

# Minutes of the Veneta City Council

## July 27, 2009

Present: Mayor Sharon Hobart-Hardin, T. J. Brooker, Sandra Larson, Darrell Carman and Marion Esty

Others: Brian Issa, Community Services Director; Jerri Moore, Finance Director; Sheryl Hackett, City Recorder; Darci Henneman, Assistant City Recorder; Dan Cayton, Bill Cole, Norman Hoffman, Bill Ebert and Nate Traylor, West Lane News

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Mayor Sharon Hobart-Hardin called the Veneta City Council to order at 7:01 p.m.

### 1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan Cayton, Bill Cole, Norman Hoffman and Bill Ebert of the local Flotilla No. 52 of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary attended the Council meeting to request Mayor Sharon Hobart-Hardin sign a 2009 safe boating season proclamation.

Mayor Hobart-Hardin thanked the gentlemen for bringing the proclamation forward and read the paragraph from the proclamation declaring it to be the 2009 Safe Boating Season in the Fern Ridge area.

#### **Joan Mariner, 25712 Cochran Ct., Veneta, OR**

Ms. Mariner said Neighbors 4 Responsible Growth (N4RG) will be sponsoring the second annual skateboard contest at Territorial Skate Park on August 29, 2009. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. and the contest starts at noon. N4RG are hoping the City will provide the same support as last year. Board Sports in Eugene will be providing the judges and announcer and N4RG is purchasing the awards and providing pizza and water. She said this is not a fundraising event and would like to see more community participation. Local youth could really benefit from events like this and she encouraged other non-profit groups to join in at the event.

Mayor Hobart-Hardin said she volunteered at the event last year. It was a lot of fun and many parents thanked N4RG and the City for sponsoring the event.

### 2. CONSENT AGENDA

**MOTION:** T. J. Brooker made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Marion Esty seconded the motion.

**Vote:** Marion Esty, aye; Darrell Carman, aye; Mayor Hobart-Hardin, aye; Sandra Larson, aye; and T. J. Brooker, aye.

The consent Agenda as approved included minutes for July 13, 2009 and bills paid and payable for July, 2009 and the August Civic Calendar.

### 3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

#### a. FROM MAYOR/COUNCILORS

- (1) Fern Ridge Community Library Campaign Request  
David Floyd, President of the Fern Ridge Library Foundation, spoke on behalf of the foundation in thanking the Council for providing the opportunity to request another donation. In October 2008 the Library Foundation made a \$5,000 donation request to the City. At that time the Council approved a \$2,500 donation with the possibility of an additional \$2,500 donation in FY 2009/10. The Library Foundation provided a request letter to the Council for a \$2,500 donation.

In response to a question from Mayor Sharon Hobart-Hardin, Jerri Moore said there have been no requests for or award of funds from the Zumwalt Discretionary Account or the General Discretionary Account.

**MOTION: Sandra Larson made a motion to approve a \$2,500 donation to the Fern Ridge Library Foundation. Darrell Carman seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 5-0.**

T. J. Brooker reported to the Council that the City had addressed the needs and desires of both Mr. Kelley and the City regarding the streetscape and parking issues effecting Mr. Kelley's retail hardware store. The details will be worked out and it appeared the City was able to meet his requirements as well as the City's.

Sandra Larson had bad news regarding the grant from Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation grant the City applied for. She said the next Pool Committee meeting is August 5 and they will be focusing their efforts on fundraising.

Darrell Carman said an LCOG planning session is planned for September. LCOG is requesting members to get input on regional and local issues from residents of their communities to include on the September meeting docket.

Marion Esty said the Senior and Disabled Services meeting with LCOG will be in August. She asked for input from seniors in our community prior to that meeting.

**4. STAFF REPORTS**

a. FINANCE DIRECTOR.....JERRI MOORE

- (1) Jerri informed the Council that Scott Sanders of Siuslaw Bank will be leaving his position there. He has accepted employment as an investment counselor at Merrill Lynch. He was a committed member to our community and will be missed.

Darrell Carman suggested the City acknowledge his community efforts. Mayor Hobart-Hardin said she would write him a letter of thanks.

b. CITY RECORDER.....SHERYL HACKETT

- (1) Sheryl Hackett had nothing on the agenda.

c. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR.....BRIAN ISSA

- (1) **Resolution 1011** - A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TREE PERMIT FEES, MITIGATION FEES, ADOPTING A LIST OF APPROVED STREET TREES, SPECIFYING ALLOWED USES OF TREE RELATED FEES AND FINES, AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 984

Brian said Resolution 1011 was needed because information was erroneously omitted from Resolution 984 that requires all tree removal permit and mitigation fees received to be used exclusively for tree expenses and tree projects. The street tree list incorporated as Exhibit "A" was also corrected.

