

UNION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 11, 2008 – 7:00 P.M.

LEONARD ALMQUIST COUNCIL CHAMBERS, UNION CITY HALL

1. **CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & ROLL CALL:** at 7:14 pm with Mayor Kyle Corbin, Pat Lang, Betty Bronson, Dick Walker, Eileen Bowles, Sue Briggs and Joe Gonzales.

Meeting was called to order late as the special council meeting went past 7 pm.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Lindsley, Union. Asked for a copy of the audit report to review at the next budget committee meeting.

Dixon Keen 247 N. Main, Mobile Park. She expressed concern about the street (driveway) going into the mobile park. It is narrow and she feels EMS vehicles can't get in and turn around. Mayor shared this is private property and the owner is responsible.

Sue Smith 915 N. Main Street. Budget Committee member. She feels City Council ignored her recommended cut backs. She asked who is on the library board? Smith stated large amounts of books and tapes were sold at the library over the weekend. Can other libraries trade books and tapes with our library? She also asked for list of what was sold. Many books and tapes were sold at the sale. She feels we can make better use of our library. She feels budget cuts are not being done. She questioned the media project. Cut the budget and build reserves. Council has not trimmed its spending. Is the city going to fund the CUP survey and where is the money coming from?

Nadyne Rodman, Union - Representing Grassroots. She thanked Patterson and Wise for their contributions to the festival. She also thanked Walker and Corbin for their help. She thanks Paul and Robin for making sure the Park was ready. She gave a special thank you to Pat Lang. Briggs thanked the Grassroots Committee for the best festival yet.

Dick Middleton, Union. He asked for an answer to his question from last meeting. Is Wise authorized to swear in members? Wise reported the charter states the city recorder can swear in new Council members. Briggs shared the Secretary of State says one doesn't have to be a notary to swear in a Council member. The City is to follow the Charter.

Sandra Patterson, 266 E. Ash Street, Union, a City employee and on the Welcoming Committee for Cycle Oregon. She explained the welcoming committee is made up of the city employees. She requested from Council to use a fire hydrant and fire truck during the welcoming of the cyclists. We would like to spray a fine mist for the cyclists to ride through.

Wise reported it would be cleared through ODOT first. Walker asked about the safety issues regarding the water. It was stated the water would only be a mist and the cyclist would have the option of riding through it or not.

Bronson moved to allow the Welcoming Committee to use water, fire hydrant and

the use of a fire truck. (2nd Lang). Vote passed unanimously.

Bronson asked to invite the street patrol to the city picnic.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes from June 9, 2008, *page 1-4*
- b. Minutes from July 14, 2008, *page 5-11*
- c. Minutes from July 28, 2008, *page 12-15*

Briggs moved to approve consent agenda with minor corrections (2nd Walker).
Vote passed unanimously.

4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- a. Administrator / Recorder Report
 - i. LGPI Conference September 10th-11th, Salem Conference Center.
Wise asked for permission to attend. Council was in consensus to send him.
 - ii. 83rd LOC Conference, October 2-4, Salem Conference Center.
Wise requested to send Patterson. Council was in consensus to send her.
 - iii. Gov't Broadcasting update .
Mike O'Connor shared a few issues relating to local broadcasting. Charter stated in order to get the signal back to La Grande a \$5,000 laser would need to be purchased for Charter to use. He feels we have done our work, however Charter doesn't want to do this. O'Connor shared Scott Yeager has volunteered to help format the broadcasting onto the web. O'Connor asked Council if they would approve we can move forward with broadcasting onto the web. He did state we couldn't currently broadcast live. He would like Council to follow through with the project. If not, he will understand if the Council wants to go a different route. Mr. Yeager would volunteer his time. He reminded Council that Charter is planning to bring to Union high speed Internet sometime in October.

It was a consensus by Council to move forward to have Wise talk with Charter regarding the above issue. Mayor also requested O'Connor to move forward posting to the Internet. Council was all in agreement to move forward with the above.

- iv. Goal 9 and 10 update
Wise shared the Technical Advisory Committee met with the consultants last week. Meanwhile a contract is being finalized. Consultants will report back within a week or so on statistical information. Wise will meet with the consultants tomorrow and a time frame will be developed.
- v. Ranger Station update
Wise reported all three units are rented out. Gravel has been added to the roadways on all three units.
- vi. Wise request for time off

Wise requested to have this Thursday off. Council agreed.

- b. Transportation Enhancement grant update.
Patterson reported its now time for public comment relating to the TE Grant proposal The City of Union submitted. She asked Council to complete the comment survey if they support the project. No action was taken.
- c. Water right committee update (Walker and Lang)
Wise reported every gallon of water they take out of the system they need to put a gallon back into the system. Wise shared the ideas originally thought of are not going to pan out and there is no firm proposal at this time.
- d. CHD meeting update (Lang)
Pat Lang reported they are asking to see what each community can do to bring up immunization rates among children and adults. She suggested putting a short note on our water and sewer bills to the local citizens.
- e. Municipal Court Report
Was acknowledged.

5. ACTION ITEMS - OLD BUSINESS

- a. **PUBLIC HEARING**, first reading and adoption of Ordinance 515
Establishing and Imposing a User Fee for Fire and Emergency Services.

Public Hearing Opened at 8:15 pm.

Testimony in favor.

Tod Hull, Union Fire Chief. He feels this is a good idea and will make it far for everyone in the community.

Testimony in opposition.

Dick Middleton, Union. He questioned there is no time limit in section 2. He would like section 4 clarified. Will the department get all funds that are generated? He sees the need for it, but he wants the fire department to get all the money.

Hearing was closed at 8:20 pm.

Lang asked would the new funds be added to existing budget?

Wise shared we can put a time limit in the resolution. The fee will be reviewed every year.

