

COTTAGE GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
May 9, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Thomas Munroe called the meeting to order at 7:03 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, Jeff Gowing, Garland Burbach, Amy Slay and Mike Fleck

ABSENT: Councilor Jake Boone

YOUTH  
REPRESENTATIVE: Henry Lancaster

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Richard Meyers, Finance Director Bert Olsen, Public Works Director Jan Wellman, Community Development Director Howard Schesser, Community Services Director Pete Barrell, and Police Commander Conrad Gagner

CITY ATTORNEY: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Cameron Reiten, KNND Radio

**ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA**

None

**PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Munroe read the Police Week/Peace Officers Memorial Day Proclamation and presented it to Police Commander Conrad Gagner.

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

None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- (a) Approval of Liquor License Renewals

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR FLECK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR SLAY 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
NAYS							
ABSTAIN							

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

None.

**BUSINESS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL**

- (a) Appointment of Audit Committee Members

Finance Director, Bert Olsen, said the Audit Committee was comprised of two City Councilors and three citizens. She said the three citizen positions were currently vacant and three applications had been received for the positions. The Council had appointed a sub-committee to interview the applicants, however since only three were received, it was decided not to do interviews and just appoint the three applicants to the vacant positions. She said it was staff’s recommendation that Karen Winters be reappointed to the committee and Gary Williams and Sheri Henry be appointed to the committee with terms expiring July 31, 2019.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR GOWING AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR FLECK THAT KAREN WINTERS BE REAPPOINTED AND THAT GARY WILLIAMS AND SHERI HENRY BE APPOINTED TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE WITH TERMS EXPIRING JULY 31, 2019.**

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
NAYS							
ABSTAIN							

(b) Discussion and Consideration of Participation in the HIV Alliance Needle Exchange Program

City Manager, Richard Meyers, said Council had heard from Renee Yandel, Executive Director for HIV Alliance in Eugene during the work session and it was now appropriate for Council to decide if they wanted to participate in the program.

Councilor Burback said he was in favor of having some kind of program but felt it should be done through South Lane Mental Health or some other non-profit agency. He didn't think the City should get directly involved.

Councilor Roberts said he agreed with Councilor Burback. He said he could see the City possibly paying for a portion of the box cost, but would like to see non-profits in the community pull together to work on it. He said talking with Creswell about partnering on a box was a good idea as well.

Mayor Munroe said his concern was where the box would be located.

Councilor Slay said she strongly believed that without the benefit of being able to exchange needles, they wouldn't use the box.

Councilor Roberts asked how many needles the City were getting at the Community Center.

Richard said there was several at the Community Center in the restrooms and one was at City Hall. He said they've never been counted but didn't fill up fast.

Community Services Director, Pete Barrell, said they weren't finding as many needles around the Community Center/Library since the sharp containers had been installed.

Councilor Slay asked if it were possible to get those that were more publically accessible and get more sharp containers and compare the cost of them to the HIV Alliance drop box.

Councilor Gowing thought before the City did anything, some kind of partnership between South Lane Wheels, the Healing Matrix and other non-profits should be explored.

YAC Representative Henry Lancaster, said the Youth Advisory Council talked about the issue and they were not in favor of the City getting involved in the program. They thought there could be more efficient ways of going about it.

Consensus of the Council was to take no action at this time.

Richard asked how Council wanted to go about getting partnerships with non-profit organizations or getting them involved with the program.

Councilor Gowing suggested that Council ask the gentlemen who spoke to the Council about the HIV Alliance program, to look into a partnership or involvement with South Lane Wheels and other non-profits in Cottage Grove.

(c) Concerns from Council

Councilor Slay said it bothered her to see the level of concern about the HIV Alliance Needle Exchange Program on the radio and on social media and no one was present at the meeting to discuss it.

Michael Kinthalgarten, 32150 Rachel Road, Cottage Grove, spoke regarding the HIV Alliance Needle Exchange Program. He said he was a using addict thirty years ago and talked about his experience in using and disposing of needles. He agreed with most of the Council that they should not bring the program to Cottage Grove.

Councilor Burbach said he listened to the Beeper Show this morning about the HIV Alliance program and it upset him about people's comments on the show. He said citizens complain on the Beeper Show, but won't come to the Council meetings to complain.

Councilor Gowing said he was going to be gone for four weeks starting Monday, May 16, 2016 for the National Veterans Awareness Ride to Washington D.C. He said he wouldn't be here on Memorial Day, however the American Legion was having a Memorial Day Event at the Armory on Monday, May 30, 2016 at 11:00 am.

Councilor Roberts said he was on vacation last week and traveled through parts of Indiana and saw many towns that were like Cottage Grove that were crumbling. He said we were blessed to have what we had in Cottage Grove.

## **BUSINESS FROM CITY MANAGER**

(a) Report from City Manager

City Manager, Richard Meyers, provided condolences to Interim Police Chief Scott Shepherd whose mother and stepfather were killed in a car accident in Texas over the weekend. Richard said they had all just returned from an Alaskan cruise.

## **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 7:24 p.m.

The next regular City Council Meeting will be held May 9, 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