

CITY OF COTTAGE GROVE
CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Session Minutes
August 5, 2011

City Council Members Present: City Councilors Mike Fleck, Victoria Doyle, Garland Burback and Heather Murphy. Absent were Mayor Williams, Councilors Jeff Gowing and Jake Boone.

City Staff Present: City Manager Richard Meyers, Public Works Director Jan Wellman, Finance Director Bert Olsen, Community Development Director Howard Schesser, Community Services Director Pete Barrell, Police Chief Mike Grover and City Attorney Sean Kelly.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Heather Murphy at 8:17 a.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

Authorization to Execute Amendment No. 1 to Transportation Enhancement Agreement (Hwy 99 & Main Project)

Community Development Director, Howard Schesser, outlined the changes in the amendment from the original Agreement with ODOT regarding the Hwy 99 and Main Street project. He said the State had signed off on the design plans which were 90% complete.

Councilor Burback asked if they had any response from the people they were trying to get right-of-ways from.

Howard said they had some discussion with owners but hadn't gone into that full time, they were waiting for the design to get sorted out.

Councilor Fleck asked why they had moved the termination date forward instead of back.

After looking at the contract, it did say the termination date was moved back from September 30, 2012 to March 31, 2013. It had been inadvertently typed in incorrectly on the Memorandum.

Councilor Fleck asked if the City had the extra additional matching funds.

Howard said yes. Since the project had taken longer, funds had been put away to cover the costs. He said a good portion of the railway crossings were going to be the City's cost of rebuilding.

Discussion was held on what areas were being affected.

Concerns from City Council

Councilor Burback said his wife had taken their great grandson to Coiner Park and that he picked up an undesirable item. He said the restrooms were clean but there wasn't any soap to wash hands. He asked if someone could walk through in the mornings checking for unwanted items.

Public Works Director, Jan Wellman, said DeRoss was in the park three to four times a day. He also said that due to vandalism they didn't fill the soap dispensers.

Councilor Fleck said he had been contacted by a constituent who had a concern about speeding on Taylor Street between 4th and 6th Streets.

Councilor Murphy said she had also talked with a constituent regarding 16th Street at the end near Ostrander Street who had concerns regarding speeding in the area, especially because there was a lot of elderly housing in that area.

Councilor Murphy asked another call she received was about the Bohemia neighborhood and an issue with burglaries and car break-ins.

Bohemia Mining Days Report

Richard said Alan Payment would be at the meeting to present a report on Bohemia Mining Days.

Right of Way License with Lane Council of Governments for Installation of Fiber Optics

Richard provided a copy of the License Agreement to Council. He explained the program and said originally the fiber was going to be the City's, however due to agreements with the Federal Government and all the strings attached, it was too much for the City to do. Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) suggested that the fiber be kept as theirs and then lease it to the City at no cost. In order for them to install the fiber, the City had to have either a franchise agreement, license or permit. He said the license was written well for the City's benefit.

Councilor Fleck asked if down the road if the City provided fiber to every house and the City wanted to have an outside vendor to offer broadband, television and phone, if the license would impact that.

Richard said it would because they would be able to use it. He said the City was leasing the dark fiber from LCOG and the City could put a carrier or provider on the system.

Councilor Doyle asked if there was a time frame on the lease.

Richard said it would be a lease agreement the City and LCOG would enter into after the project was complete and that it would probably be a long term. The license was to get them into the roads.

Howard reminded Richard that LCOG needed to obtain an easement from ODOT.

Report from the City Manager

Richard said that it was expected that citizens would be coming to the Council meeting Monday night to voice concerns about the smell caused by the spreading of the biosolids. He said they would speak under Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda and asked how Council wanted to handle that.

Councilor Doyle said she hadn't received any emails from the public regarding the issue and asked if any of the other Councilors had received any.

Councilor Murphy and Fleck said they had talked with people but hadn't received any emails.

Discussion was held on the issue and how and what information should be provided at the meeting.

Council asked if there were going to be costs involved with whatever solution the City came up with to eliminate the smell.

Staff said the City would incur costs, it would depend on what improvements were made.

Councilor Fleck said he had received an email from someone from the County and on the bottom it contained language that said the email was subject to public record laws and suggested all the Councilors have similar language on the emails they send out regarding City business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 a.m.

Trudy Borrevik, City Recorder

Gary Williams, Mayor