

Minutes of the Veneta City Council

October 10, 2016

Present: Sandra Larson, Thomas Cotter, Thomas Laing, Laura Ruff

Absent: Tim Brooker

Others: Ric Ingham, City Administrator; Shauna Hartz, Finance Director; Kay Bork Community Development Director; Kyle Schauer, Public Works Director; Darci Henneman, City Recorder; Joan Mariner, Fern Ridge Review

1. CALL TO ORDER THE VENETA CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Larson called the Veneta City Council to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeff Schlageter, 88385 Vineyard Ln, Veneta, OR

Mr. Schlageter of Oregon Herbal Remedies said over the course of the last couple of years, he has come before the Council a few times. He said it was brought to his attention that he misspoke at the last Council meeting and he did not want Oregon Herbal Remedies and its policies to be misunderstood and he wanted to clarify what he said at the last meeting. He said as far as recreational marijuana sales, people 21 years and older are allowed in the sales room with valid government issued identification and with a valid Oregon Medical Marijuana card, 18 year olds and up are allowed in for medical sales only. He said everyone entering his facility first enters into a reception room and is greeted by a receptionist where identification is checked before entering into the sale room. He said it was not his intention to be misleading and he apologized for not providing this clarification when he spoke to the Council at the last meeting. He said this has been a rapidly changing industry and he wanted to make sure the Council is aware that Oregon Herbal Remedies is in total compliance with all rules and requirements of the industry and OLCC. He said he has two daughters and understands the importance of protecting children and they make every effort to do that including not making the outside of their building tempting to children. He said he is grateful for the opportunity to do business in Veneta and he submitted another 139 signatures in support of Oregon Herbal Remedies.

In response to a question from Mayor Larson, Mr. Schlageter said he submitted a previous petition with about 110 signatures and he has not verified whether or not some may be duplicate signatures.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

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

VOTE: Thomas Laing, aye; Thomas Cotter, aye; Sandra Larson, aye; Laura Ruff, aye.

The consent agenda as approved included Accounts Payable -To be Paid – Payable through October 4, 2016 and the 2016 Planning and Building Activity Report.

4. COUNCIL BUSINESS AND REPORTS

a. Business

(1) Appointments to Economic Development Committee (positions 7, 8, & 9)

Mayor Larson said if the Council had no objections, she would like to appoint Jason Alansky, Charles Ruff, and Ryan Frome to the Economic Development Committee.

Mayor Larson said the Bylaws of the Economic Development Committee states that members are appointed by Mayor and ratified by a vote.

MOTION: Thomas Cotter made a motion to appoint Jason Alansky, Charles Ruff, and Ryan Frome to the Economic Development Committee. Laura Ruff seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 4-0.

b. Council/Committee Liaison Reports

Thomas Cotter said he attended the EDC subcommittee meeting and they discussed how they can connect Veneta's employers with Veneta residents as well as how to assist employers to recruit Veneta residents as employees. He said some employers said they don't know how to get the word out about job openings in Veneta because the Fern Ridge Review doesn't reach all residents. He said they also identified different problems and decided to meet again on October 20th. He said this subcommittee is one of three subcommittees.

Laura Ruff said the Park Board is hosting the Tree City Celebration on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at the Farmers' Market site.

Mayor Larson said she had no current news from the School District. She said she, Thomas Laing, and Ric Ingham attended the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) conference in Salem, September 28th through the 30th. She said the City received the City/County Insurance (CIS) gold award for no loss time injuries. She said a lot of information was provided at the conference including the transportation package. She said the transportation committee has traveled all over the state to talk about raising the gas tax to pay for transportation improvements. She said they are encouraging cities and counties to step up and agree to raise the gas tax. She said a remarkable program was developed in California and tested during the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. She said neighborhood volunteers mapped neighborhoods and identified neighbors with specific medical needs, families with small children, and homes with pets, etc. She said the first three hours after a disaster are critical for neighbors to come together and help each other. She said she provided the program guide to the Neighborhood Watch Group because they likely would be the local group to administer and organize that kind of program. Mayor Larson said she will also give it to Lane Fire Authority Chief Terry Ney. Also during the conference, she toured the City of Aumsville which is similar to Veneta but has about 1000 less residents. She said Aumsville doesn't have a local newspaper so the City publishes a newspaper and sells advertising to cover costs. She said they also made a video tour of their water and sewer plant operation and put it on the website to give residents a better understanding of how it all works and what they're paying for. They are home of the Corn Festival which is well known and in 2010 they experienced a tornado which destroyed several buildings but luckily no one was seriously injured. She said Aumsville also has some very nice parks. She said the LOC conference also hosted a gubernatorial candidate forum but only the republican and independent candidates were there and the libertarian and democratic candidates were not.

5. STAFF REPORTS

a. Community Development Director.....Kay Bork
Bork said Ordinance No. 540 was scheduled to have a second reading tonight, however, legal counsel, Carrie Connelly, has recommended adding two sections that specify what is being changed on the maps. She also suggested the added sections be read out loud which Bork did. These changes make it necessary to consider the Ordinance again for first reading by title only. The Council was provided with an updated version of Ordinance No. 540.

