Minutes
Aurora City Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.
City Council Chambers, Aurora City Hall
21420 Main St. NE, Aurora, OR 97002

STAFF PRESENT: Otis Phillips, Waste Water Superintendent
Kelly Richardson, City Recorder,
Jan Vlcek, Finance Officer
Pat Detloff, Interim Chief of Police
Bob Southard, Water Superintendent

STAFF ABSENT: None

VISITORS PRESENT: Amy Willman, Aurora

1. Call to Order of Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Taylor at 7:01 p.m.

2. City Recorder does Roll Call

Councilor Graupp - Present
Councilor Roberts – Absent
Councilor Sahlin – Present
Councilor Vlcek – Present
Mayor Taylor – Present

3. Consent Agenda

I. City Council Meeting Minutes – January 10, 2012 and February 14, 2012
II. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – January 03, 2012
III. Historic Review Minutes – Meeting cancelled.

City Attorney Koho, Pull city council minutes because they may have some legislative intent and present them at the next meeting.

A motion is made by Councilor Vlcek to except the consent agenda except for item one and a second is made by Councilor Graupp. Motion Passes Unanimously.

Correspondence

I. Email Attention City Officials, League of Oregon Cities Meetings
II. LOC Bulletin
III. Beyond the Limits of Authority article from LOC
IV. State of the Cities an LOC Report
V. City County Insurance Member Update, Article on Cloud backup options

VI. **City County Insurance Report on changes on benefits,** Councilor Vlcek asks when changes will take effect.

VII. **Training Schedule at LOC**

A motion to approve the correspondence is made by Councilor Graupp and seconded by Councilor Vlcek. Motion Passes Unanimously.

4. **Visitor**

Anyone wishing to address the City Council concerning items not already on the meeting agenda may do so in this section. No decision or action will be made, but the City Council could look into the matter and provide some response in the future.

Amy Willman wanted to say she was very happy how Officer Marshall has been investigating the break in at her coffee shop.

5. **Discussion with the Parks Committee**

- **Parks Committee Report (not in packet)** no one in attendance.

6. **Discussion with Traffic Safety Commission**

a. **Traffic Safety Report (not Included in your packet) Council** No one from Traffic Safety was in attendance.

7. **Reports**

Police Chief's Report – (included in your packet) Interim Chief Detloff read his report.

- Routine Maintenance other than car 70 has some transmission issues an Bob Southard, Public Works Superintendent assisted with the repairs and save the city some dollars.
- 65 hours worked for a seatbelt grant
- Mayor Taylor enquired about how many dollars are left on the grant
- All members of the department qualified in defensive tactics.

No more questions of Interim Chief Detloff

A. **Finance Officer's Report – Financials** (included in your packets)

1. Revenue & Expense Report
   - We are getting ready for supplemental budget,
   - Excel training in April for basic and advanced
   - Local budget law training Wednesday March 7th, free.
   - As far as I know we do have a full budget committee.
   - In most cases we are at half percent.
   - PERS will be sending out notice the employer paid portion is increasing to 21%
   - Tentative date for first budget meeting is March 7 @7pm

No more questions from the Council.

B. **Public Works Department's Report –** (included in your packet)

1. Monthly Status Report (Storm Water) Mayor Taylor reads Public Works report.

- Water rights are now in the Cities possession
- The Situation on Liberty referred to as Lake Liberty has been resolved.
- Testing for the DEQ underground injection permit is going well.
- Trailer speed back up and running

No more questions for Bob from the Council.

A motion to approve changing the construction standards to allow for the new poly line was made by Councilor Sahlin and seconded by Councilor Graupp. Motion Passes Unanimously.

A. Waste Water Treatment Plant Update (from Otis Phillips) there was not a lot of discussion on the report as submitted.
   - Collections system is 12 years old however because it is plastic we are not experiencing much leakage.
   - Enough water out so no discharge for February.
   - Brush removal going well, I found a good deal on the equipment so we will use it for replanting.

   There were no more questions from the Council.

