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Warrenton City Commission
Regular Meeting – February 28, 2017
6:00 p.m.
Warrenton City Hall - Commission Chambers
225 S. Main
Warrenton, OR 97146

Mayor Kujala called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and then led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Mark Kujala, Tom Dyer, Henry Balensifer, Pam Ackley and Rick Newton

Staff Present: City Manager Linda Engbretson, Police Chief Mathew Workman, Police Officer Robert Wirt, Community Development Director Skip Urling, Finance Director April Clark and Deputy City Recorder Dawne Shaw

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Ackley welcomed everyone and noted there was a Way to Wellville forum last week and gave a brief update.

Commissioner Balensifer welcomed everyone and gave an update on what is going on in legislature.

Mayor Kujala noted he will attend a Town Hall meeting this Friday in Tillamook to talk about Senate Bill 5530, which will provide \$11 million for statewide levee improvements.

Commissioner Dyer welcomed everyone and gave Kudos to the Fire Department for the good job on the recent house fire, noting they saved the house from being totally destroyed.

Commissioner Newton welcomed everyone and expressed his sympathies to Craig Walters for the recent house fire.

City Manager Engbretson stated the work session on Measure 4-181 measure has been moved to March 14th due to conflicts and noted the emergency operations plan work session will now be on March 28th. She also noted there will be a brief executive session tonight, after the regular meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Commission Town Hall Minutes – 1.05.17
- B. City Commission Work Session Minutes – 1.24.17
- C. City Commission Meeting Regular Minutes – 2.14.17

- D. Community Center Advisory Board Minutes – Nov. 2016
- E. Monthly Finance Dept. Report – Jan. 2017
- F. Police Dept. Monthly Statistics – Jan. 2017

Commissioner Balensifer made the motion to approve the consent calendar as presented. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Kujala – aye; Balensifer – aye; Ackley – aye; Dyer – aye; Newton – aye

BUSINESS

Mayor Kujala there was an outreach from Jason Schermerhorn, Chief of Police of Cannon Beach; they are looking for people to serve on the Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC). The PSCC is an advisory board to the County Commission that makes recommendations regarding the use of state resources to serve the local offender population. He noted Commissioner Rick Newton has offered to serve on the advisory board.

Commissioner Balensifer made the motion to appoint Commissioner Rick Newton to serve on the PSCC. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Kujala – aye; Balensifer – aye; Ackley – aye; Dyer – aye; Newton – aye

Chief Workman presented Resolution No. 2476, a budget resolution for the Police K9 donations. Chief Workman stated it is time to start taking action with the donation funds, so it is necessary to do a budget amendment and create revenue and expenditure line items. Mayor Kujala asked Officer Wirt to give an update on the status. Officer Wirt stated they got a 2 year old German shepherd, which is currently training with trainer John Eckardt for the next 3-4 weeks. He gave a brief history on the trainer and explained the training process. Officer Wirt noted the dog has been named “Gabe” in honor of former Warrenton Police Officer Jim Gaebel, and stated he will bring the dog to a Commission meeting in approximately 2 months.

Commissioner Balensifer made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2476; *Amending the current budget to receive the unanticipated revenue from the donations to the Police K9 program and the subsequent expenditures associated with the K9 program.* Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Kujala – aye; Balensifer – aye; Ackley – aye; Dyer – aye; Newton – aye

City Manager Engbretson noted we have received \$15,000 in donations for the K9 program.

Community Development Director Skip Urling presented an update on the nuisance at 1058 NW Warrenton Drive. He noted the property was declared a nuisance in January and the occupant and owner were notified. Mr. Urling noted the occupant, Mr. Bork, has filed a protest, which gives him another opportunity to present his case. Mr. Urling stated Mr. Bork was notified of this meeting and requested the record show that Mr. Bork is not in attendance. He stated he is

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looking for direction on how aggressive the Commission would like staff to be. Commissioner Balensifer noted it has been declared a nuisance and the discussion continued on the hazards, the vehicles and their registration status. Commissioner Dyer suggested having the State tag them as abandoned on the right of way and then they can be towed. Mayor Kujala opened the discussion up to the public.

Norm Hoxsey, who lives in Alder Creek Village noted due to junk cars and double parking, he cannot see when trying to exit the development and into traffic, and stated something needs to be done. He stated the nuisance code should be followed up and people should be forced to get rid of junk. He also noted there is a lot of junk on S. Main and it ruins the downtown area. Mr. Hoxsey stated he and his neighbors have complained in the past and he came to the meeting to see that something gets done about it. Chief Workman clarified the city can only do one at a time and he has spoken to people about the double parking. Mr. Hoxsey noted it has not gotten better.

Greg O'Claray noted other nuisances around the area, and stated they are an eye sore and a threat to public safety. He noted the lack of visibility due to parked vehicles in the right of way and would like the city to be aggressive. He noted the nuisance property looks better but it has not improved the line of sight.

The Commission continued to discuss the options. Community Development Director Urling stated he will take Commissioner Dyer's suggestion to have the state tag the vehicles and if they are not moved, they will get towed. Brief discussion continued and the Commission gave Mr. Urling all the necessary tools to move forward. Mayor Kujala noted Mr. Hoxsey brought up a good point regarding the other nuisances around the city and would like start the process to identify the problem properties.

Commissioner Balensifer made the motion that per WMC 8.16.170, the Commission reaffirms that a nuisance still exists at 1058 NW Warrenton Drive and the appeal is denied. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Kujala – aye; Balensifer – aye; Ackley – aye; Dyer – aye; Newton – aye

PUBLIC COMMENT


Scott Widdicombe asked for clarification on where the nuisance vehicles go after begin towed. The Commission clarified that the towing company would take them to their impound yard.

Jim Ray stated the recycling area, across from the Post Office “looks like a disaster”, and Mayor Kujala noted there is a project to improve that area but it was placed on hold due to budgeting. City Manager Engbretson stated she would discuss the matter with Public Works.

There being no further business Mayor Kujala adjourned the regular meeting at 6:38 p.m., and announced an executive session, under the authority of ORS 192.660(2)(h); *to consult with counsel considering the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation*

or litigation likely to be filed. He stated the Commission is not expected to return to regular session to take action on any item considered in the executive session.

APPROVED:



Mark Kujala, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dawne Shaw, Deputy City Recorder