

Minutes of the Veneta City Council

October 26, 2015

Present: Sandra Larson, Tim Brooker, Thomas Cotter, Victoria Hedenstrom and Thomas Laing

Others: Ric Ingham, City Administrator; Kay Bork, Community Services Director; Steve Reister; Sgt. Halvorson; and Joan Mariner, Fern Ridge Review

1. CALL TO ORDER THE VENETA CITY COUNCIL WORK

Mayor Larson called the Veneta City Council to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Reister, 88197 Eastwood Ct., Veneta, OR

Mr. Reister asked the Council to postpone approving the Transportation Utility Fee (TUF) until after the financial impacts of the Fern Ridge Community Policing District (FRCPD) are known.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Thomas Cotter made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Tim Brooker seconded motion.

VOTE: Thomas Laing, aye; Thomas Cotter, aye; Sandra Larson, aye; Victoria Hedenstrom, aye; Tim Brooker, aye.

The consent agenda as approved included Minutes for September 28, 2015 Work Session, Minutes for September 28, 2015, Minutes for October 12, 2015 Work Session, Minutes for October 12, 2015, Accounts Payable - To be Paid – Payable through October 20, 2015, Civic Calendar for November, 2015, Approval of Liquor License (Change of Ownership) for Veneta Liquor Store.

4. COUNCIL BUSINESS AND REPORTS

a. Business

(1) Lane County Sheriff's Office Activity Report

Sgt. Halvorson said activity seemed normal for the month of September. He said skate park numbers were up a little but did not generate any case numbers. He said Neighborhood Watch generated some calls. He said transitioning Sgt. Doyle into Veneta will begin Mid-November but he will assist Sgt. Doyle at the November Council meeting. He said Sgt. Doyle has worked in Veneta previously, been on patrol, and coordinated training. Sgt. Halvorson said his new assignment is temporary for about six months.

(2) Appointment to Fill a Park Board Vacancy

Mayor Larson appointed Matt Horowitz to the Veneta Park Board. No objections were stated.

(3) "If I were Mayor Contest" Kickoff

Mayor Larson said she is soliciting ideas to increase participation in the "If I were Mayor" contest and asked Councilors to give it some thought. She said the first year the City participated in the contest, it was a required assignment in the high school leadership class but the school can no longer make it a required assignment. She said she will ask local school teachers and principals for ideas and suggestions on when to start and end the contest.

Victoria Hedenstrom suggested a scholarship fund be set up at the high school level to encourage participation.

After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to participate in the "If I were Mayor" contest again this year.

b. Council/Committee Liaison Reports

Thomas Laing said Mid Lane Cares is doing well financially and the City's architect is set to inspect the vacated True Value Hardware store this week.

Tim Brooker said after projects were ranked by the Lane Area Commission on Transportation (LACT) the City's project (Veneta/Elmira Multi-Use Path) tied for third place. He said Ingham made a good presentation at the last meeting and the November LACT meeting is cancelled.

Mayor Larson said she attended Commissioner Jay Bozievich's presentation about emergency preparedness and the proposed Fern Ridge Community Policing District (FRCPD). She said all Lane County Commissioners were in favor of moving forward with the FRCPD. She said the tree celebration was nice but attendance was disappointing. Mayor Larson said districtwide, enrollment is down 45 students and the School Board approved a random drug testing policy for all high school students participating in extracurricular activities. She said Veneta hosted the Mayor's meeting on October 21st. She said several Mayors attended along with Commissioner Jay Bozievich. She said discussions included bicycle related tourism and that several cities have a lot in common. She said they are hoping to meet more often and Junction City will host the next meeting. Mayor Larson said Noti Elementary was purchased by Gary Henry for \$200,000 and Mr. Henry has big development plans.

5. STAFF REPORTS

a. Community Development Director..... Kay Bork

(1) Ordinance No. 524 – Second Reading and Final Enactment – An Assessment Ordinance Declaring the Apportionment of Costs for East Bolton Rd. Sewer Improvements

i. **Ordinance No. 524** - AN ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE DECLARING THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE COSTS INCURRED FOR WASTEWATER COLLECTION IMPROVEMENTS; DIRECTING THE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF APPORTIONMENT AND ASSESSMENT UPON THE REAL PROPERTY BENEFITTED; GIVING NOTICE TO THE OWNERS, IMPOSING A LIEN UPON ALL REAL PROPERTY UPON WHICH THE ASSESSMENT IS NOT PAID; DIRECTING THE DOCKETING OF LIENS IN THE CITY LIEN DOCKET; FOR SECOND READING BY TITLE ONLY AND FINAL ENACTMENT

MOTION: Thomas Cotter made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 524 for second reading by title only and final enactment. Tim Brooker seconded motion which passed with a vote of 5-0.

Ordinance No. 524 was read into the record for second reading by title only and final enactment.

b. City Administrator..... Ric Ingham

(1) Revisions to Economic Development Committee Bylaws

i. Agenda Item Summary

Ingham said the proposed changes to the Bylaws are highlighted in red which he reviewed with the Council. He said the Committee mission is still evolving so more changes might be proposed.

In response to a question from Mayor Larson, Ingham said committee appointments and term lengths can be done after the fact. He said there is still one vacancy which is being advertised.

ii. **Resolution No. 1182** - A RESOLUTION ADOPTING REVISED BYLAWS FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 700

MOTION: Thomas Cotter made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1182. Thomas Laing seconded motion which passed with a vote of 5-0.

(2) Questions from Councilors

In response to questions from Victoria Hedenstrom, Ingham said Lane County Commissioners are holding a work session to discussion banning smoking in all Lane County parks. He said they are soliciting feedback from City's that have already placed a ban. He said if Council has questions about the fence issue at the skate park to please call staff during business hours for details.

6. OTHER

There was a thorough discussion about postponing the Transportation Utility Fee (TUF).

Mayor Larson said it may be a good idea to postpone approving the TUF until we know what the end result of the Policing District will be.

Tim Brooker said he's not sure whether or not the TUF would have an impact on the Fern Ridge Policing District passing.

Thomas Cotter said City residents comprise about 35% of the proposed district and will pay less than rural residents. He said education is needed regarding what is assessable property and what isn't.

In response to a question from Victoria Hedenstrom, Ingham said the financial effects of postponing approval of the TUF are not significant enough to negatively affect the City's plans.

An audience member said if the tax burden goes down the TUF could be an easier sell.

Tim Brooker said he's reluctant to postpone but he agreed.

MOTION: Thomas cotter made a motion to postpone moving forward with adoption of a Transportation Utility Fee. Thomas Laing seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 5-0.

Ingham said after reviewing with ODOT the City's Veneta/Elmira Multi-Path application for State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding, he received a few pointers on submitting the application for the next round of ranking.

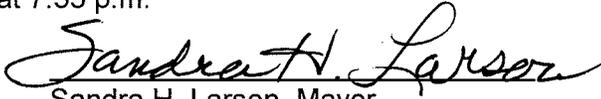
Ingham said the Economic Development Committee (EDC) will meet twice a month in November. He said it's an energetic group. He said its mission is evolving and Claudia Denton is doing a good job.

Ingham said six residents attended the Transportation Utility Fee (TUF) open house on October 22nd. He said there are a couple of issues to be discussed.

Mayor Larson thanked staff for including information about the TUF on the City's website.

7. ADJOURN

Mayor Larson adjourned the Veneta City Council at 7:35 p.m.


Sandra H. Larson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Darci Henneman, City Recorder
(Minutes prepared by DHenneman)