

Minutes of the Veneta City Council

April 13, 2015

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

Others: Ric Ingham, City Administrator; Kay Bork, Community Development Director; Shauna Hartz, Finance Director; Kyle Schauer, Public Works Director; Darci Henneman, Assistant City Recorder; Linda Center, Ben Carlson, Doug Moore, Lily Crowheart, Randy Miles, Lee Stubbs, David Vollbrecht, and Joan Mariner, Fern Ridge Review

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sandra Larson called the Veneta City Council to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Center, 87757 Oaks Orchard Rd., Veneta, OR

Ms. Center said she wanted to comment about the recent dog bite that resulted in injuries to a woman and her dog. She said she is aware that the City is open to suggestions to change the code to address this issue. She said the Applegate Landing Phase 2 is opening almost across the street from where this happened. She provided a copy of Marion and Multnomah County animal services codes. She said Applegate Landing Phase I and II will have the annual community yard sale on Saturday, May 16th. She provided a flyer and said the sale draws a lot of people. She asked if there will be updates with regard to changes to the code.

Mayor Larson said all regular Council meetings and work sessions are listed on the City's website.

Victoria Hedenstrom said the dog attacked the dog and did not attack the person.

Ms. Center said she doesn't have anything against Pit Bulls it's the owner that's at fault.

3. PUBLIC HEARING - EAST BOLTON RD. SEWER LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (LID)

1) Mayor Larson opened the Public Hearing at 7:09 p.m.

2) Staff Report

Bork said tonight's main objective is to hear from anyone for or against the E. Bolton Rd. Local Improvement District and provide remonstrances for Council to take action. She reviewed the timeline the Council followed up to this point and said after tonight's hearing, the City Council can move forward with forming the LID or not. Bork said staff provided written notice of tonight's Public Hearing to all benefitted properties. The Public Hearing notice was also published in the Fern Ridge Review.

3) Public Comments

Ben Carlson, 25138 E. Bolton Rd., Veneta, OR

Mr. Carlson said he provided a copy of his comments and data. He said he is disappointed in the lack of attendance of his neighbors. He said in the previous years there was a lot more participation. He said he has received cost information on four separate occasions and every time the information is different and inconsistent. He said he has attended each meeting and he felt the information has been withheld from the public. He asked why the engineer's report was not provided. He said the time of the open house was inconvenient and said it's hard to follow the changes in the amounts from one time to next. He said he was told the 2015 assessments would be the same as in 2009 and the handout indicated the assessments would be \$3,000 for each hookup – his property has seven hookups. His assessment went from \$24,000 in 2009 to \$43,000 in 2015. He said he was told one thing and provided another. He said he can't get an answer to his question about a few property owners that will need to build a road to develop but they aren't being assessed for the potential development. He said he needs to build a road and he is being assessed. He said the number of benefitted properties went from 31 in 2006 to 18 in 2015 and he wants to know why. He said his

assessment is the same amount as a property with a lot twice the size of his. He said one benefitted property is not being fully assessed but he is. He said their assessment went from \$37,000 to \$16,000 and from five acres to 2 acres. He said they pay less than he does but their lot is twice the size as his. The fluctuation of amounts and lots sizes are inconsistent. His percentage of assessment continues to increase as other properties being removed from the LID. He is very unhappy that more people aren't here. He said this should be given more thought and the information needs to be more consistent and the assessments should be based on every lot and the square footage of the each lot.

Doug Moore, 25177 E. Bolton Rd., Veneta, OR

He agrees with everything Mr. Carlson said. He read his letter to the Council regarding his remonstrance. Copies were provided to the Council prior to the meeting.

Bork said in 2010 the City adopted the greenway overlay which established a buffer over the wetland, which are all regulated by Division of State Lands (DSL).

Mr. Moore suggested maybe residents in the greenway zone should talk with DSL about what the greenway does to property values. He said he liked the idea that his neighbor can't build homes in front of his property but he questions what that does to property values. He said it's great that there's a reduction in the cost but then their property loses its value and it's a shame that some are paying and some are not. Mr. Moore thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak.

