

City of Lafayette
City Council Meeting

November 8, 2012—6:30 p.m. held at the
Lafayette City Council Chambers at 486 Third Street, Lafayette, Oregon

NOTE: The order of agenda items are listed as they appear on the official agenda.

CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Harper assumed the role of Chairman and called the meeting to order.

FLAG SALUTE

Councilor Harper led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Assistant to the City Administrator Maben conducted the roll call of the Council:

Mayor Heisler, absent (excused); Councilor Pagella, absent (excused); Councilor Harper, present; Councilor Joy, present; Councilor Smith, absent (excused); Councilor Sproul present.

City Staff Present: City Administrator Polasek, present; Asst. to the City Administrator Maben, present.

Audience Attendance:

Brian Crain, Wascher Elementary; Breanna Weston, and Pastor Sean Magoon, Bible Baptist Church.

REPORT FROM YAMHILL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Deputy Brester introduced himself and thanked the Council for their decision to hire an additional Deputy to serve Lafayette. He explained it makes it safer for the citizens and also allows the Deputies to be more thorough. He explained that each Deputy has a different niche and that this allows for more focused patrol as well as diversity.

PRESENTATION FROM BRIAN CRAIN, PRINCIPAL OF WASCHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal Crain thanked the Council for their support and donations, explaining that the donated funds help the students in various ways and he explained several of the school's programs. He invited any of the Council and/or staff to visit the school and he would gladly give a tour of the positive things at Wascher Elementary.

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The Council asked what some of his greatest challenges were and also about anti-bullying.

Principal Crain explained that one challenge is building positive relationships with the children and making sure they get everything that they need. He spoke about the free/reduced lunch program and that there is approximately 60% of the children on this program, but that it is considerably less than many other local schools. He explained that the school has a great anti-bullying program called “Stop, Walk and Talk” and explained the details; stating it was very well received and that it works very well. In addition, he spoke highly of the close working relationship between Wascher Elementary School and the City of Lafayette.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Councilor Harper asked about page 5, paragraph 3 on the October 11, 2012 draft minutes, where a sentence was not completed and asked that be corrected. The sentence should read “The City of Dayton will pay their portion (50%) on well #5”.

Councilor Cook moved to accept the minutes of the Meeting. Councilor Joy seconded. Motion carried (3-0). (Councilor Cook, aye; Councilor Joy, aye; Councilor Sproul, aye).

CITIZEN INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Breanna Weston, resident, asked the Council what they thought Lafayette’s interest would be in obtaining a Library. She explained her credentials and explained she would like to initiate the process for the citizens if there was enough interest. She spoke of various funding from outside sources and was not sure if current Lafayette taxes would apply towards funding or not. At this time, she has found that staffing and funding are the biggest challenges. She explained that Chemeketa Community College would assist with some revenue funding, but some of the criteria are to have a minimum of 3,000 s.f. in a building, 8,000 books, and at least 1.4 full time employees. Her first consideration before moving forward is to find out if Lafayette citizens are interested in a Library.

The Council suggested various ways to pose the question to the community, such as a question that could go out with the utility bill.

PUBLIC HEARING

Councilor Harper opened the public hearing, continued from the October 11, 2012 Council meeting. She explained that this is a public hearing on Ordinance 615,

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Forming an Intergovernmental Entity to Administer and Develop Willamette River Water Rights. She opened the floor for public comment. There was none.

City Administrator Polasek explained that at the regular meetings on September 13 and October 11, the Council discussed Ordinance 615 and the proposed IGA. He advised that the revised proposal is an agreement between the cities of Lafayette, Carlton, Dayton and McMinnville Water & Light Commission, to jointly accept the water rights from the Willamette River and for the future development of those rights. He also explained the revised copy has minor changes, but that on page 7, it now lists a name, which is “The Yamhill Regional Water Authority”. He further explained that Dayton has already approved, Carlton and McMinnville Water and Light is pending. For this reason, he asked that if the Council adopts the Ordinance, to consider authorizing the Mayor to execute the IGA and, after consultation with the City Attorney and City Administrator, make minor changes to the IGA based on the final approved text by other parties to the IGA.

The Council felt this IGA is a proactive effort for Lafayette to proceed.

Councilor Harper closed the public hearing.

Councilor Cook moved to adopt Ordinance 615, forming an intergovernmental entity to administer and develop Willamette River water rights and to authorize the Mayor to execute the IGA and, after consultation with the City Attorney and City Administrator, make minor changes to the IGA based on the final approved text by other parties to the IGA. Councilor Joy seconded. Motion carried (3-0). (Councilor Cook, aye; Councilor Joy, aye; Councilor Sproul, aye).

DISCUSSION ITEMS

LAFAYETTE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN (DRAFT)

City Administrator Polasek explained that the City applied for and received a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to develop a local emergency operations plan (EOP). The grant is being administered through Yamhill County. Doug McGillivray, Yamhill County Emergency Manager, will be making a presentation to the Council at the December 13, 2012 regular meeting. In addition, he asked that the Council look at the Lafayette Municipal Code Subsection 2.270(2), which is not clearly worded and could be construed as a conflict with Powers and Duties Chapter in the Lafayette Charter. He asked that the Council consider appointing the City Administrator as the Emergency Program Manager.

There was Council deliberation.

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Councilors Harper and Sproul felt that a brief citizen's guide to emergency preparedness be made available after the EOP is approved.

COUNCILOR'S REPORTS

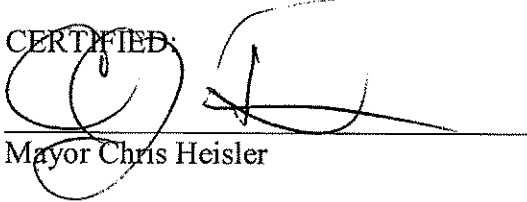
City Administrator Polasek reported he had an upholster come to City Hall and the Community Center to repair chairs, which were in poor shape. He also advised he had roofs evaluated and that the Community Center does not need re-roofed for another 3-5 years and that the roof evaluation on the City Hall building was reported as fair and should last 2-3 more years. He also suggested that the December 13th meeting will be a joint meeting with the Budget Committee for an update on the city's budget and a discussion on next year's budget. He explained that the following day, December 14th will be a Tree Lighting ceremony and that Melanie is working with volunteers for this community event. He advised that he is looking into changing the reader board sign power and place on the city's power circuit and he felt that it would be a prelude to a landscaping element for that area. He was also approached by a citizen that expressed interest in a community garden, and felt that the best site would be the property recently purchased on 4th Street, but that it would need a row of water spigots placed and a fence. A proposal for a community garden is being developed for Council consideration. He advised that due to the Thanksgiving holiday, that garbage pickup day will be Friday instead of Thursday.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Cook moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Joy seconded. Motion carried (3-0). (Councilor Cook, aye; Councilor Joy, aye; Councilor Sproul, aye).

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

CERTIFIED:



Mayor Chris Heisler

ATTESTED:



Asst. to City Administrator Melanie Maben