

**STAYTON CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
September 17, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

7:00 p.m.

Mayor Vigil

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Mayor Scott Vigil	Councilor Jennifer Niegel
Councilor Henry Porter	Councilor James Loftus
Councilor Brian Quigley	Councilor Emily Gooch

STAFF

Don Eubank, City Administrator
Christine Shaffer, Finance Director
Rich Sebens, Police Chief
Dan Fleishman, Director of Planning and Development, excused
Louise Meyers, Library Director
David Kinney, Public Works Director
David A. Rhoten, City Attorney, excused
Alissa Angelo, Deputy City Recorder

PRESENTATIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- a. **Donation to Park Fund from Car Show Committee by Ron Sowerby:** Mr. Sowerby presented the City with a check for the Parks Fund from the SummerFest Car Show Committee. Councilor Loftus asked how many cars were at this years show, Mr. Sowerby stated 258 cars.

- b. **Parks and Recreation Board Spotlight Presentation by Griffin Green:** Mr. Green reviewed recent projects overseen by the Parks and Recreation Board. In recent months, the Board has coordinated with the local iServe group. This group worked on projects at the Museum, Jordan Bridge, City welcome signs, as well as many others throughout the community. Also, the Eagle Scout troop led by Scott West has been completing projects which include log benches at Riverfront Park and a low bridge in the trail area.

Other items presented included use of community service workers in the parks, the no smoking ban in City parks, and street tree planting which is funded through donations from Gerry and DeeAnne Aboud.

Mr. Green discussed the master planning the Board is doing for improvements at Pioneer Park. The Board has been actively gathering public comment during recent community events. He reviewed the top five items the community has indicated they would like to see happen or changed at Pioneer Park. City staff is actively seeking grant funding and will be applying for an Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) Local Government Grant in 2013.

Councilor Loftus asked what site the Board had chosen for a skate park. Mr. Green stated the Council had chosen the area in front of the Water Treatment Plant for the skate park. At this time, the Board is focusing on improvements at Pioneer Park. Staff and the Board have reviewed recent awards by OPRD, which have primarily gone to rehabilitation projects rather than funding for skate park type projects. Once the Pioneer Park project is completed, the Board plans to focus on a skate park and potential funding opportunities.

- c. **Jim Nokes, 656 W. Maple Street:** Mr. Nokes stated he would like to speak about potential savings for sidewalk repairs by turning out street lights. However, he will need more than the three minutes he is allowed to speak. He plans to return at the next Council meeting. Councilor Loftus encouraged Mr. Nokes to provide members of the Council with written information on what he would like to speak about prior to the meeting.
- d. **Steve Frank, 1515 E. Jefferson Street:** Mr. Frank stated following his departure from City Council over a year ago, he believed the Council would be moving forward with a skate park at the Water Treatment Plant location. He wondered why the project had not yet moved forward.

Councilor Loftus stated this was his understanding as well. He feels not moving forward with the skate park and the plan to remove the basketball courts from Pioneer Park are further eliminating activities for kids in Stayton. Placing these activities at the Water Treatment Plant appears to be what the Parks and Recreation Board has decided.

Mayor Vigil explained why the Board has placed their focus on Pioneer Park improvements. A large reason why the skate park project had been put on hold was due to the lack of funding opportunities with OPRD. The construction of a skate park is something Mayor Vigil would like to see move forward but without project funding, it won't be possible.

Mr. Frank stated he remembers this being a high priority for Mayor Vigil during the time he served on City Council with him. He feels disappointed the plan for a skate park hasn't moved forward.

Councilor Loftus stated while Stayton's two most recent Mayors have been talking about a skate park, the City of Silverton has built a skate park.

Mayor Vigil stated the location is still a field and while there is a sign up for the project, no construction has started. He feels the Parks and Recreation Board has had great focus, as well as doing a great job obtaining funding for past projects like Santiam Park.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. **Additions to the Agenda:** None.
- b. **Declaration of Ex Parte Contacts, Conflict of Interest, Bias, etc.:** None.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. September 4, 2012 City Council Meeting Minutes

MOTION: From Councilor Niegel, seconded by Councilor Quigley, to adopt the Consent Agenda **Motion passed 5:0.**

PUBLIC HEARING – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

Refinancing of the 1997 USDA and 2007 DEQ Sewer Bonds

- a. **Staff Report:** Ms. Shaffer reviewed the staff report included in the Council packet. She spoke about the savings this will bring to the City and how it will further benefit the City in the long-term.
- b. **Council Deliberation:** Councilor Loftus inquired about the fees listed in the last paragraph of the D.A. Davidson & Co. letter. Ms. Shaffer stated the fees of \$85,000 are embedded into the cost of the bond issuance.
- c. **Council Decision:**

MOTION: From Councilor Loftus, seconded by Councilor Niegel, to have staff return with a Resolution to issue Bonds on October 15, 2012. **Motion passed 5:0.**

STAFF/COMMISSION REPORTS

Finance Director's Report – Christine Shaffer

- a. **August 2012 Monthly Finance Department Report:** Ms. Shaffer briefly reviewed her monthly report.

