

COTTAGE GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
September 26, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Thomas Munroe called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

City Recorder Trudy Borrevik called the roll. The following were

**PRESENT:** Mayor Thomas Munroe, City Councilors Kenneth Michael Roberts, Jake Boone, Jeff Gowing, Garland Burbach, Amy Slay and Mike Fleck

**STAFF PRESENT:** Public Works Director Jan Wellman, Community Services Director Pete Barrell, Community Development Director Howard Schesser, Finance Director Roberta Likens, City Engineer Ron Bradsby and Interim Police Chief Scott Shepherd

**CITY ATTORNEY:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jon Stinnett, The Sentinel

**ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Jeff Jones, 79476 Replsleger Road, Cottage Grove, advised Council he was giving the City Notice of Claim per ORS 30.275. He told Council that he was found “not guilty” in his trial in Lane County Circuit Court for Reckless Driving and Reckless Endangering of Another Person, which he appealed from Cottage Grove Municipal Court. He told Council that next time he saw them, he would be bringing a Marshall from Eugene to place each of them under citizen’s arrest for their complicity in the kangaroo court trial. He also advised he would be forwarding his monumental documents to the Department of Justice for prosecution.

Karen Munsell, P. O. Box 174, Cottage Grove, said she felt like she was finally getting somewhere. She said at times it had felt like she was pulling teeth to try and get some movement in the town and to get people to work together and listen to each other. She said she was defending the Council on Facebook and thanked them for their support in the past and asked that they make her crusade a priority. She said people didn’t feel like they could approach the Council and maybe they could work on that in the future.

Mayor Munroe said when he attended the last Lane County Mayors Roundtable, Lane County Health was present and talked about tobacco age limits and the concern about the heroin use. He asked about whippets and said they didn't have any idea what he was talking about, but they did now.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- (a) Approve Minutes of September 12, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR GOWING AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR BOONE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.**

The vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Roberts	Councilor Boone	Councilor Gowing	Councilor Burback	Councilor Slay	Councilor Fleck	Mayor Munroe
AYES	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS							
ABSTAIN							

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

- (a) Ordinance No. 3066 Granting an Electric Utility Franchise and General Utility Easement to Pacificorp and Repealing Ordinance No. 2937

Public Works Director, Jan Wellman, said Council held the first vote at the last meeting. He said the current Franchise Agreement expired October 6, 2016 and the purpose was for Pacificorp's use of the public right-of-ways. He said the agreement was for a ten year period with a five percent (5%) franchise fee for gross revenues. He said it was now appropriate to hold the second vote.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR BOONE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR GOWING THAT ORDINANCE NO. 3066 BE ADOPTED.**

Councilor Fleck asked if the need for a second vote was because it wasn't published for a week before the meeting or because he was gone at the last meeting.

Jan said as long as there was a quorum of the Council voting in the affirmative there were no issues.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Roberts	Councilor Boone	Councilor Gowing	Councilor Burback	Councilor Slay	Councilor Fleck	Mayor Munroe
AYES	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS							
ABSTAIN							

(b) A Resolution Placing Liens on Specific Properties as a Result of Nuisance Abatement

Community Development Director, Howard Schesser, said there were six properties that had gone through the nuisance abatement. He said the process had been followed and invoices had been sent to the property owners with no payment or response. He said it was now appropriate to place a lien against the properties.

Mayor Munroe asked if any of the six properties were repeat offenders.

Howard said none of the six were repeat offenders.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR FLECK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR SLAY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 1915 BE ADOPTED.**

The vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Roberts	Councilor Boone	Councilor Gowing	Councilor Burback	Councilor Slay	Councilor Fleck	Mayor Munroe
AYES	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS							
ABSTAIN							

**BUSINESS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL**

(a) Swinging Bridge Report

Public Works Director, Jan Wellman, provided some history of the bridge, which was put together by Lloyd Williams, Vice-President of the Historical Society and Jon Stinnett from The Sentinel. He said the City hired OBEC Consulting Engineers to conduct evaluations of all the bridges in the City. He referred to an inspection report from January, 2002 done by OBEC regarding the condition of the swinging bridge at that time. He said all the recommendations for repairs were completed by the City in 2002 with the exception of replacing the tower legs and strut timbers. He said it wasn't known why the legs and timbers weren't replaced at that time. He said OBEC's recommendation was to immediately close the bridge because they felt it was unsafe which the City did. He said the City was waiting for OBEC to proceed with a load rating on the existing

structure. He said it would allow the City to evaluate if replacing the bridge in place was the appropriate repair method or if repairs would need to increase the capacity of any of the required members. He said the preference was to repair the bridge in place using the same footprint that the bridge existed now. He said if any of the abutments on the bridge had to be replaced or if there had to be any reconstruction done or a new bridge put in, it would bring into play permits from the Army Corps of Engineers, Division of State Lands, seismic rules and regulations, ADA rules and a lot of other regulations would need to be done. He said at this point, the bridge could be repaired in place in the same footprint with a preliminary estimate of \$50,000. He said if major components of the bridge needed to be replaced, the abutments needed to be changed, or a new bridge were built, it could cost significantly more. He said staff would come back to Council with a plan once the report from OBEC was issued.

Councilor Roberts asked if the \$50,000 was just to replace the verticals.

Jan said it was to replace the major support beams in the bridge. He said public works staff regularly tightened turnbuckles and fixed other things on the bridge.

Councilor Fleck asked if the City would have to be in the water to repair the bridge.

Jan said if the bridge could be replaced in its existing footprint, we wouldn't have to be in the water. He said protective material would be used to catch anything that might fall.

Councilor Burbach said he was glad it was going to be repaired.

Councilor Boone asked if it was ever the determination or the intent of City staff to take the bridge down and not replace it.

Jan said no.

Councilor Boone asked the Mayor and other Council members if any of them had ever thought the City should get rid of the bridge and not replace it.

The Mayor and Council replied no.

Councilor Boone asked those in attendance if they went on Facebook after the meeting, not to lie about what was said at the meeting.

(b) Concerns from Council

Councilor Slay asked if the Mayor was going to allow citizens to comment about the bridge.

Mayor Munroe said it was only a partial report on the bridge but he would allow comments in future meetings when it came back to Council regarding the repairs.

Councilor Boone said Tuesday night there would be a candidate forum in the Council Chambers at 6:00 pm.

Councilor Roberts said he would put information on KNND Radio about the bridge. He thanked Shauna Neigh and her husband for helping to clean-up downtown over the weekend.

Mayor Munroe thanked Shauna and her husband for cleaning up downtown.

#### **BUSINESS FROM CITY MANAGER**

- (a) Report from City Manager

None.

#### **BUSINESS FROM CITY ATTORNEY**

- (a) Report from the City Attorney

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Munroe adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council at 7:29 p.m.

The next regular City Council Meeting will be held October 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

  
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Trudy Borrevik, City Recorder

  
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Thomas C. Munroe, Mayor