In response to a question from Mayor Hobart-Hardin, Brian said the underlined trees on the tree list provide a hyperlink to a website to show what the mature trees will look like.

**MOTION: T. J. Brooker made a motion to approve Resolution 1011. Marion Esty seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 5-0.**

- (2) Pool Update

Brian said the City's application for grant funds was rejected. He said the Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation (ODPR) decreased the amount of grant funds

available. The City's application requested \$750,000 of the 3.2 million available. This is a significant blow to the fundraising efforts. Staff heard that applications for park trails in "at risk" cities were at the top of the project list to receive grant funds. Veneta is not an "at risk" city. Brian said we really need to buckle down on fundraising the \$350,000 to \$800,000 additional funds needed to get the pool construction off the ground. Staff should be receiving the full construction documents at the end of the month.

Mayor Hobart-Hardin suggested the West Lane News assist in getting the word to the community that we need people to assist with the fundraising and get people to step up. She said residents from throughout the entire Fern Ridge area; Elmira, Noti, Crow, and other outlying residents who would use and benefit from a new swimming pool also need to be contacted and included in fundraising efforts.

Sandra Larson said it is important to get the word out that the bond was not intended to fund the entire pool. Many people may think this and we need to inform them of the reality of the effort that is needed to fund-raise the gap.

Darrell Carman felt fundraising will probably not cover the gap needed and suggested the possibility of going back to the voters with another bond measure

Mayor Hobart-Hardin agreed but she is concerned about the timing of increasing the bond with today's economy. A larger bond could be reviewed in a couple of years. She also suggested making another effort to develop a parks and recreation district.

Brian said the first bond measure was based on a survey of what citizens said they would be willing to pay. If the Council would like to consider going for a larger bond, funds to pay for a new survey should be set aside.

(3) Comprehensive Plan and Code Amendment Update

Brian said Measure 56 notices went out to residents indicating the City is taking actions that may affect local property values. In years past, the City Council cancelled the second August meeting but in order to stay on schedule with the code updates the City may need to hold a public hearing on August 24, 2009. If the Planning Commission recommends approval after their August 3, 2009 meeting.

In response to a question from Marion Esty, Brian said if the Planning Commission does not recommend the Comp Plan for Council approval and everything gets held over then staff would put a notice at City Hall that the public hearing has been postponed to a later date and the time will be announced.

d. CITY ADMINISTRATOR.....RIC INGHAM  
(1) Charter Communications Franchise Extension Agreement

Sheryl Hackett provided the Council with information on the Charter Communications Franchise Extension Agreement and the Third Amendment to the Communication Site Agreement. Both documents will be extended until December 31, 2011. There are no other changes. Ric recommended approval of both agreements. The franchise agreement should be adopted by resolution, therefore, staff modified the document and numbered it Resolution 1012. Staff is requesting the Council to make two separate motions for approval of Mayor Hobart-Hardin's signature.

**MOTION: Darrell Carman made a motion to approve Mayor Hobart-Hardin sign the Charter Communication Franchise Extension Agreement (Resolution 1012). Marion Esty seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 5-0.**

(2) Charter Communications Third Amendment to the Communication Site Agreement

**MOTION: Darrell Carman made a motion to approve Mayor Hobart-Hardin sign the Third Amendment to the Communication Site Agreement. T. J. Brooker seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 5-0.**

**5. OTHER**

a. August 24, 2009 Veneta City Council meeting

Staff requested feedback from the Council in regards to the August 24, 2009 Council meeting. Contingent on the Planning Commission recommending Council approval of the Comprehensive Plan at the August 3, 2009 meeting, the Council needs to conduct a second meeting in August. The Measure 56 notices were mailed to City residents indicating a public hearing is scheduled for the August 24, 2009 City Council meeting. For the past three to four years, the second August Council meeting has been cancelled. The Mayor and Council agreed to be in attendance except for Darrell Carman.

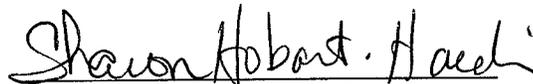
b. Schedule of Activities

Sheryl said Ric requested a second quarter schedule of upcoming events be provided to the Council. In response to a question from Sandra Larson, Sheryl said OPI is the Oregon Planning Institute conference.

Mayor Hobart-Hardin said three people will be attending the League of Oregon Cities annual conference in October.

**6. ADJOURN**

Mayor Hobart Hardin adjourned the City Council at 7:39 p.m.

  
Sharon Hobart-Hardin, Mayor

ATTEST: ✓



Darci Henneman, Assistant City Recorder  
(minutes prepared by Dhennehan)