Police Chief's Report – Rich Sebens

- a. **August 2012 Statistical Report:** Chief Sebens reviewed the August 2012 report included in the Council packet. He made a correction to volunteer hours, which was 157.5 hours.

Councilor Loftus inquired about the types of crimes most commonly referred to peer court. Chief Sebens stated the crimes are wide ranging; the only type of crime not referred are violent crimes.

- b. **Order Declaring an Emergency Speed Zone on N. Tenth Avenue:** Chief Sebens reviewed his Order for an emergency speed zone on N. Tenth Avenue.

Councilor Quigley asked how staff discovered that N. Tenth Avenue had not been previously studied by ODOT. Chief Sebens stated a traffic citation issued for speeding on N. Tenth Avenue was taken to court, and this was the argument by the individual cited. The street has been posted at 25 mph for many years.

Public Works Director's Report – David Kinney

- a. **August 2012 Monthly Operating Report:** Mr. Kinney briefly reviewed the monthly operating report.
- b. **Public Works Update:** Mr. Kinney reviewed his Public Works update report. He updated the Council that he received notification this afternoon that Marion County's contractor has delayed paving on First Avenue for two weeks.

He also briefly spoke about the report included in the Council packet for street lights at First Avenue and Washington Street. There have been complaints that the intersection is dark due to the two gas stations no longer operating. At this point, it appears staff will select option b in the report. However, the City may not do all the lights suggested in this option. Mr. Kinney plans to speak with Marion County in the coming days. Once he has met with Marion County, he plans to bring this item back to the next City Council meeting for action.

Councilor Gooch agreed with comments from prior council meetings that visibility at the E. Pine Street and N. Tenth Avenue intersection is still unsafe. Mr. Kinney noted that the visibility meets minimum AASHTO requirements, but agreed visibility is poor and stated staff is taking steps to ensure the intersection is safe.

She also inquired about staff's choice to move forward with option b. In the staff report, it mentions this not being economically feasible. Mr. Kinney agreed, stating there would need to be some modifications to the items listed in option b to reduce costs.

Councilor Quigley asked if it was fair to say the City will have to add light poles at this intersection. Mr. Kinney explained adding poles is something staff would like to avoid because of the high costs.

Pool Manager's Report – Rebekah Meeks

- a. **August 2012 Monthly Operating Report:** Ms. Meeks briefly reviewed the Pool's monthly operating report.

Library Director's Report – Louise Meyers

- a. **August 2012 Activities / Statistics:** Ms. Meyers reviewed the August Library Director's report and spoke about what activities are happening at the Library.

Councilor Quigley asked if there were stats on the number of Stayton residents were a part of the summer reading programs at the Library. Ms. Meyers explained city of residence was not something they asked when registering people for the reading programs.

Councilor Loftus asked about the status of the handicap accessible doors at the Community Center, which are not working correctly. Mr. Kinney explained the issue with the doors. Staff is working with the contractor who installed the handicap accessible buttons and equipment; the doors should be modified by the next City Council meeting.

PRESENTATIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – None.

BUSINESS FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

- a. **Traffic Congestion Update – Texaco Gas Station:** Mr. Eubank updated the Council on recent discussions with the owners of the Texaco gas station on First Avenue. They were difficult to reach, and after two months of no response from them he received a diagram of the property showing larger arrows still going the same direction. The owners claim changing the direction of traffic flow into the station will impact their revenue. Staff is in the process of contacting City County Insurance Services about the liability of this issue. Councilor Quigley asked if communications with the owners of the gas station had been verbal or written. Mr. Eubank stated both. Due to the owner’s lack of willingness to fix the existing issue, staff feels it’s necessary to notify them of the liability.

Councilor Loftus asked if the owners were going to add any additional signage in addition to the larger arrows. Mr. Eubank stated there was no mention of additional signage.

BUSINESS FROM THE MAYOR – None.

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL – None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. **Solicitor Licenses**
- b. **Sidewalk Maintenance Presentation**

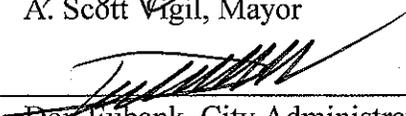
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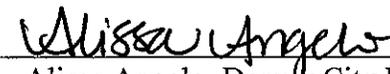
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE STAYTON CITY COUNCIL THIS 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2012, BY A 5:0 VOTE OF THE STAYTON CITY COUNCIL.

CITY OF STAYTON

Date: 10-1-12 By: 
A. Scott Vigil, Mayor

Date: 10/2/12 Attest: 
Don Eubank, City Administrator

Date: 10/2/12 Transcribed by: 
Alissa Angelo, Deputy City Recorder



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