Lily Crowheart, 25188 E. Bolton, Veneta, OR

Ms. Crowheart said she and her husband moved to Veneta in November 2010 and purchased their home through USDA financing with a 1% interest rate. She said her income is \$14,000 a year which is the same amount of their assessment. She said they couldn't attend the open house so they came to City Hall to talk to someone but she's not getting any information, feedback or understanding to inform her that the assessment is coming. She said she heard about the project when they purchased their home and USDA will not allow them to develop the property but that doesn't stop the City from charging them for it. She is very concerned because of the hardship she and her husband are in. She said the people across the street lost their home. She said she thought tonight's public hearing was just a meeting and didn't realize it was to allow the Council to make a decision. She said she would like to see another meeting take place.

Randy Miles, 25191 E. Bolton Rd., Veneta, OR

Mr. Miles said he has just actually seen the greenway border for the first time and which only allows him to build one house instead of two. He said he also couldn't make the open house. He said he wasn't aware that the greenway border changed and he was told the costs were going to stay the same but now his costs have increased an additional \$3,000. He agreed there should be another meeting and things should be set in stone and shouldn't continue to change.

4) Questions from Council

Thomas Cotter said in 2006 most properties were close or at equity value and based on that the Council chose to postpone the LID process at that time. He said the City was working on the scenario to use the 2009 estimated costs for all benefitted properties but many properties have since hooked up and that's why they were removed from the boundary and the number of benefitted properties has decreased to 18.

In response to a question from Mayor Larson, Bork said the actual assessments are based on a percentage of a new estimate but we won't know the actual assessment until the project is completed. She said the intention is to honor the 2009 figure and the most recent figures provided are the worst case scenario.

Bork said the Engineer's Report is on the City's website and was included in the March 13th Council packet. She said the LID boundary is different from 2009 because the greenway was adopted after

and that's why some square footage was subtracted because our code prohibits development in that area. Also several properties were removed because they have since hooked up. She said details about the areas to the south that Mr. Carlson spoke of are included in the 2015 Engineer's Report.

In response to a question from Mr. Carlson, Schauer said as those properties were developed, the developer paid for the improvements (sewer, stormwater) which then get passed on to the property owner when the property was sold. He said they're not paying an assessment now because it was already paid.

Mr. Carlson said this is why we need an open house. He said his neighbor is hooked up but he didn't have to pay any assessment for the sewer line in the street. He said we all have to pay \$5,000 to \$10,000 to hook up but that doesn't pay for the sewer line in the road. People are getting off not paying and hooking up to someone else's line in the street. He said he'd be okay if everyone paid but some are getting off without paying. Mr. Carlson said the subdivision at the end of E. Bolton Rd. should have been required to run the line all the way down E. Bolton Rd. He said he continues to get different answers.

In response to a question from Thomas Laing, Bork said 2015 assessments are based on the square footage of each lot then multiplied by .44 cents per sq. ft.

Mayor Larson said in 2009 the assessments were based on entire size of the lot because the greenway didn't exist. She said things change and the City cautioned E. Bolton Rd. residents that if the LID was postponed the cost would increase. She said this shouldn't come as a surprise that it's going to be more expense six years later. However, the City agreed to use the 2009 assessment amounts.

Lee Stubbs said he is Karen and Robert's son at 25106 E. Bolton Rd. He said he's been working on getting the property on City services.

Mayor Larson said he doesn't have to hook up to City water.

Bork said the Oregon Dept. of Revenue administers the state deferment program.

Ingham said the City offered to honor the same financing packet as was offered to the Bolton Hill Rd. residents. He said staff held the open house and has offered to meet with residents. He said if you still feel you're not getting the correct information, he and Bork are available to meet with. Ingham recapped the timeline of the E. Bolton Rd. LID going back to the mid 90's. He said it's about a \$300,000 project and we will hold to the 2009 construction costs because it wouldn't be fair to the Bolton Hill Rd. residents that paid 100% of that LID. He said an LID is planned for 8th St. and possibly five to six more LIDs throughout the City.

