

**CITY OF CENTRAL POINT
City Council Meeting Minutes
June 29, 2017**

I. REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL: Mayor: Hank Williams

Council Members: Allen Broderick, Brandon Thueson, Tanea Browning, and Mike Quilty were present. Bruce Dingler and Rob Hernandez were excused.

City Manager Chris Clayton; City Attorney Sydnee Dreyer; Police Chief Kris Allison; Community Development Director Tom Humphrey; Parks and Public Works Director Matt Samitore; Finance Director Steven Weber; and City Recorder Deanna Casey were also present.

IV. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Bret Barlow Jr. – Central Point Citizen

Here to speak about the Law Suit that Josh Moulin has filed against the city and several individuals. He advised the Council to remove Chief Allison, Sargent Day and City Manager Chris Clayton immediately and settle with Mr. Moulin for everything he wants. He wants a public apology to Josh Moulin, himself and the community in regards to the accusations in the lawsuit. He stated that the Council and other employees should step down immediately. He has been approached by city employees with concerns over the state of the Department and the City. This will not be the last case filed against the city. He would not be leaving any documentation for the city because it is in the hands of the proper authorities and the media. Mr. Barlow then left the building.

Captain Dave Croft and the Central Point Police Union

Captain Croft thanked the officers in the room who came to show their support for what he wanted to speak to the Council about tonight. He felt compelled to address the recent lawsuit filed against the City of Central Point and the Central Point Police Department. There have been numerous one sided media reports in regards to the lawsuit and it has been difficult to watch as the city has been unable to respond. He is here tonight to express his support and the Police Departments support and full confidence in Police Chief Kris Allison and City Manager Chris Clayton. He feels that they continue to do what is right for the City, and are proud of them for doing what was right for the right reasons and did not take the path of least resistance.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of June 8, 2017 City Council Minutes

- B. DARE Street Closure Request for August 12, 2017**
- C. Fourth of July Parade Street Closure Request**

Allen Broderick moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mike Quilty seconded. Roll call: Hank Williams, yes; Tanea Browning, yes; Brandon Thueson, yes; Allen Broderick, yes; and Mike Quilty, yes. Motion approved.

VI. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution No. 1511, A Resolution Approving the Street Closures and Reimbursement Agreement for the Country Crossings Country Music Festival**

Parks and Public Works Director Matt Samitore explained that the City has been coordinating with the Country Crossings Event Coordinators, Jackson County Roads, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Oregon State Police, Oregon Department of Transportation and the City of Medford Police and Public works regarding a comprehensive safety and traffic plan for the festival at the end of July. The plan will handle the majority of the concerns, but does not handle anticipated local traffic that will impact our community.

We have presented an additional traffic plan to help with pedestrian traffic that will be in Central Point. The School District will be charging for parking at the local schools for the event. The City anticipates heavy pedestrian traffic walking into the expo by E. Pine Street and Upton Road.

Temporary crosswalks will be installed at 10th and 3rd and Upton and 10th. There will also be temporary street closures with one lane of traffic and one lane for pedestrians. We will be providing temporary signage and lights directing pedestrians to the nearest event entrance. We will also be adding no parking signs along E. Pine Street, 10th Street and Gebhard Road to discourage parking in those locations.

We will be sending letters to the residents of Boes Subdivision and the residents of Old Upton to inform them of their limited access during the 4 day event. Upton Road will be closed from Wilson to 10th Street only residents will be able to gain access to that area.

Jackson County signed a reimbursement agreement with the event organizers but did not include any reimbursement for Central Point Police. Our Police Department will be responsible for the traffic mitigation on East Pine at the overpass in addition to policing around the entire event. This resolution authorizes the Police Chief to seek reimbursement from the Jackson County Sheriff's Office and/or event organizers for approved overtime expenses.

There was discussion regarding the different possibilities of parking and camping in and around Central Point. We anticipate event goers to park on Central Point

streets and walk to the event instead of paying for parking and taking a shuttle. We will evaluate the situation after the first night and make changes for the following nights. We have tried to contemplate all the needs of Central Point citizens and take precautions to ensure that their lives are not disrupted any more than necessary.

Mike Quilty moved to approve Resolution No. 1511, A Resolution Approving the Street Closures and Reimbursement Agreement for the Country Crossings Country Music Festival. Brandon Thueson seconded. Roll call: Hank Williams, yes; Tanea Browning, yes; Brandon Thueson, yes; Allen Broderick, yes; and Mike Quilty, yes. Motion approved.