C. **City Recorder's Report** (included in your packet)

- There was a brief discussion in regards to citations in collection and it was decided to keep them active until there 10 year shelf life.

Gives a brief overview of the written report as submitted.

No questions from the Council.

D. City Attorney's Report – (not Included in your packet)

- Working on Ordinance for State on obtaining our Building Inspection program.
- I attended my deposition in the Reilly case.

There were no more questions of City Attorney, Koho.

8. Ordinances and Resolutions

A. Ordinance Number 468 and Ordinance Establishing a Preferred Street Tree list for the City of Aurora. First Reading. If we require street trees in our Municipal Code then we should give them a list and with HRB and Annie Kirk we finally came up with a list.HRB did approve it already.
One question was if someone wanted a different tree than on the list could they have it and really if we provide a list it would be nice to have consistency.

A motion was made by Councilor Graupp to approve the first reading of Ordinance 468 and seconded by Councilor Sahlin. Motion Passes.

9. Old Business

A. **Discussion and or Action on Triple T inc, revised proposal dated February 6, 2012,** new proposal for Park maintenance because the old contract is expiring, Councilor Vlcek asks if we have a accounting of actual hours spent, no we do not. Local resident Jim Fisher likes the fact that he is local and we really like what the park looks like. Councilor Sahlin could we be watering the park too much. Are we compensating him fairly for his services? Council asks him do you feel this comparable of where you need to be.

A motion to approve maintenance contract for the City Park with Triple T inc. is made by Councilor Vlcek and seconded by Councilor Sahlin. Motion passes.

10. New Business

A. **Discussion and or Action on Chief of Police hiring selection and recommendation from hiring committee. The committee consists of Mayor Taylor, Councilor Vlcek, Interim Chief Detloff, And Retired Chief Earhart.** The Committee unanimously recommended applicant Lyle McCuistion as the new Chief.

A motion to approve the hiring of The new Aurora Chief of Police, Lyle McCuistion was made by Councilor Vlcek and seconded by Councilor Graupp. Motion Passes Unanimously.

Councilor Graupp stated he thought that the public town hall meeting was a good idea.

B. **Discussion and or Action on letter proposing to waive annexation fees on Application for 15233 Ottaway Rd Fidanzo Property.** Mayor Taylor explains some of the options that have been discussed.

- Free water if property owner agreed to annex was one option. Apparently this option could not be approved per regulations that are in place.
- This application has been made by the property owner to annex and I am asking for City Council to void all fee's.. The original application was September 2010 and when looking at the cost involved it was not feasible, at that time the City had agreed to waive the fees when it was a possible forced annexation so I thought that this would be feasible as well.
- Waiving the fees may not be feasible nor placing it on the ballot in May because of the short timeline.
- Councilor Sahlin, states that if the timeline works then we could try to get on May Ballot..
- The timeline is very tight and if all the pieces of the situation does not fall right into play then we won't be able to make it on the ballot.
- The situation if very frustrating because I had made all sorts of plans for the property after my initial contact with at the time Mayor Meirow and since then I have had to take my property off the market.
- Council did not address the fee waiver. .
- It was discussed that if it all falls into place Council can hold a special meeting on March 7th.

C. **Discussion and or Action on Memo from City Planner Wakeley and Planning Commission request for direction dated February 8, 2012 Enforcement of Sign Code.**
This has come about because an application has been made for off premise signage. Discussion between City Attorney Koho and City Planner Wakeley agree that you cannot regulate based on content and that if you pursue it could be quite costly and case law does not support it. .
One question that was raised if we go with the recommendation from Planning are we then going to have a menagerie of signs around town. It is agreed by all that when monies are available it would be a good idea to look at the current sign code.

A motion to approve recommendation from the Planning Commission and City Planner Wakeley to suspend enforcement of this section of the sign code until funds are available to amend the code is made by Councilor Sahlin and seconded by Councilor Graupp. Motion Passes Unanimously.

11. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the February 14, 2012 meeting at 8:42 pm was made by Councilor Graupp and seconded by Councilor Vlcek. Motion Passes Unanimously.

Greg Taylor, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelly Richardson, City Recorder