Bork said residents will be given 10 years to hook up; even though you pay for the LID assessment, you don't have to hook up for 10 years.

Mr. Moore asked if the state mandated the greenway changing the use of the land, is the state offering some form of relief because some of the property is deemed a wetland.

Ingham said the Department of State Lands (DSL) doesn't consider it a taking, they consider it a way to ensure the wetlands are protected.

In response to a question from a member of the audience, Thomas Cotter said a current owner may not want to develop the land but when the property eventually sells, it may get developed. He said many cities use square footage to calculate assessments.

In response to a question from Mr. Moore, Ingham said this is the sixth or seventh time the E. Bolton Rd. sewer improvement project has been before the Council.

Bork said if the Council directs staff to move forward tonight, then the Council would direct staff to call for bids and advertise for a construction contract. Once the construction is completed, the full project costs would be known and the assessment ordinance would be passed sometime this summer or fall. She said we won't know what individual assessments are until construction is completed. In the meantime, staff can meet with property owners to go over their assessments.

In response to a question from Mr. Moore, Bork said every year the consumer price index determines any System Development Charge (SDC) increases.

Joan Mariner, 25712 Cochran Ct., Veneta, OR

Ms. Mariner said she writes for the Fern Ridge Review. She said an article was also published in the Fern Ridge Review about every Council meeting. She said the information has been out there and staff has made every effort to get the word out and reduce the LID cost by 40% because they know the burden residents are under. She said she lives downstream from the septic tanks on E. Bolton which can easily contaminate the groundwater. She said we need LIDs to ensure our groundwater is not contaminated. She said she paid a lot for her LID when she lived in Santa Clara which she included in her mortgage and used as a tax write off. She said over time her property values increased. She said it works, the numbers are huge but it works out less painfully than it appears.

In response to a question from Victoria Hedenstrom, Ingham said the total project and capacity issues addressed at Applegate Ct. is estimated to be \$310,000. He said most of that will be paid from the sewer fund which is where money has accumulated from years of other residents paying sewer fees.

- 5) Mayor Larson closed the Public Hearing at 8:25 p.m.
- 6) Deliberation & Decision
None

MOTION: Thomas Cotter made a motion to proceed with the E. Bolton Rd. sewer improvement project and LID in accordance with Resolution No. 1165. Tim Brooker seconded motion which passed with a vote of 5-0.

4. PUBLIC HEARING - DANGEROUS BUILDING ABATEMENT 25044 MCCUTCHEON ST.

- 1) Open Hearing at 8:29
- 2) Staff Report

Bork said tonight the Council will take testimony and discuss the abatement process to decide whether or not to order the structure be made safe or order it to be demolished. She said to date she has received no correspondence from the property owner in regard to her notice of tonight's public hearing. She said she spoke with the owner's realtor who indicated they received the notice and said the owner may not be interested in taking any action about the condition of the building. She said the owner lives out of state and she is unsure of their intention. She said there has been no movement to purchase the property.

In response to a question from Mayor Larson, Bork said the City building official indicated in his letter that the awning and roof are about to collapse and significant work is needed to make it safe.

Mayor Larson said making it safe may be more costly than the value of the structure itself.

In response to a question from Thomas Cotter, Bork said the property owners received the first notice that the City Council deemed the structure a nuisance. She said never has it gone to this level that we're declaring it a dangerous building.

In response to questions from Thomas Cotter, Bork said the City could require the building be made safe by a specific date or require it be torn down if they didn't make the deadline.

Bork said the realtor felt the owner is not that interested in putting any work into the building. She said the City could require that if the building is not made safe, the City will start demolition within a specific time, or we can do both.

Ingham said the Council could require the structure be made safe by June 13th and end it there or we could hold a second public hearing and give notice that the building would be demolished.

Tim Brooker said he doesn't like the idea of obligating the City at this point. He suggested giving the property owner a deadline to make it safe and if it's not safe by that date, then bring it back and see what happens.