B. Resolution No. 1512, A Resolution Declaring the City Council's Intention to Expand an Annexation Request of 3.64 Acres to Include Two Additional Properties for a Total of 7.92 Acres of Land Located East of Chicory Lane, into the City of Central Point, Oregon

Community Development Director Tom Humphrey explained the proposed resolution directs staff to work with property owners adjacent to a proposed annexation. The area under consideration is approximately 7.92 acres that include four tax lots and right-of-way for a portion of Chickory Lane. These four tax lots are a county island surrounded by city limits. The City has received an annexation request for 3.64 acres in this area. The City Council has discussed inclusion of county islands when annexation is possible. In this case two of the four tax lots would be annexed leaving a very small county island within the city.

If the Council approves the attached resolution staff will speak with the owners of the other two lots to discuss annexation. The specifics of the annexation will be discussed at a separate meeting once the owners have had a chance to explore their options.

Allen Broderick moved to approve Resolution No. 1512, A Resolution Declaring the City Council's Intention to Expand an Annexation Request of 3.64 Acres to Include Two Additional Properties for a Total of 7.92 Acres of Land Located East of Chicory Lane, into the City of Central Point, Oregon. Tanea Browning seconded. Roll call: Hank Williams, yes; Tanea Browning, yes; Brandon Thueson, yes; Allen Broderick, yes; and Mike Quilty, yes. Motion approved.

C. Resolution No. 1513, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 1 to that Intergovernmental Agreement with Jackson County for Improve and Eliminate Rail Crossings

Mr. Samitore explained that in January 2017 the Oregon Department of Transportation asked the city to redo the rail crossing order for the Twin Creeks Rail Crossing opening and of the Seven Oaks Rail Crossing closure. The revised agreement reflects a change regarding ODOT funding improvements to the Scenic Avenue Crossing and gives the city 15 years to complete any additional safety concerns or welded rail requirements that may be needed as part of the

ODOT project. In exchange for financial flexibility Jackson County required the city to take another street within the City Limits. The City will take jurisdiction of Bursell Road.

The city will begin planning for maintenance of Bursell Road immediately. Depending on the extent of the ODOT Scenic Avenue project, the City may need to contribute to that project, the costs and extent of which remain unknown pending final design requirements.

There was discussion regarding improvements at the Scenic Crossing and traffic signal. This project has not been discussed at length with ODOT but staff provided a few of the details that they are aware of.

Mike Quilty moved to approve Resolution No. 1513, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 1 to that Intergovernmental Agreement with Jackson County for Improve and Eliminate Rail Crossings. Tanea Browning seconded. Roll call: Hank Williams, yes; Tanea Browning, yes; Brandon Thueson, yes; Allen Broderick, yes; and Mike Quilty, yes. Motion approved.

VIII. BUSINESS

A. Appointment of Citizen Advisory Committee Member

Mayor Williams stated that he conducted his research of the applications and interviewed Caitlin Finley. He recommends Mrs. Finley for the position because she has no specific projects that she would be pursuing on this committee. She is new to Central Point but has experience working with local government. They are interested in being involved in the planning of Central Point.

Allen Broderick moved to appoint Caitlin Finley to the Citizens Advisory Committee. Brandon Thueson seconded. Roll call: Hank Williams, yes; Tanea Browning, yes; Brandon Thueson, yes; Allen Broderick, yes; and Mike Quilty, yes. Motion approved.

B. Approving Bid for 2017 Street Inlay/Street Preservation Projects

Mr. Samitore explained that the city advertised for pavement preservation for asphalt removal and inlay. The base bid for the package includes Highway 99 from the end of the Twin Creeks Crossing to the jurisdictional boundary just short of Scenic Avenue.

The City received one bid from Knife River Materials, Inc., for \$282,750.00. There was discussion regarding other projects that will be worked on over the next two years.

Mike Quilty moved to award the 2017 Street Inlay/Street Preservation Project to Knife River in the amount of \$282,750.00. Tanea Browning

seconded. Roll call: Hank Williams, yes; Tanea Browning, yes; Brandon Thueson, yes; Allen Broderick, yes; and Mike Quilty, yes. Motion approved.

IX. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Williams reported that he attended:

- the "State of the County" Medford Chamber Forum.
- A TRADCO meeting where they discussed the State's transportation Plan.
- The Water Commission Meeting where they deliberated and hired a new commission manager.
- the Fair Board meeting.

X. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Chris Clayton reported that:

- This week we met with our insurance agent and we have decided to switch the way we pay for Workers Comp Insurance. This move should help save the city cost in premiums.
- a letter has been sent to the owners of the cemetery encouraging them to allow the city and county crews to help with maintenance of the grounds.
- He had a chance to review the May financial statements. The fiscal year should be ending exactly how we expected. There are no huge changes or surprises.
- We received a letter from a citizen complaining that the city should not be teaching a concealed weapons class. He feels the city is competing with private businesses. We will be discussing this topic at a future study session.
- We have new audio/video in the Chambers.
- It is unfortunate that Mr. Barlow has such strong negative feelings about the city and staff regarding the law suit. It can be a little frightening and makes him worry about the safety of staff and council. It is a shame that someone would make comments like he did without having the entire story. The case is still sealed and we are not allowed to discuss the details.

XI. COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Mike Quilty:

- Thanked Council and Staff for the floral arrangement when he lost his brother last month.
- Attended the MPO meeting this week where they voted to approve a transportation improvement plan for our area. Other MPO's do not have their plans complete and the Federal Government wants them submitted at the same time.
- Met with Paula Brown regarding OTC Funds. There was discussion regarding federal funds being used for federal projects.

Council Member Brandon Thueson wanted to clarify that he has not lost any confidence in the Police Department in regards to the law suit and he thinks this is a common feeling throughout the city. The citizens and other jurisdictions still

have confidence in the Central Point Police Department regardless of what is said in the media.

Council Member Tanea Browning:

- She has been working on the Freedom Festival and advertising.
- Visited with the Quarter Horse Association and working with them on future events to share what Central Point has to offer.
- Attended an RVCOG where they had a SHAKE Alert training. They are working on a pilot program regarding what to do during an earthquake.

Council Member Allen Broderick attended Greeters at the bank.

XII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Parks and Public Works Director Matt Samitore reported that the company that we hired to do the rail crossing has started pulling out of the state of Oregon. All their staff that were working on the rail crossing have been pulled off the project. It has been a difficult week trying to figure out where we are with the paperwork that needs to be submitted in order to get the project going. We have lost at least 6 weeks of construction during the height of the construction period. It does not look like the project will begin this year. We are still trying to get the project to move forward but it does not look good for beginning this year.

Police Chief Kris Allison reported that:

- There was a fatal accident at the Pilot Station yesterday. It is still under investigation but there does not seem to be any intent on the part of the bus driver. It was a very tragic accident for the people on the bus.
- They had a meeting with Matt Sampson with the Sparrow Club. The Central Point Police and Fire District No. 3 will be partnering to sponsor a sparrow. This will not be using any city funds, but will allow the staff opportunities to help raise money for a Central Point Child.
- Working on a grant for two policing positions. If successful it will come back to the Council for further approval.
- The City is sponsoring an ALICE Training for Active Shooter response. This will be required for City Employees. Council members are welcome to attend.
- Last week was Kris Allison week in the Police Department. She is doing fine even with all the media coverage regarding the law suit. She is overwhelmed by the support of the Police Department members and she wanted the Council to know she is handling this just fine.

Community Development Director Tom Humphrey reported that:

- People continue to want to come to Central Point. The east side of town has all kinds of activity going on. We have entertained interest for the three corners at Hamrick and Pine.
- We are expecting to see more action on White Hawk subdivision. The reports are done for the arsenic issue in that area. There is also interest in property next to it.
- We should be seeing activity on the CP-3 expansion.

- There is interest in removing the old Saxbury Building and constructing two new buildings in its place. We have seen a pre application for this location.
- There will be a Citizens Advisory Committee meeting on July 11th. The Planning Commission was moved to July 18th because of the holiday.

City Attorney Sydnee Dreyer reported that:

- She hopes to continue to work with both Chris Clayton and Kris Allison for a long time.
- The City has received a letter regarding the property on Bush Street. There are other liens on the property which may change the way we move forward with the foreclosure. There may not be any money left after the property sells because we are way down the line in regards to the other liens. We have not sent out the notice of foreclosure yet. The plus is that hopefully new owners would clean up the property and the city would not be responsible for that. There is also some confusion if this is a municipal court judgement or a justice court judgement which will determine how we proceed.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

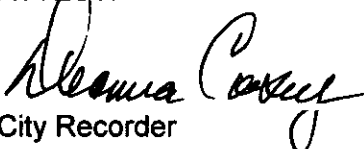
Brandon Thueson moved to adjourn, Mike Quilty seconded, all said "aye" and the Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

The foregoing minutes of the June 29, 2017, Council meeting were approved by the City Council at its meeting of July 27, 2017.

Dated: 7/27/17


Mayor Hank Williams

ATTEST:


City Recorder