

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 4, 2012

The regular meeting of the Ontario City Council was called to order by Council President Norm Crume 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 4, 2012, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council members present were Norm Crume, Jackson Fox, Charlotte Fugate, Dan Jones, and David Sullivan. Ronald Verini arrived at 7:08pm, and Mayor Joe Dominick was excused.

Members of staff present were Jay Henry, Tori Barnett, Lisa Hansen, Mark Alexander, Larry Sullivan, and Bob Walker. The meeting was recorded on tape, and the tapes are available at City Hall.

Dan Jones led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

Charlotte Fugate moved, seconded by David Sullivan, to adopt the Agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Fox-yes; Fugate-yes; Jones-yes; Sullivan-yes; Verini-out; Dominick-out. Motion carried 5/0/2.

CONSENT AGENDA

David Sullivan moved, seconded by Charlotte Fugate, to approve Consent Agenda Item A: Approval of the Regular Minutes of 08/20/2012; Item B: Proclamation: National Alcohol and Drug Recover Month – Sep 2012; Item C: Hangar Lease: 219-Golf to Ed Claugus; and Item D: Approval of the Bills. Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Fox-yes; Fugate-yes; Jones-yes; Sullivan-yes; Verini-yes; Dominick-out. Motion carried 6/0/1.

Council President Crume read the Proclamation into the record:

WHEREAS, behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness, and prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover from substance use and mental disorders; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to educate our policymakers, friends and family members, health care providers, and businesses that substance use and mental disorders are treatable, and that people should seek assistance for these conditions, with the same urgency as they would any other health condition; and

WHEREAS, we must encourage relatives and friends of people with mental and/or substance abuse disorders to implement preventive measures, recognize the signs of a problem, and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery services; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, 2.6 million people received specialty treatment for a substance use disorder and more than 31.3 million adults aged 18 or older received services for mental health problems, according to the 2010 National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Given the serious nature of this public health problem, we must continue to reach the millions who need help; and

WHEREAS, for 23 years, **Recovery Month** has worked to improve the lives of those suffering from substance use and mental disorders by raising awareness of the disease and educating communities about treatment and recovery resources that are available.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Norm Crume, City Council President of the City of Ontario, Oregon, do hereby declare September 2012 as National Alcohol and Drug Recover Month, and encourage all residents of Ontario to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting this year's theme: "Join the Voices for Recovery: It's Worth It!"

PUBLIC COMMENT

Megan Tschida, Weiser, Idaho, stated she was the Alcohol and Drug Prevention Coordinator for Lifeways throughout Malheur County. She thanked the Council for adopting the Proclamation for Recovery Month, and she wanted to invite the Council to join in their annual celebration. Every year, they hosted "Hands Around the Park for Recovery". It was a two-hour celebration from 6-8pm on September 20. It was a free hotdog bbq. The City donated use of the Lion's Park, and Chief Alexander would be cooking the hotdogs. This was the second year for the Dr. Stoune Memorial Award, and the late Judge Terry Thompson would be honored for his work in drug prevention. The Dr. Stoune award would be presented to an individual who had worked hard towards recovery; the Judge Thompson award would be presented to his family in his memory.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #2012-119: Transfer Funds – Water Contingency into Operations

Bob Walker, Public Works Director, stated the purpose of this item was to obtain the approval of the City Council to transfer funds from the Water Contingency Fund to three accounts in the Water Treatment Plant Operations Budget.

Due to past maintenance practices at the Water Treatment Plant, there had been several equipment failures. Also, some electrical situations that posed a danger to personnel or anyone else that visited the facilities were discovered. These items were presented to both the City Council and the Public Works Committee over the past several months to keep them informed of the situation. As a result of these emergency repairs, the following three accounts in the Water Treatment Plant Operations Budget overran their budgeted amount:

- General Supplies & Maintenance Overrun = \$2,902
- Contract Services Overrun = \$5,640
- Equipment Repair Overrun = \$124,434

This request was presented to the Public Works Committee on August 23, 2012, and they approved a recommendation to the City Council for approval of this request. The original approved budget for the 2011-2013 biennium was \$1,275,886.

Councilor Sullivan wanted to clarify a few things. Had these all been brought before Council prior to this?

Mr. Walker stated not all, probably 95/96%.

Councilor Sullivan stated he recognized four or five he didn't have any background on. In the resolution, it stated that these were emergency items; he wanted some time of clarification before voting. Would the Council be opposed to tabling this action pending further review?