3) Public Comments
None

4) Questions from Council
None

5) Mayor Larson closed the Public Hearing at 8:40 p.m.

6) Deliberation & Decision

MOTION: Thomas Cotter made a motion to declare 25044 McCutcheon Ave. a dangerous building and order the structure be made safe by June 13, 2015 based on the City Building Official's letter. Thomas Laing seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 5-0.

5. PUBLIC HEARING - DANGEROUS BUILDING ABATEMENT 87646 TREK DR.

1) Mayor Larson opened the Public Hearing at 8:41 p.m.

2) Staff Report

Bork said on March 9, 2015 the Council declared this building a public nuisance and set the public hearing for tonight. Now the Council must decide to order it be made safe or order it demolished.

In response to a question from Tim Brooker, Bork said the property is no longer bank owned and has gone back to the original owner.

3) Public Comments

David Vollbrecht, 25228 Arcane St., Veneta, OR

Mr. Vollbrecht said he spoke to the Council when the building was declared a nuisance property. He said he heard a promise at that time that this issue was going to be taken care of quickly because the building was totally destroyed. He said he thought the building would be knocked down and taken care of and the end result is the lot will be rebuilt. He said if that's the case he would hope the foundation would be removed also. If not, it's still an eye sore. He said it needs to be leveled and get back on the market. He said it could sit there for years and he doesn't want to look at the foundation. He said none of the neighbors want to see that so let's make something happen.

4) Questions from Council

Mayor Larson said the City Building Official indicated the building could be remodeled.

In response to a question from Thomas Cotter, Bork said if it's not made safe by a specific date, the Council can order it be demolished.

After a thorough discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to follow the process that was followed at the previous public hearing.

5) Mayor Larson closed the Public Hearing at 8:57 p.m.

6) Deliberation & Decision

MOTION: Thomas Cotter made a motion to declare 87646 Trek Dr. a dangerous building and order the structure be made safe according to City building code by June 13, 2015. If that dead line has not been met the City will order to demolish the structure at the expense of the property owner. Victoria Hedenstrom seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 5-0.

6. 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 February 9, 2015 Work Session, minutes for March 9, 2015, Accounts Payable - Checks for Approval – Paid through March 17, 2015, To be Paid – Payable through April 7, 2015, and the Public Works Activity Report for February and March 2015.

7. COUNCIL BUSINESS AND REPORTS

a. Business

(1) Arbor Day Proclamation

Mayor Larson reviewed the Arbor Day Proclamation and declared the fourth Friday of April, (April 24th) National Arbor Day.

(2) Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation

Mayor Larson read the Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation and declared the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

b. Councilor/Committee Liaison Reports

Thomas Laing said Mid Lane Cares' budget process is going well and the newly appointed chairman, Dennis Paronto, has transitioned into that position well. He said there were a few issues with the building but he's talked with Ingham and Schauer about that. He said Mid Lane is gearing up for the Benefit by the Glass event in June. He said he also talked briefly with Representative DeFazio about the Highway 126 project when he was in Washington DC.

Mayor Larson said she had lunch at the Service Center on Tuesday and it was very good.

Thomas Cotter said the Chamber meeting is tomorrow, April 14th.

Tim Brooker said LACT did not have a meeting but the Highway 126 safety committee met and discussed how to prioritize education, enforcement, engineering and the environment projects. He said installing enforcement strips and using social media to connect with teenage drivers and try to get people to slow down are some of the ideas they came up with. He said they will meet again at the end of this month.

Victoria Hedenstrom said she didn't attend the April Park Board meeting but her daughter, Josie did. Josie told her the Park Board discussed the Easter Egg Hunt and the Boy Scouts will finish the bird feeder kits for Earth Day at Veneta Elementary on April 24th. Victoria Hedenstrom said she attended the Easter Egg Hunt for the first time and said the success of the event is based on so many different

entities. She said we have a lot to be proud of for all of the organizations that contribute to these events; Lane Fire Authority, Fern Ridge Library, the Kiwanis, and Veneta Park Board. She said she was very impressed with the event. She said she wanted to emphasize the importance of helping each other.