(1) **Ordinance No. 540** – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VENETA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DIAGRAM AND VENETA ZONING MAP FROM RURAL R-RURAL RESIDENTIAL AND L-LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO M-MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL PLAN DESIGNATION AND FROM RURAL RESIDENTIAL(RR) AND SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SFR) TO GENERAL RESIDENTIAL (GR) ZONE DESIGNATION for First Reading by Title Only.

MOTION: Thomas Cotter made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 540, an Ordinance amending the Veneta Comprehensive Plan Diagram and Veneta Zoning Map from Rural Residential and L-Low Density Residential to M-Medium Density Residential Plan Designation and from Rural Residential (RR) and Single Family Residential (SFR) to General Residential (GR) Zone Designation for First Reading by Title Only. Thomas Laing seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 4-0.

Ordinance No. 540 was read into the record for first reading by title only.

b. Finance Director.....Shauna Hartz
(1) Rules of the Council Amendment

i. Agenda Item Summary

Hartz said at the September 12th meeting staff brought Resolution No. 1205 to the Council for approval, however, there was a consensus of the Council to postpone approval in order to provide the Council with more time to read through the proposed updated rules. Hartz said since that time, legal counsel suggested a few other changes, the most significant was to remove language on items addressed in the City Charter. The agenda item summary attachment included a redlined version of the rules.

ii. **Resolution No. 1205** – A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 690 AND RESOLUTION NO. 82

MOTION: Thomas Cotter made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1205, a resolution amending the Rules of the Council and repealing Resolution No. 690 and Resolution No. 82. Laura Ruff seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 4-0.

c. Public Works Director.....Kyle Schauer
(1) Update on Wastewater Treatment Plant (verbal)

Schauer said since he last provided an update to the Council the public works crew conducted maintenance on both ponds and the sick pond has been back on line for two weeks. He said everything was going well until today when it appeared there was another incident on Sunday. He said it has effected the pond greatly and he's not sure it will survive but they continue to monitor it and will do everything they can to keep it going.

In response to a question from Mayor Larson, Schauer said he is trying to secure a \$20,000 grant from Infrastructure Finance Authority (IFA) for assistance with testing costs that will cover thorough testing on both the good pond and the sick one to see what the differences are and mainly to identify what the contaminant is. He said we may also bring in a consultant. Schauer said he's reached out to people in the industry and everyone is at a loss, due to the characteristics of what we're seeing.

In response to a question from Thomas Laing, Schauer said because we have a good idea of when the contaminant comes in, public works staff shuts off flow to the good pond on the weekends so there's a lesser chance of the contaminant getting in.

In response to a question from Thomas Cotter, Schauer said they shut off the healthy pond prior to the weekend so all of the flow goes to the sick pond.

d. City Administrator.....Ric Ingham
(1) **Ordinance No. 539** – AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING OREGON'S HERBAL REMEDIES, A LICENSED RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA RETAIL FACILITY, TO LOCATE WITHIN 500 FEET OF WEST LANE TECHNICAL LEARNING CENTER for Second Reading by Title Only and Final Enactment.

Ingham said the Council is being asked to conduct a second reading by title only of Ordinance No. 539, which will allow Oregon Herbal Remedies to maintain its current location if licensed as a recreational retail marijuana facility by OLCC. He said we are asking for second reading but the third time this has come before the Council. It was originally scheduled for a second reading on September 26 but was postponed. The Council is being asked to take action tonight.

Laura Ruff recognized she has a personal bias toward Ordinance No. 540 and asked if she could abstain from voting.

Ingham said a bias doesn't really qualify as abstinence of voting.

MOTION: Thomas Cotter made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 539, an Ordinance Allowing Oregon's Herbal Remedies, a Licensed Recreational Marijuana Retail Facility, to locate within 500 feet of West Lane Technical Learning Center for first reading by title only. Thomas Laing seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 3-1. Laura Ruff voted no.

(2) Questions from Councilors
None

6. OTHER

Ingham said Councilor Brooker did not make tonight's meeting because he wasn't feeling well. He said unfortunately, Councilor Brooker will be submitting his letter of resignation because he and his wife will be moving out of the area. He said staff expects he will be submitting his letter of resignation in the next few days and staff will work on getting Councilor Brooker's vacancy advertised by the New Year.

In response to a question from Mayor Larson, Ingham said part of the issue is we only conduct a single Council meeting in the months of November and December. He said staff is pondering whether or not to advertising the Council vacancy now and make an appointment as early as the first meeting in December or wait until after the first of the year and make an appointment at that time.

Mayor Larson said she's happy that the move will solve a lot of problems for them but very sad to see Councilor Brooker and his wife leave the area because for so many years they have done so much for our community.

Ingham said Mayor Larson, Councilor Ruff, along with City staff, participated in the Tabletop exercise with Lane Fire Authority and they appreciated the effort from Julie Reid and Bob Morrison for putting the event together. He said it was a good experience to participate in and it was interesting to see how Lane Fire Authority would set up an incident command and how everyone would go about conducting business. He said it was a very positive experience.

Mayor Larson said it was another example of the great partnerships we have.

7. ADJOURN

Mayor Larson adjourned the Veneta City Council at 7:02 p.m.


Sandra H. Larson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Darci Henneman, City Recorder
(Minutes prepared by DHenneman)