

Minutes of the Veneta City Council Special meeting July 14, 2016

resent: Sandra Larson, Thomas Cotter, Thomas Laing, Tim Brooker, and Laura Ruff

Others: Ric Ingham, City Administrator; 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 5:32 p.m.

Thomas Cotter announced that he would need to leave the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

2. APPOINTMENT OF A PRIMARY MEMBER TO THE LANE AREA COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION

Mayor Larson said tonight's meeting is being held because the previously appointed member to the Lane ACT, Tim Brooker, had to resign.

Ingham said Lane ACT was formed about 5 years ago as an advisory body to the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) to make recommendations for state highway projects. He said Lane ACT's Bylaws clearly state that primary and secondary members shall be appointed by each jurisdiction. The Bylaws also state the primary position must be held by an elected official and the secondary position can be held by a City staff member. Ingham said Tim Brooker had to step down from the primary position a couple of months ago and since that time, he, as City Administrator, has been attending the meetings. On July 20, 2016 the Joint Legislative Committee on Transportation Preservation and Modernization is conducting a public hearing to hear testimony to be used to develop a comprehensive legislative package addressing state-wide transportation issues, identify high priority projects and determine new sources of revenue to fund projects. He said he will be out of town next week but he and Mayor Larson felt it was important to have a representative from the City attend that meeting. At this point Mayor Larson agreed to take on that role.

Ingham said Mayor Larson was put on a list of special invitees he's not sure what exactly that will entail. He said Len Goodwin will have a speaking role and Joan Mariner, along with eight to ten community stakeholders, will also provide testimony. He said the meeting begins at 5:30 and testimony will be heard until 7:30 or 8:00 p.m. He said all City Councilors are invited to attend.

MOTION: Thomas Cotter made a motion to appoint Sandra Larson to the Lane Area Commission on Transportation. Tim Brooker seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 5-0.

3. OTHER

Ingham said the next two items are informational only and do not require Council action. He said Julie Reid, Emergency Preparedness Specialist, is working through our Emergency Operation Plan which will eventually be adopted by the Council. In order for that Plan to meet all Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and National Incident Management System (NIMS) requirements, Elected Officials and City staff must go through some training. Staff has worked through the schedule and decided to offer the two to three hour training on August 3rd and August 11th. He said the Council and the majority of City staff are only required to attend this course. He said in order to receive certification, everyone will be required to take an online test at a later date.

Laura Ruff, Mayor Larson and Thomas Laing all indicated they could attend either training session. Tim Brooker said he can attend the August 11th session. Thomas Cotter said he can attend the August 3rd session.

Ingham said on October 10th there will be a Table Top exercise held in the training room at Lane Fire Authority. He said the room will be considered the command center for basically a mock emergency. He said evaluators will also be there to monitor how well we do.

Ingham said the League of Oregon Cities annual conference registration form and a few other materials were provided tonight. He said if you'd like to attend, please fill out the registration sheet and return it to Darci on or before the August 8th Council meeting. He said she will register everyone for the conference on line. He said currently we have reserved three hotel rooms.

In response to a question from Ingham, Laura Ruff said she works Tuesday through Saturday so she is not able to attend, however, she would like to take some on line training or workshops if that is available.

In response to a question from Thomas Cotter, Ingham said the plant had some improvement and some of the water is clearing up a little bit. He said Schauer was hoping by now we'd see more improvement and he doesn't think there's been any contaminate come in since the July 4th weekend.

Thomas Laing said he witnessed a man buying paint thinner at local retailer a few days ago. He suggested maybe we should notify local retailers about the contamination.

Tim Brooker suggested conducting public plant tours so residents can see how the plant works.

In response to a question from Mayor Larson, Ingham said the ponds were getting full and fences were moved out. He said we have an access agreement with Oregon Country Fair (OCF) that provides them a 10 day access over our property to reach the Far Side. He said once that access period is over, we'll have more area for the affluent to be placed.

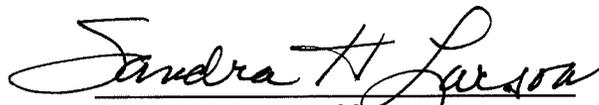
Thomas Cotter excused himself from the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

In response to a question from Thomas Laing, Ingham said he's not sure how many arrests were made during the Oregon Country Fair (OCF). He said he's not sure why arrest numbers from the OCF are made public when there are more arrests made at one Oregon football game then during the entire three day fair.

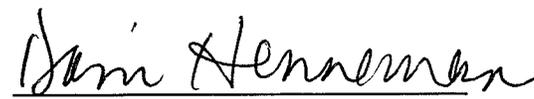
In response to a question from Tim Brooker, Ingham said Lane County Parks' new online registration process went very well and the contract saved the City about \$5000. He said Mindy's approximately 60 volunteers, along with Inez Brooker, said the process had a few hiccups but for the most part it went well. He said there was no staging area on Cornerstone Rd. and for this first time in about 15 years, there was no traffic backed up on Jeans Rd. Also, there was a lot of positive feedback from campers. He said sometime soon, staff will have a debriefing with Lane County to see how the process can be streamlined even more.

4. ADJOURN

Mayor Larson adjourned the Veneta City Council at 6:00 p.m.


Sandra H. Larson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Darci Henneman, City Recorder
(Minutes prepared by DHenneman)