Mayor Larson said she, Thomas Laing, and Charlie Hamada are working on uniting all of the local organizations and mutual volunteers to form the "Fern Ridge Community Connection". She said the first meeting was not well attended. She said Colin Rea from the Library opened a Facebook page for the group as a starting point. She said she will provide the Council with updates.

Mayor Larson said she spoke to a classroom of 5th graders about the "If I were Mayor" contest and distributed contest flyers to all of the schools. She said she has high hopes for the contest. She said the School Board held an executive session about the District's surplus of real property and a realtor provided his opinion on the salability of the District's surplus real property. She said ART Inc.'s lease was discussed and the Board was invited to tour the facility. She said the School District may be a little more accommodating to ART Inc. and she plans to talk to the Board in general support of ART Inc. Mayor Larson said the high school Battle of the Books made it to the semifinals and the middle school took the state championship in Salem. She said it was very exciting. Mayor Larson reminded everyone that the Distinguished Service Awards (DSA) is this Thursday at Crow High School at 7:00 p.m.

8. STAFF REPORTS

a. Finance Director.....Shauna Hartz

(1) Revising the City's Classification and Compensation Plans

i. Agenda Item Summary

Hartz said she revised the City's organizational chart and the classification plan. She said she felt the revisions were necessary because currently, in her opinion, it's not an optimal plan. She changed the chart format to a city wide format from a department format. She said the classification schedule now includes requirements at each level and she's hopeful it will create a clear pathway for employees to advance. She said the new chart should also provide more flexibility when writing job descriptions.

In response to a question from Victoria Hedenstrom, Hartz said an Office Support Specialist II position could have concentrations or auxiliary functions like code enforcement and court.

In response to a question from Mayor Larson, Hartz said the Management Analyst position is included to maximize our flexibility.

In response to a question from Victoria Hedenstrom, Hartz said if we were to fill the Management Analyst position the job description would change. She said Human Resource functions are going to an existing employee.

ii. **Resolution No. 1167** - A RESOLUTION REVISING THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION SCHEDULE OF REGULAR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF VENETA AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 1163

MOTION: Thomas Cotter made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1167 as presented. Thomas Laing seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 5-0.

(2) Approve Contract with Accuity, LLC to Provide Municipal Auditing and Financial Consulting Services

Hartz said we've had the City's current auditor for about seven years. She said staff isn't necessarily dissatisfied with our current auditors but a good practice is to put out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for an auditor every five to eight years. She recently did that which resulted in two responses; one from our current auditor and one from Accuity, LLC. She reviewed the proposals

and would like to enter into a contract with Accuity, LLC. Hartz said Accuity's partners actually do the field work which allows them to be more hands on with their clients. She said many auditors have their staff do the field work and then they report back to the partners who are ultimately responsible to make the opinion. She said Accuity provides two sessions of field work and meets with management before and after the field work. She said this was important to her and she was also impressed with the details and specifics of the management letter. She said they were very thorough.

In response to a question from Thomas Cotter, Hartz said Accuity partners started their firm three or four years ago but they both previously worked for an auditing firm for an extended time.

MOTION: Thomas Cotter made a motion to approve the contract with Accuity, LLC to provide Municipal Auditing and Financial Consulting Services and authorize City Administrator to sign contract on the City's behalf. Tim Brooker seconded motion which passed with a vote of 5-0.

(3) Residential Lease Renewal

Hartz said there is a lease agreement with Kyle and Tricia Schauer to rent the home on the City owned Territorial Rd. property. She would like to renew the lease and include language that would make it a two year lease with a two year automatic renewal.

Ingham said we didn't go out and seek market rates for monthly rental amount because Schauer covers the cost of and makes most repairs. He said the City only covers larger expenses. He said we could increase the rent but we would also find that we would likely be doing more repairs.