Councilor Fox verified that Councilor Sullivan picked out items that were NOT an emergency issue?

Councilor Sullivan stated there was no record that all had come before Council. One was a SCADA laptop set-up for on-call staff. In parenthesis, it stated it would reduce overtime. That was a \$2,308 expense. He had no recollection of that coming before the Council.

Councilor Fox asked if this was tabled, would it harm the City in any way?

Mr. Walker stated none of the accounts were dried up.

Councilor Sullivan David stated another one was a routine maintenance contract. That concerns him, that it had been placed as an emergency item, a \$15K maintenance contract.

Councilor Fox verified that if tabled, it would come back at the next meeting? He would support that.

Councilor Sullivan asked how they paid bills when there wasn't money in the account? What was the process for spending money that hadn't been budgeted?

Lisa Hansen, Finance Director, stated they hadn't reached the end of the two-year budget, so there were still funds there.

Councilor Sullivan verified there were no expenditures in there that overran the budget?

Mr. Walker stated that by his research to date, no.

Councilor Sullivan stated he wanted checks and balances. He wanted a Budget Officer that was going to look and make sure that an item was approved by the Council, and that there was funding allocated. Did Lisa review those?

Ms. Hansen stated that was correct.

Councilor Sullivan stated that all the bills, there was something signed by the Council? When bills went before Council, and it read that a payment was coming out of a specific line, did that give Lisa the authority to move that money? Basically, all the things being approved of by the Council should have already been taken care of.

Ms. Hansen stated they hadn't followed up with paperwork. First, she had zero hours of training as the Finance Director for the City, so she wasn't familiar with the accounting procedures. It appeared that Rachel [Hopper] had done a large annual resolution at the end of each year, making adjustments and corrections to the entire budget.

Councilor Verini wanted to verify that if tabled, it would not prevent any of the checks going out for repairs. This was money that had been spent?

Ms. Hansen stated that was correct.

Larry Sullivan, City Attorney, stated the City of Ontario Financial Policy authorized expenditures under \$5K that hadn't been budgeted, if approved by the City Manager, so there might be some individual projects that were under \$5K that might not be seen by the Council.

Councilor Fugate stated they had appointed a Budget Manager; wasn't that the City Manager?

Councilor Sullivan stated he believed that was correct.

Mary Jo Evers stated it was usually done by the Council at an organization meeting, but it was not in the Charter. Oregon Budget Law required that one be appointment.

Jack Fox moved, seconded by David Sullivan, to table the action until the next Council meeting. Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Fox-yes; Fugate-yes; Jones-yes; Sullivan-yes; Verini-yes; Dominick-out. Motion carried 6/0/1.

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

- Ron Verini stated Oregon had lost another soldier in Afghanistan. A young soldier out of Baker City.
- Dan Jones stated he wanted to comment on what they had tabled earlier. It all stemmed from the budget process a year and half ago. He was trying to set the stage so it didn't happen again. To him, what happened was that the previous City Manager and the Mayor, basically, built the city budget around the Aquatic Center. That was what had gotten Public Works in trouble, and put a lot of pressure on Bob [Walker], and he wanted to get the word out to the new City Manager that it was now September, they had yet to tackle the Aquatic Center, So, tackle it, get it done before the end of the year, so when staff

began working on budget, they would have a clear set of directions to go with it, or they would know what they were going to do with it, so they could have a sound budget that had repairs in place and didn't put everyone in the position they were currently in today.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

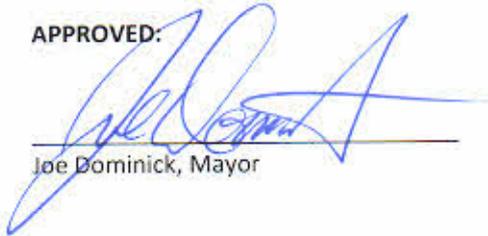
Executive Session: ORS 192.660(2)(h)

An executive session was called at 7:23 p.m. under provisions of ORS 192.660(1)(h) to discuss potential or pending litigation. The Council reconvened into regular session at 8:15 p.m.

ADJOURN

Jackson Fox moved, seconded by David Sullivan, that the meeting be adjourned. Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Fox-yes; Fugate-yes; Jones-yes; Sullivan-yes; Verini-yes; Dominick-out. Motion carried 6/0/1.

APPROVED:



Joe Dominick, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tori Barnett, MMC, City Recorder