

City of Mt. Angel
City Council Meeting Minutes

APPROVED

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 PM

July 6, 2009

The City of Mt. Angel's City Council met in a regular session Monday July 6, 2009 at the Community Meeting Room, 290 E. Charles Street, Mt. Angel, Oregon.

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Mayor Rick Schiedler.

II. **FLAG SALUTE:**
Mayor Schiedler led the salute to the flag.

III. **ROLL CALL:**

COUNCIL

Rick Schiedler, Mayor
Ray Eder, Council President
Darren Beyer, Councilor
Michael Donohue, Councilor
Kelly Grassman, Councilor
Teresa Kintz, Councilor
Andrew Otte, Councilor

STAFF

Pete Wall, Interim City Administrator
Michele Hall, Assistant to City Administrator
Brent Earhart, Police Chief
Tracy Grambusch, Finance Director

IV. **PRESENTATION BY UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU:**

Ping Khaw-Sutherland from the US Census Bureau gave a presentation on the 2010 US Census. She pointed out why it is important for the citizens to participate and the benefit that the city derives from an accurate count of its population. She explained that they are trying to make the process easier and less threatening so that as many people as possible can participate.

Liesa Kister, Mt. Angel asked if there were facilities to enable those who need assistance to participate. Ms. Khaw-Sutherland said that they hope to provide facilities in each community; the plan is to locate the actual facility in March 2010.

V. **APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS:**

John Gooley spoke about the July 11th activities. The events will start at Academy St. to dedicate the new entrance signs to Mt. Angel at 11am. The Mayor will be there to dedicate the signs

John Gooley also asked if there is a dust abatement program. He wondered if it was county or city project. Councilor Kintz said that the county sent a letter to those on Academy St. saying they will prepare the road but could not afford to apply the chemicals.

Tom Duker spoke about Mt. Angel Community Emergency Response Team effort. He and the Fire Chief and the Police Chief are trying to organize community emergency response teams. He explained the role and function of the CERT teams.

Maureen Ernst wanted to thank Public Works department for painting the parking stripes on the street. They have noticed that people are realizing that it is a one way street and the parking seems to be better.

VI. APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Councilors had questions about the payments to Flint Trading; Murray, Smith, and Associates; Knife River Corp. and the Lion's Club.

Staff needed to research the invoice to Flint Trading, but explained the costs associated with the other vendors. The Knife River Corp check was actually cancelled as the grant money was not received in time to cover this accounts payable cycle.

Councilor Donohue made a motion to approve accounts payable. Councilor Grassman seconded the motion.

The motion was passed with the following vote:

AYES: 6 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

VII. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approve City Council meeting minutes of June 1, 2009.
- b. Approve Special Work-Session minutes of June 22, 2009.
- c. Authorize Interim City Administrator to hire Police Officer.
- d. Approve Letter of support for Oktoberfest, Inc. building project.
- e. Authorizing Mayor to sign US Census Bureau Proclamation.

Councilor Otte asked if Oktoberfest was pleased with the letter. John Gooley, President of Oktoberfest commented that they had several people evaluate it and they are pleased with it.

Councilor Donohue asked about the police officer that left. Chief Earhart explained that the officer that left went to fill an open position in Woodburn. Councilor Kintz asked about the School Resource Officer position. Chief Earhart explained that the SRO position would only be filled if we were able to obtain the COPS grant this year. There was more discussion about police coverage. Councilor Beyer stated that he is still hesitant about hiring an officer to fill the vacancy and the need for 24 hour policing. He is concerned that the City needs to put more effort into saving money and that reducing policing may be a way to save more money.

Councilor Grassman made a motion to remove Item C Authorize Interim City Administrator to hire Police Officer from the agenda for further discussion. Councilor Donohue seconded the motion.

The motion was passed with the following vote:

AYES: 5 NAYS: 1 ABSTAIN: 0

Councilor Eder opposed this motion.

A motion was made by Councilor Otte to approve the remaining items in the consent agenda. Councilor Donahue seconded the motion.

The motion was passed with the following vote:

AYES: 6 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

The 24 hour policing position was opened for discussion. Mr. Wall made a statement about the fact that the position is fully funded in the budget. He explained some logistical considerations. Councilor Otte asked what the contract with the county might cost as there would need to be some sort of response during the hours that no city officers were available. Chief Earhart did a cost analysis and it came out to be about \$100 per hour to contract with the county and that we pay about \$80 per hour now. Additionally, there would be no guarantee of a response from the county unless the call were serious enough and then there was no guarantee on response time as the two or three deputies on duty during the night are responsible for coverage of the whole county.

Liesa Kister asked about the impact of reducing full time coverage on homeowners insurance. Council members called their insurance companies whose agents said that it would have little if any impact. Maureen Ernst said that she calls 911 at least twice during the summer for fights and is opposed to not having officers available to respond. Bob Kister stated that we cannot undervalue the safety of the community. He feels that it is such a great issue that it needs a public hearing. Jim Kosel spoke about his prior experiences in going on a ride along with a Clackamas County deputy, during a call the officer he rode along with was out of service for other calls for 3 hours, there was no coverage for that area during the time he was out of service. Tom Duker spoke about the fact that safety of the city makes Mt. Angel a great community. John Gooley reminded the council that it is difficult to keep secret the times that the police are on and off duty. Chris Bischoff pointed out that if you asked the town if they wanted 24 hour coverage you will get a 50/50 response but if you ask if they want a 5 min or a 30 minute response if they have an emergency, everyone would say that they would want a 5 minute response.

