

CITY OF COTTAGE GROVE
CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA SESSION MINUTES
January 8, 2021

The meeting was held via GoToMeeting. Mayor Gowing called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. Those in attendance either in person or virtually were Mayor Gowing, Councilors Ervin, Fleck, Roberts, Stinnett and Solesbee (8:32). Councilor Boone was absent. Staff present were City Manager Richard Meyers, Public Works & Development Director Faye Stewart, City Planner Amanda Ferguson, Finance Director Roberta Likens (8:34) and City Recorder Trudy Borrevik.

Mayor Gowing reminded everyone that there was an Executive Session Monday night at 6:30 pm. He said the Oaths of Office and State of the City Address were at the beginning of the meeting.

Resolutions and Ordinances

- (a) Second Vote Ordinance 3135 Amending Chapter 5.28 of the Cottage Grove Municipal Code Regarding Used Merchandise Businesses

Richard said the Council held the first vote on Ordinance No. 3135 at the last Council meeting and this was the second vote on the ordinance.

Business from City Council

- (a) Municipal Court Judge Contract Renewal and Amendments

Richard said Council had been provided with a copy of the contract and amendments and the completed evaluation form and that they were all searchable.

Councilor Fleck said he assumed that there was no change in the Judge's compensation.

Richard said that was correct.

- (b) TMDL Implementation Plan Background & Erosion Prevention Standards

Amanda said Council had been provided with a background Memorandum on the TMDL planning process that the City started in 2008. She said if anyone would like a printed copy of the background documents to let her know.

- (c) Proposed Modification to Draft Code 14.35 Surface Water Management

Amanda said Council was being provided the information for discussion only which included the ordinance with proposed modifications.

Councilor Fleck said it looked like the City was going over and above what the City was expected to do from DEQ and asked if he read that correctly. He said it had to do with expectations around water standards within the Coast Fork and that he would print out the section he was referring to for Monday night's meeting. He wanted everyone to be aware of what the City was doing and why.

Amanda said the adoption of the erosion control ordinance had been on the books or recommended through the TMDL Plan since 2008. She said it was something that staff had been pushing through the implementation matrix, the City hadn't been formally required by any state law to do it. She said it was set as a goal in 2008 and moved into each of the implementation plans since then. She said the 2018 implementation plan showed up as something that the City was committed to doing before the end of the five year implementation cycle which ends in 2023. She said it was based on the original TMDL Plan the City was presented in 2006. She said there was a new Mercury TMDL that was coming out but was on pause due to COVID-19. She said DEQ was expecting it out in January and once released a new set of guidelines for Mercury TMDL in the State which would create a new timeline for the City to adopt a new standard for Mercury and a new TMDL Plan would have to be adopted within 18 months. She said staff expected it to align with when the City had to adopt a new implementation plan in 2023. She said she expected the standards to be more stringent.

Councilor Fleck said it caught him off guard that the City was implementing standards that were not being required. He said it seemed to him that the City was not a large contributor to the nonpoint source problems within the watershed. He said he wasn't opposed but was curious of the impact on rates and what the expectation was in the future.

(d) Planning Commissioner Appointments

City Planner Amanda Ferguson said there were two terms on the Planning Commissioners whose terms expired December 31, 2020, Chloe Beckes and Beau Solesbee. She said they were the only two who applied for the positions therefore the Council Subcommittee elected not to hold interviews. She said the Subcommittee was recommending that Chloe Beckes and Beau Solesbee be reappointed to the Planning Commission with terms expiring December 31, 2023.

(e) Budget Committee Appointments

City Manager Richard Meyers said there were three openings on the Budget Committee, two for expired terms and one to complete the term of Bernard Donner who had resigned. He said three applications had been received and it was the recommendation of the Subcommittee to appoint Donn Rust and Chalice Savage to full three-year terms expiring December 31, 2023 and Armando Garza to complete the term of Bernard Donner with a term expiring December 31, 2022.

Business from City Manager

(a) Approval of Electric Line Right of Way Easement

Public Works & Development Director Faye Stewart said the City had been working on the warming shelters and the infrastructure had been installed for permanent power service. He said in order to energize the service, Pacific Power needed an easement from the City. He said the easement would be 5' wide by 10' long.

Councilor Ervin asked how many amps the service was.

Faye said it thought it was 320, a little larger than the normal service.

(b) Memorandum of Understanding Extending the Current Collective Bargaining Agreement

City Manager Richard Meyers said there was an Executive Session before the regular meeting to discuss the Police Guild Contract. He said the Police Guild had a two year contract which expired June 30, 2021 and the other two unions had three year contracts which expired June 30, 2022. He said the Police Guild contacted the City last month regarding bargaining of their contract. He said with COVID neither party really wanted to negotiate so the agreement was to extend their agreement another year to June 30, 2022.

Councilor Ervin asked if the extension was for the current bargaining agreement as it is.

Richard said there was a small change that would be discussed in Executive Session.

(c) Report from City Manager

Councilor Fleck said the other day on KNND Community Sharing was accused of numerous things regarding the warming shelters. He commented about the accusations and said it bothered him as they were sought out to fill the void of Beds for Freezing Nights and it was something they had never done. He said there had been issues but they were doing the best they could. He said they did have a contract with the County for just over \$17,000 which might be amended in the future.

Richard said the City had spent a considerable amount on the infrastructure for the warming shelters, however it would be a long term investment. He commented about other events, etc. that could use the property including BMD.

Richard said Councilors in the Council Chambers had been provided with a desk calendar. He said the City had ordered calendars and received a double order so if anyone was interested in a desk calendar to let staff know.

Councilor Fleck asked if Council wanted to sign onto the statement from the County like the Mayor did regarding what occurred in Washington D.C. on January 6th.

Councilor Stinnett said he thought the Council should as a unified front. He commended the Mayor for doing so himself.

Richard said it wasn't on the Agenda but could be brought up during the Concerns from Council to see if they wanted to have a consensus of support.

Consensus was to add it to the Council Agenda Monday night.

Mayor Gowing adjourned the meeting at 8:49 am.

Trudy Borrevik, City Recorder

Jeffrey D. Gowing, Mayor