs to operate the landfill. He said the City charged SDCs for water, sewer, streets, parks and drainage which were the same with Lane County Waste Management who charged the System Benefit Fee for the same purpose. He asked the Council to consider that when making their decision.

Councilor Boone said he understood that currently the Cottage Grove Garbage Service was hauling the garbage to Short Mountain. He said if the prices increased, it might be economically more feasible for them to go to Coffin Butte and he assumed the Council would see that effect on the next rate increase request. He said if the garbage service decided to go to Coffin Butte instead of Short Mountain, Lane County didn't have costs associated with their garbage because they weren't hauling there. He said he was okay with terminating the agreement.

Councilor Slay asked if there were a significant savings if it would be passed on to the consumer and if it could be included.

Tim said they were currently hauling to Short Mountain and their rates reflected that cost. He provided some scenarios if the cost per ton were increased. He said if they decided to haul to Coffin Butte they would still have increased expenses but not as high if Lane County increased their rates.

Councilor Slay asked if the savings would be reflected on customer's bills.

Tim said rates would be increased if the County increased the tipping fee. He said the rates would

reflect the savings of going to Coffin Butte versus going to Short Mountain.

Councilor Boone said wherever the garbage service decided to haul to, it wouldn't be cheaper than it was right now. He said they wouldn't take it to Benton County unless Lane County raised their rates significantly.

Tim said it wouldn't make economic sense at this time to haul to Coffin Butte. He said the garbage service wanted to have the option to haul somewhere else if Lane County increased their fees significantly.

Councilor Boone said when and if that occurred, they would come to Council for a rate increase because they would spend more to go to Short Mountain or to go to Coffin Butte in Benton County. He said Council would weigh at that time, how much they were spending to haul the garbage.

Councilor Slay said she didn't expect there to be significant savings but expressed her concerns if there were, that the rates would reflect that savings.

Councilor Gowing asked Tim if they could go to Benton County now for less money than what they were paying Lane County.

Tim said at this time it would be more unless Lane County increased their rates.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

(c) Concerns from Council

Councilor Slay thanked everyone who went to Astoria to watch the Cottage Grove High School football team play in the state playoffs.

Councilor Burback said he attended the playoff game and commented about how obnoxious the Astoria citizens were and how they represented themselves.

Councilor Fleck commented about several issues that had been brought to the Council's attention recently. He said a constituent had come to Council last meeting regarding ADA sidewalks and there was a comment on Facebook about the traffic study that hadn't been completed. He said he hoped they would come back to Council.

Councilor Gowing said he attended a ribbon cutting several weeks ago at CG Body Studio and he

had promised that if he won the election, he would do a pole dancing class. He said Wednesday morning after the election he realized what he had said. He said he wanted to raise money for the Family Relief Nursery and Tuesday, November 29th, Giving Tuesday, would be a good day to do that. He said Councilor Roberts was going to film him and Shauna Neigh said she would donate.

Councilor Boone congratulated Councilor Gowing, Mayor Elect and Councilors Slay and Roberts for retaining their seats and to future Councilor Bob Ehler.

Councilor Roberts said he was glad it was over, that he was a lot of work.

Councilor Slay commended all the Mayoral candidates and said it was respectful from start to finish.

Mayor Munroe agreed with Councilor Slay. He said there was a good turnout for the Veterans Day and there was a good program.

Councilor Roberts said the speeches were incredible.

BUSINESS FROM CITY MANAGER

(a) Report from City Manager

City Manager, Richard Meyers, said due to a conflict on the Mayor's schedule, the Council dinner was changed from December 8th to December 15th.

Richard said Thursday, November 17th from 3:00 to 6:00 pm LTD would be giving away free lights at the Bohemia Park Pavilion.

Richard said in the 1920's there was a turkey drop where live turkeys were dropped from a downtown business roof top to waiting citizens below. On November 26th, the EID was sponsoring a "turkey drop" in front of City Hall and for every \$10 spent at a local participating business, your name was put in a drawing. He said on the 26th, 50 names would be drawn and those 50 people would participate in stuffed toy turkeys being dropped off the Odd Fellows building roof. He said every turkey would be marked with a prize and all 50 people would receive one.

Richard said there were about 200 people who attended the Veterans Day Celebration at the Armory.

Richard congratulated those who won in the election. He said the Marijuana Tax did pass and at the next Council meeting, there would be a discussion on options on how to collect the tax.

Discussion was held on the collection of Marijuana tax and how it was being spent and distributed.

BUSINESS FROM CITY ATTORNEY

- (a) Report from the City Attorney

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Munroe adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council at 7:49 p.m.

The next regular City Council Meeting will be held October 24, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.



Trudy Borrevik, City Recorder



Thomas C. Munroe, Mayor