Finance Director Grambusch stated that we have saved quite a bit of money by not having a COLA this year for any of the employees. Councilor Otte stated that this should have been a discussion during the budget meeting not now after it has already been budgeted for the year.

A motion was made by Councilor Eder to authorize the Interim City Administrator to hire a police officer to fill the current vacancy. Councilor Otte seconded the motion.

The motion was passed with the following vote:

AYES: 5 NAYS: 1 ABSTAIN: 0

Councilor Beyer opposed the motion.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE:

There was some discussion about the Fire Department siren. Councilor Otte explained the fire district's need to alert all possible volunteers because of the shortage of people available to respond.

IX. STAFF REPORTS:

a. Police Department

Chief Earhart submitted a written report for the council packet. The council asked for a report on the major investigations referred to. There was also some question about which agency pays the officer that responds with the SWAT team. Chief Earhart explained that we pay the officer, but he can also call in the SWAT team to assist on calls in Mt. Angel.

b. Public Works

Public Works Director Dan Bernt gave a written report in the packet.

c. Finance

Finance Director Tracy Grambusch submitted her written report in the packet.

d. Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement Officer Jacque Keller- McCormick submitted a written report.
Councilor Eder inquired about the procedure for submitting a code enforcement complaint now.

e. Library Board

The minutes for the June Library Board meeting were included in the packet. Councilor Donohue was concerned that former board member Val Arce may have been overlooked in the new library board appointments. Mayor Schiedler said he would contact Val.

X. OLD BUSINESS:

The Council appointed the members of the Communications Committee.

Kenny Wilson, Gary Edwards, Sr. Dorothy Jean Beyer, and Maureen Ernst applied to be on the Communications Committee. Andrew Otte volunteered to be the Council representative on the committee.

Councilor Kintz asked Kenny Wilson why he felt there was an “us vs. them” mentality.

Councilor Kintz asked Gary Edwards to explain in more detail the answer to one of his questions. Councilor Grassman asked about his experience.

Councilor Grassman made a motion to appoint all the applicants as citizen members of the Communication Committee and Councilor Otte as the Council representative. Councilor Eder seconded the motion.

AYES: 6 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Approve Zoning Map Correction

A scrivener’s error was discovered on the zoning map when a citizen requested zoning information for his address. Planning staff researched the zoning and found that the current designation on the map did not match the designation in the City’s Comprehensive Plan. Additional research did not yield any indication of a zone change action for this property. The City Planner requested that staff obtain consent from council to recognize the error and make the correction.

Councilor Kintz made a motion to authorize the correction to the Zoning Map. Councilor Eder seconded the motion.

AYES: 6 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

b. Computer and Network Support Intergovernmental Agreement-

Interim City Administrator Wall explained to the council the meeting that staff had with the City of Woodburn Information Support (IS) Department. Staff felt confident that the Woodburn IS Department

could competently meet the needs of the City and the cost of this contract would be significantly less than the City was previously paying.

Councilor Donohue made a motion to authorize Pete Wall, Interim City Administrator to sign the intergovernmental agreement. Councilor Grassman seconded the motion.

AYES: 6 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

c. Nuisance Violation –

Mr. Wall gave a brief explanation about the need for a public hearing. The staff suggested setting a hearing date of Aug 3rd or setting a special meeting if you prefer. Discussion occurred.

Councilor Otte moved to set a public hearing date of August 3, 2009 to address the nuisance violation. Councilor Kintz seconded the motion.

AYES: 6 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

XII. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT :

Conney Beaudry was recently hired as the new library aide

The street striping is complete. Several citizens have expressed how pleased they are with the work. However, the City received an OR- OSHA complaint for a safety violation. Staff had to respond within 5 days to an anonymous, unspecified safety violation.

Mr. Wall will be out of state from July 8 – July 17, 2009. He will be available by phone and email.

XIII. CITY COUNCILOR'S REPORT:

Councilor Grassman invited the citizens and council to a benefit dinner/auction for a citizen named Lance who was in a motorcycle accident on July 18. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. The raffle at the motorcycle cruise in will benefit him as well.

Councilor Otte asked Mr. Wall about progress on the removing the tree by City Hall. Kriskindelmarkt had asked Mr. Wall if it could wait until after Christmas. So, Mr. Wall had initially agreed to wait until after Christmas. Councilor Otte was concerned about the safety issues if the root structure of the tree is unsafe. Council wanted to proceed on getting information about the need and process necessary to remove the tree if it were hazardous.

XIV. MAYOR'S REPORT:

The mayor had no report to give at this time.

XV. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING:

Mayor Schiedler adjourned the meeting at 8:55p.m.

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The executive session was cancelled.

Respectfully submitted by:

Michele Hall, Assistant to City Administrator

ATTESTED BY:

Rick Schiedler, Mayor