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REGULAR GARIBALDI CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 16, 2020
Zoom Conference at 6:30 P.M.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. CONVENING OF MEETING

Mayor Judy Riggs called to order the Regular City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. Present were Council members Melissa Elmore, Tim Hall, Whitey Forsman and Judy Riggs. City staff present were Assistant City Manager Lori Longfellow, Administrative Assistant 2 Laura Schmidt and Fire Chief Jay Marugg. Citizens present: Maighread Thomas and Carl Kopacek; other unknown citizens were present electronically.

III. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Meeting Minutes October 12, 2020
- B. Meeting Minutes October 16, 2020
- C. Meeting Minutes October 19, 2020- removed from consent calendar
- D. October 2020 Financials - emailed to Council 11/12/20 @ 4:33 pm

Cn. Elmore made a MOTION to approve items A, B and D on consent calendar. Cn. Hall seconded. AYES: Elmore, Riggs, Hall, Forsman; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cavitt. MOTION PASSED 4-0-1.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Carl Kopacek: Restated to the City that he will promise to pay for the entire cost of the recall provided the City gets Paul Daniels and his investor to pay the correct amount that should have been charged on his SDC payments. He stated if they would do that, he would be glad to reimburse the City.

Cn. Hall: Expressed his thanks and appreciation to those who voted for him and stated his continued respect for those who voted for Mr. Forsman. He again pledged to help restore the public's trust in City Hall to ensure a commitment to the transparency in the City administration. He stated that he would start by hiring a City Manager who will commit to serve all of the citizens of Garibaldi. He expressed the campaign was tough both on him and his wife as there were a number of lies and false accusations spread mostly by a handful of individuals who have no integrity. They even stole half of his 20 City campaign signs. Fortunately, 3 of them have left town. He was told by a county officer

that elected officials in Tillamook County were disturbed by how he was being mistreated. The Mayor of Bay City gave him words of inspiration and told him to ignore them. Many others in our community told him not to let these few misguided people change his opinion of Garibaldi. He stated it would not. Garibaldi is his home and its residents are the best. His attorney warned this group not to slander him. With absolutely no proof they claimed he used the Oregon seal on a campaign material, he stated he did not. State election officials confirmed proof of his residency. Another lie, debunked. He was also called a criminal for 25 years of parked traffic tickets even adding the outrageous and ridiculous fines. A \$29,000 dollar speeding ticket, give me a break. This act of desperation was in hope the residents of Garibaldi were gullible to such silly lies. He stated he knew better, and he was right. He will continue to make smart decisions based on the information he receives and what he discovers on his own to verify these facts. He will look to cooperate with the Port, Scenic Railroad and every business in our City to ensure that we as a City succeed. He stated that unlike others he will encourage the City council members to listen to residents and bring their concerns, suggestions and criticisms back to him and our new City Manager so these issues can be addressed. He stated he plans to be thoughtful, considerate and compassionate mayor and there by further earning the trust the citizens have placed on him.

VI. PRESENTATIONS: NONE

VII. CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

VIII. COMMUNITY REPORT: NONE

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. CITY MANAGER RECRUITMENT – DISCUSSION

Assistant City Manager Longfellow began discussion regarding recruitment. She suggested posting local and to posting with League of Oregon Cities and recruiting them to help with the process. All present council agreed to this approach. Mayor Riggs instructed Longfellow to draft a job description.

Council member Hall reminded the council that prior to the election they had agreed that the winner of the Mayor's race would work with Mayor Riggs on the process for determining finalists for the new City Manager job.

Council member Elmore stated she felt from councils previous interactions with our City Attorney in negotiating contracts, it would also be important at the time of a job offer, not necessarily during the process itself, but at the time of a job offer to have her go over those documents.

Assistant City Manager Longfellow stated the City's attorney would definitely play a part in the process as they would look over the contract and would make the appropriate suggestions.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Fireworks Deposit – Discussion

Discussion was had regarding the fireworks contracts and the suggestion to reschedule for New Year’s Eve. It was decided not to reschedule the fireworks, meaning the City would lose the deposit of approximately \$1200.00. Hall stated he didn’t see the common sense of spending almost \$4000 on a firework show for January 1st. Assistance City Manager Longfellow agreed with Hall. She asked if it was cheaper if the fire department sets the fireworks off themselves. Fire chief Marugg stated it would cost the City an astronomical amount for the insurance.

Discussion was had who else does fireworks other than Western Fireworks. Both Mayor Riggs and Fire Chief Marugg said they were the only ones they knew of that were licensed.

Administrative Assistant noted and shared on screen a contract that was signed with Western Displays that said we will negotiate in good faith to us them in the next two years. Assistant Manager said she would follow up and call for clarification.

Council member Elmore request to table the topic.

B. Crab Pot Christmas Tree – Discussion

Discussion was had about the crab pots being a safety hazard and dangerous to use. Suggestions were to try to find different crab pots. Council member Elmore and Council member Hall stated they would volunteer to work on the crap pots restoring and painting them.

Maighread Thomas stated she and Tim would help coordinate donations of (newer) crab pots.

C. Police Contract – Approval

Assistant City Manager Longfellow explained the changes to the contract that was pending council approval. Council also discussed the request for a new police car and the age of the current one.

Cn. Hall made a MOTION to approve the Police contract from July 2020 to June 31 2024. Cn. Elmore seconded. AYES: Riggs, Elmore, Hall, Forsman; NAYS: None; Absent: Cavitt. Motion PASSED 4-0-1.

XI. STAFF REPORTS

Mayor Riggs apologize for not getting Chief Marugg's report last month

Fire Chief Marugg gave his report where he highlighted, they hired Blake Paulson as our new training officer. He expressed that he has been a good fit and hit the ground running.

Mayor Riggs stated the public works/Engineer's report was in the packet and reviewed Officer Reeves' public safety report and requested citizens not contact him directly.

XII. COUNCIL REPORTS

Cn. Forman noted that additional funds where donated by the Tillamook Cheese factory to restart the take-out program created by Tillamook Chamber of Commerce. He also stated that a business could use funds for delivery services and contact the Chamber if they have any questions about the program

Mayor Riggs explained more on the takeout program and the Facebook campaign that goes along with it and prizes that could be won.

Cn. Hall raised his concerns that the city of Garibaldi did not provide certified oversight of the water system for the 55 days, in addition to the fact that they hired a water systems operator, Mr. Hancock without verifying his credentials, and his experience. Therefore, as mentioned, this puts the city at risk.

Discussion was had regarding the hiring process and how applicants can exaggerate their qualifications and skills and it may not be known to management that they lack them until they are on the job.

Mayor Riggs discussed mysterious things happening to expensive equipment that suddenly stopped working. She noted that the electricians had come to fix it and stated the wire was cut. Mayor Riggs went on to state there were instances where there was tampering with chemicals. Because these instances keep happening cameras will be put up and locks changed.

Cn. Hall expressed his desire for more transparency within the City administration.

Cn. Elmore hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving and holiday and encouraged everyone to stay healthy and happy.

Assistant City Manager Longfellow asked council to check their email in regards to franchise agreement.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

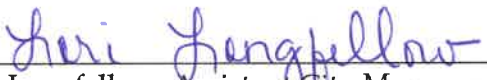
XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Riggs adjourned the regular council meeting at 7:26 p.m.



Judy Riggs, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Longfellow, Assistant City Manager