MOTION: Thomas Cotter made a motion to approve the renewal of the residential lease at 88658 Territorial Rd. Thomas Laing seconded motion which passed with a vote of 5-0.

b. Community Development Director.....Kay Bork

(1) E. Bolton Rd. Sewer Improvement Call to Advertise for Bids

Bork said staff is requesting Council direction to call for bids for the E. Bolton LID. She said this is the next step in the LID process after the public hearing.

MOTION: Thomas Cotter made a motion for the City Recorder to advertise for bids for the construction of the E. Bolton Rd. sewer improvement project on the basis of the Council approved Engineer's Report. Tim Brooker seconded motion which passed with a vote of 5-0.

(2) **Ordinance No. 519 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VENETA LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE NO. 493 AND LAND DIVISION ORDINANCE NO. 494 REGARDING REQUIRED IMPROVEMENTS. For Second Reading by Title Only and Final Enactment.**

MOTION: Thomas Cotter made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 519 for second reading by title only and final enactment. Victoria Hedenstrom seconded motion which passed with a vote of 5-0.

Ordinance No. 519 was read into the record for second reading by title only and for final enactment.

c. Public Works Director.....Kyle Schauer

(1) Pavement Preservation Plan

Schauer said the Council reviewed the pavement assessment report at a work session and directed staff to develop a six-year maintenance plan that included work identified in that plan

and how we were going to pay for it. The Council also verbally supported the recommendation to schedule projects based on the plan. This Plan is only to preserve the existing pavement and does not include sidewalks, curbing, etc. Schauer reviewed the Plan and said after six years the intent is that all roads and street sections at "average" or "below standards" will be brought to the "good" category. He said this is informational only and does not require Council action.

Hartz provided a payment plan for the schedule.

In response to a question from Victoria Hedenstrom, Schauer said the small section of Oak Island Dr. is the dead-end section north of Cheney Dr. He said it has very little traffic and it can be brought to a usable standard very easily.

In response to a question from Tim Brooker, Schauer said the slurry seal lasts seven to 10 years depending on traffic. He said a neighborhood street will last much longer but it also depends on what condition the road is in to begin with. He said degradation is dug up, re-compacted, cracks are sealed, and then the slurry seal is applied. He said grinds are necessary when a full overlay is done but grinding won't be done with a slurry seal. He said this kind of work is included in the Plan but capital improvement projects are not included.

Hartz said projections are done for all operating funds and many assumptions are included but we need a target so we can judge the projections. We used a minimum target fund balance - enough funds to operate for four months plus \$100,000 with no money coming in. She said we would never want the fund balance to be less than that. She reviewed the six options that staff provided.

In response to a question from Victoria Hedenstrom, Hartz said we picked flat increases for the first three years to get it to \$4 and then it increased by 2%. At the end of the forecasting period it's up to \$4.88.

Tim Brooker said we need to have some kind of transportation utility fee, not only to preserve the streets, but to set aside funds for capital improvement projects. Do we want a 2% increase or more?

In response to a question from Thomas Cotter, Ingham said we can implement a transportation fee without doing a vote but a gas tax would require a vote. He said it would go into effect January 1, 2016. He said if passed, Lane County's vehicle registration fee would go into effect July 1, 2015.

In response to a question from Thomas Laing, Ingham said the City should receive \$68,000 to \$75,000 from the vehicle registration fee.

Hartz said the first step is completing the research, the second would be to draft the ordinance and the third step would be to pass the fee resolution.

After a thorough discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to direct staff to look into developing a transportation utility fee and an ordinance for tentative adoption by January 1, 2016.

- d. City Administrator.....Ric Ingham
- (1) Modifications to Lane County Law Enforcement Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)
Ingham said Lane County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) has provided the City with public safety coverage for decades but in the last few years the City has wanted our deputies to provide more of a community policing effort. He said the agreement to bring our sergeant to a .5 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) and drop deputy patrols to 3.5 FTE decreases the contract by about \$35,000 from last year's amount. The City of Creswell imposed at their meeting to take the sergeant to a .5 FTE but they kept their deputies at 3 FTE.