Mayor shared he would like a definition for a business unit and a residential unit. He thought this was only to fund the fire department, the Ordinance addressees EMS departments.

Doran Cox, Union. He questioned why there is a need for the fee? Mayor clarified. Wise shared a few issues related to the need of the fee.

Dick Middleton, asked if someone doesn't pay the user fee, can we bill them?

Jeff Wise read Ordinance 515 in full, an Ordinance establishing and imposing a user fee for fire and emergency services.

Motion by Bronson: Moved to approve ordinance as read, and to read ordinance second time by title only, (2nd by Walker). Vote passed unanimously.

Mayor read title in full.

Bronson moved to adopt Ordinance 515, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND IMPOSING A USER FEE FOR CITY OF UNION FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENTS; DEDICATING FEES TO THE EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND; AND SPECIFYING THE MANNER OF SETTING OF THE FEE AND METHOD OF ENFORCEMENT (2nd Lang). Vote passed unanimously.

- b. Adoption of Resolution 2008-11, A RESOLUTION SETTING USER FEE FOR CITY OF UNION FIRE AND EMS DEPARTMENTS.

Wise reported it will go out with the October billing. He reported we will be okay at a \$1.76. Hull reported we are working with Grande Rhone Hospital for training.

Briggs moved to adopt resolution 2008-11 A RESOLUTION SETTING USER FEE FOR CITY OF UNION FIRE AND EMS DEPARTMENTS AT \$1.76. (2nd Gonzales). Vote passed unanimously.

Wise reported he will amend the adopted date from July to read August.

- c. **PUBLIC HEARING**, first reading and adoption of Ordinance 516 Amending Ordinance 511 an Ordinance Defining Burning Regulations in the City of Union.

Wise shared it needs to say repealing, not amending in the title.

Wise read in full Ordinance 2008-15, which will be affective September 11, 2008.

Public Hearing opened at 9 pm.

Testimony in favor. none

Testimony in opposition. None

Hearing was closed at 9:06 pm.

Fire Chief suggested adding the word color in front of paper in Section 9.

Bronson moved to read by title and then vote (2nd Bowles). Vote passed unanimously.

- d. Mayor read by title Walker moved to adopt Ordinance 2008-15 an Ordinance Defining Burning Regulations in the City of Union. (2nd Bronson). Vote passed unanimously.
- e. Adoption of Resolution 2008-15, adjusting the budget acknowledge award of unanticipated grant funds from Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. For funding to build new bathrooms in the City Park.

Bronson moved to adopt Resolution 2008-15 A RESOLUTION ADJUSTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-09 TO ACKNOWLEDGE AWARD OF UNANTICIPATED GRANT FUNDS FROM OREGON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, AND AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE THEREOF. (2nd Briggs). Vote passed unanimously.

- f. Adoption of Resolution 2008-16, adjusting the budget acknowledge award of unanticipated grant funds from USDA grant. Funds to purchase landing lights and a gps.

Walker moved to adopt Resolution 2008-16 A RESOLUTION ADJUSTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-09 TO ACKNOWLEDGE AWARD OF UNANTICIPATED GRANT FUNDS FROM USDA GRANT AND AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE THEREOF (2nd Gonzales). Vote passed unanimously.

- g. Adoption of Resolution 2008-17, adjusting the budget acknowledge award of unanticipated grant funds from Oregon Department of Forestry's Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA). Funds to purchase radios and hoses.

Lang moved to adopt A RESOLUTION ADJUSTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-09 TO ACKNOWLEDGE AWARD OF UNANTICIPATED GRANT FUNDS FROM OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY'S VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE (VFA) GRANT AND AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE THEREOF (2nd Bronson). Vote passed unanimously.

- h. Adoption of Resolution 2008-18, amending resolution 2008-01 establishing a new deadline for filing of candidacy for the city elections.

Bronson moved to adopt Resolution 2008-18 A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2008-01 ESTABLISHING A NEW DEADLINE FOR FILING OF CANDIDACY FOR THE CITY ELECTIONS OF NOVEMBER 4, 2008 (2nd Briggs). Vote passed by all.

6. ACTION ITEMS - NEW BUSINESS

- a. Appoint committee or direct Wise to work on Union Sanitation franchise agreement.

Briggs moved to direct Wise to work on Union Sanitation franchise agreement. (2nd Walker). Mayor appointed Joe Gonzales to assist Mr. Wise. Briggs withdraws her motion.

- b. Approve Wise to form a committee for bathroom construction when time is appropriate.

Mayor gave Wise authority to appoint a committee.

7. COUNCIL CONCERNS

Wise shared we need a committee to review the Ordinance book. The committee needs to read through it and look for errors. Briggs suggested each Councilor take a section for review. Corbin will divide the book into sections for each Councilor.

Wise suggested Council appoint a committee to work on telecommunication franchise agreement. Mayor appointed Pat Lang and Joe Gonzales.

Briggs reminded Council in the June 9th minutes it was suggested the city work with rural fire department when purchasing items in the effort to save money.

Lang reported animals are out of control. She reported there are funds set aside to pay for animal control. Wise stated he is working with Mr. Rasmussen on costs for the service.

Wise reported there is an issue with 911 funds. The County says the city owes three years of back 911 charges. Wise disagrees with the County; ORS section is conflicting on what the funds can be spent on. We can turn them over to the local peace officer. Or they can be used for anything that will relay the signal from 911 to the service center. Phillips asked if we don't give them the funds will we lose the services? Wise shared, no we already pay for it in another county contract. The connection is he is not sure about spending the proposed animal control funds in case we need to pay the 911 fees.

Briggs asked is anyone going to the Ethics Hearing. Lang replied she is.

8. ADJOURNMENT at 9:40 pm.

Approved:

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Recorder