

**Public Hearing/Regular Council Meeting
June 16, 2020**

Members present were Mayor Linda Spencer, President Trish Callahan, Vice President Delena Oden, Councilor Alvin Thompson, Councilor Stacy Equitz and Councilor Loren Oden. Councilor Anna Huerta was absent.

Staff present was Treasurer/Budget Officer Katie Misfeldt, Code Enforcement Officer Marc Ellis, and City Recorder Lori Paxton.

Audience in attendance was Planning Chair Roger Hayden, Planning Member Lyle Bozeworth and Dan Murphy.

Mayor Spencer reminded everyone that we will be practicing social distancing for the meeting, so we do not have microphones for people to use.

Councilor Equitz made a motion to open the Public Hearing at 6:51 pm. President Callahan seconded. All ayes motion carried.

Mayor Spencer said the purpose of the public hearing is to listen to public comments about the budget that was approved by the budget committee for the upcoming fiscal year 2020/2021.

Dan Murphy read a list of comments and questions he had regarding the current budget, current treasurer's report and the budget committee's approved budget. Treasurer/Budget Officer Misfeldt did her best to answer some of this questions, but offered to meet with him at city hall and go over his list. That way she can get all the answers right there at work. Mr. Murphy said all he wants is the answers to his questions but felt he didn't have to meet with her. Treasurer/Budget Officer Misfeldt said she would answer all his questions and then mail it to him.

President Callahan made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:03 pm. Councilor Equitz seconded. All ayes motion carried. President Callahan made a motion to open the regular session at 7:04 pm. Councilor L. Oden seconded. All ayes motion carried.

Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Minutes: Minutes from May 13th and May 19th. **Vice President D. Oden made a motion to approve the previous minutes. Councilor L. Oden seconded. All ayes motion carried.**

Review of Bills: **Vice President D. Oden made a motion to approve the bills. Councilor L. Oden seconded. All ayes motion carried.**

Resolution #614: A resolution declaring the town's election to receive state revenues. **President Callahan made a motion to approve and accept Resolution #614. Vice President D. Oden seconded. All ayes motion carried.**

Resolution #615: A resolution adopting the Town's Budget for Fiscal Year 20/21. Treasurer/Budget officer Misfeldt explained the changes coming up to the water and sewer bill. She said we have

lowered the DEQ loan, water bond and water maintenance so the sewer maintenance and Public Safety Fee could be raised. The raise is going to be \$1.02 more on the bill, so the total bill will be \$92 per month starting with the August billing cycle.

Vice President D. Oden said she would like to have some training work shops on the budget process, and T/B officer Misfeldt agreed and also said she wants the budget committee to be included. Mayor Spencer said we will do training on a quarterly basis.

Vice President D. Oden made a motion to approve and adopt Resolution #615. Councilor L. Oden seconded. All ayes motion carried.

Resolution #370.26: A resolution amending the fees for utility services and the Public Safety Fee. T/B officer Misfeldt asked if the late fees were going to be lowered because we have budgeted for it already. City Recorder Paxton said that would be when the billing policy is amended next month.

President Callahan made a motion to approve and adopt Resolution #370.26 Amendment. Councilor Equitz seconded. All ayes motion carried.

Emergency Communications of Southern Oregon (ECSO): A new contract for the new fiscal year. **President Callahan made a motion to approve the contract with ECSO. Councilor L. Oden seconded. All ayes motion carried.**

Department Reports: Administration – a copy of this report is available at city hall upon request.

T/B officer Misfeldt and Mayor Spencer suggested changing the rate for bulk water from .02 per gallon to .03 per gallon. We have one customer that is paying a different rate than the rest. The council briefly discussed the issue but did not make any decisions.

Code Enforcement: a copy of this report is available at city hall upon request. Code Enforcement Officer Marc Ellis said we will need to get law enforcement involved to make some people move their RVs and vehicles off of city property. A brief discussion was held regarding nuisance ordinance violations on city and private property. A suggestion was made to put a lien on homeowners property that do not comply with the ordinance. Mayor Spencer said we would need to speak to our attorney about amending the ordinance to include liens.

Fire: a copy of this report is available at city hall upon request. Chief Jeff Gorman said we have outfitted our new fire truck with \$4,000 worth of equipment from Cascade Fire.

He said we should be getting a grant for a new radio station from Frank Ault. T/B Misfeldt said she would check on the grant amount and told the council we need to increase the expenditure line item #21-2203 to cover the grant funds. **Councilor Thompson made a motion to approve the line item increase for the Frank Ault Grant. Councilor Equitz seconded. All ayes motion carried.**

Police: a copy of this report is available at city hall upon request. Officer Joshua Solenberger explained the 'logged in cad' meant on his report. He said it means a dated report was generated which the county has access to and the report goes back to dispatch.

He said Medford has donated a 2014 Dodge Charger to us and we need to get it painted and lettered. T/B Misfeldt said we could do it now or wait until the new fiscal year to get it done. Officer Solenberger said the county has donated a radio for the car as well. No decision was made on servicing vehicle.

Officer Solenberger said he and Chief Hank Hobart are waiting to start the hiring process for a part time officer and the reserve program.

Planning Commission: Chair Roger Hayden submitted land use approval plans from Jamie and Terry Hanscom to install a modular home and garage on Truck Road. He said it has been reviewed by the planning commission members and the mayor and recommends approval for the project.

President Callahan made a motion to approve the land use permit. Councilor Thompson seconded. All ayes motion carried.

Chair Hayden said he has been contacted by Dave Erickson regarding the gun club, located on Rancheria Road, about issues that are ongoing, such as partying and explosions. He told Mr. Erickson that we can't do anything about it, the state requires it to be closed during hot weather. And the fact that Lone Rock owns the property.

Public Works: a copy of this report is available at city hall upon request. Vice President D. Oden asked why another eye wash station was purchased and T/B Misfeldt said it is an OSHA requirement that there be 2 at the plant.

Mayor: a copy of this report is available at city hall upon request.

President Callahan said she would pick up the town beautification suggestion box from city hall and announce a winner this week. She said Pam Lind has donated \$25 for the winner.

Councilor Equitz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 pm. Councilor L. Oden seconded. All ayes motion carried.

Minutes submitted by City Recorder Lori Paxton.