In response to a question from Mayor Larson, Ingham said we could see about a \$30,000 to \$40,000 increase from last year if we increase the 3.5 FTE deputies to 4 FTE.

Victoria Hedenstrom said she was uncomfortable decreasing deputy time but she doesn't know what other options we have if Creswell doesn't decrease the deputy time. She is concerned about the impact a half time deputy would have on the City.

In response to a question from Thomas Cotter, Ingham said last year's contract was \$801,000 and increasing our coverage to a .5 FTE sergeant and 4 FTE deputies would be \$843,000.

In response to a question from Victoria Hedenstrom, Ingham said patrol time will not be the same. He said we've only had preliminary discussions but 3.5 FTE deputies would mean no coverage from 5 p.m. to 3 a.m. one day a week.

Ingham asked the Council for direction. He said do we want to take the sergeant to half time, try to stay with our projection and keep our deputy coverage at 3.5 FTE, increase our deputy coverage to 4 FTE and challenge staff to find the extra funds in the budget to support that annually, or do we want to separate from Creswell?

Victoria Hedenstrom said she doesn't want to decrease our patrol time.

Thomas Laing said he felt having a half time sergeant could be better for the City.

Tim Brooker said LCSO hasn't told us what they're going to do based on what Creswell wants.

Mayor Larson said we don't know unless we ask. She said we could negotiate the 3.5 FTE deputies to 4 deputies.

Thomas Cotter said a half time deputy could provide more patrols and assist with the community policing and the neighborhood watch program.

MOTION: Thomas Cotter made a motion that the City pursue an IGA with the Lane County Sheriff's Office for the 2015-16 fiscal year that reflects funding a sergeant at .5 FTE and deputy patrols at a 3.5 FTE staffing level. Thomas Laing seconded motion which passed with a vote of 4-1. Victoria Hedenstrom voted no.

(1) Adoption of the Economic Development Strategy: Five-Year Action Plan

i. Agenda Item Summary

Bork said the Plan was included in the Council packet. She said the Council is being asked to adopt the Economic Development Strategy Plan and she asked if there were any questions.

ii. **Resolution No. 1168** – A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE VENETA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY: FIVE-YEAR ACTION PLAN, 2015-2019

MOTION: Thomas Cotter made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1168 as presented. Tim Brooker seconded motion which passed with a vote of 5-0.

(2) Adopting Revised Park Board Bylaws

i. Agenda Item Summary

Ingham said the Council is being asked to adopt the revised Park Board Bylaws, specifically to remove residency requirements. Staff recommended approval of Resolution No. 1169.

- ii. **Resolution No. 1169** - A RESOLUTION ADOPTING PARK BOARD BYLAWS AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 1109

MOTION: Thomas Cotter made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1169 as presented. Thomas Laing seconded motion which passed with a vote of 5-0.

(3) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

Ingham said he would like to acknowledge Hartz for all of her hard work on the City's Budget Document she submitted to the Government Finance Officers Association. He said this is the highest award given.

In response to a question from Thomas Cotter, Ingham said he will get the press release to the Fern Ridge Review along with a photo of Hartz.

In response to a question from Thomas Laing, Hartz said not many cities our size receive the award because of small staff size.

(4) Questions from Councilors

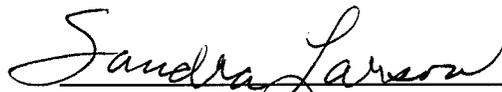
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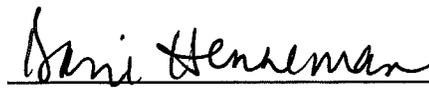
Ingham said he hopes to see everyone at the Distinguished Service Awards on Thursday, April 16th.

10. ADJOURN

Mayor Larson adjourned the Veneta City Council at 10:52 p.m.


Sandra Larson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Darci Henneman, City Recorder
(Minutes prepared by DHenneman)