

Rivergrove City Council Meeting Minutes July 8, 2019

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL The meeting was called to order at the Lloyd Minor Part, in Rivergrove, Oregon at 7:04 p.m.

Present: Mayor Williams, Council President Brenda Ruble, Councilors Dave Pierce, Bill Tuttle and Jeff Williams. Also present, City Planner Matt Straite, City Manager/City Recorder John A. Leuthauser, Multiple citizens some of whom are not signed into the attendance sheet.

Carolyn Bahrman; 4870 Dogwood, In, Rivergrove, OR

Commented that the Heritage Park needs to be cut more often or sooner than before because due to the high growth of the foliage it could have been a disaster should a fire have broken out. Other people from the audience spoke without identification – some on the Council spoke as well without identification. She recognized that it is and should stay a nature park.

Arne Nyberg, 5638 Dogwood Dr, Rivergrove, OR

Mr. Nyberg stated that fountains are on and that the repairs have been done. The water irrigation system will be turned on before the Ice Cream Social.

Mike Salch, 5255 Childs Road, Rivergrove, Oregon.

Asked about the new vehicle tax would affect revenue to the City of Rivergrove and what the formula would be as the tax is starting to be implemented.

Council President Ruble requested that there be a discussion regarding parks. Mayor Williams moved Council Reports to the front of the queue.

COUNCILOR'S REPORT

1. Councilor Williams, Transportation

Looking at costs for signs and additional information

2. Councilor Pierce, Parks

Councilor Pierce stated that the Heritage Park was mowed twice and that the sprinklers are now working.

Council President Ruble stated that she had a guest who did a presentation with slides about nature parks surrounded by parks. The parks have a lot of volunteers working on the parks and the meadow/prairie and the guest stressed mowing to manage non-native fauna. There is a large thistle problem. When there is a full moon and the thistle is in bloom that is the best way to organically control the thistles. She stated that the second person to mow did a better job. The City Manager reported that the first mower charged \$120 more than the second one. Mayor Williams said that the first cut was due to extremely high fauna. The second mower removed product, better attention to detail, edges, did a better job. Council President requested the same (second) mower be used again. Councilor Tuttle asked about recognizing the new bench at Lloyd Minor Park. Mayor Williams thanked Arne Nyberg. City Manager Leuthauser asked about a possible grant for \$100,000 that could be used for parks, transportation or other?

3. Council President Ruble, Giving

Council President Ruble asked the mayor about giving and how King City raised funds to build a \$1.1 million dollar city hall. The Mayor if King City is willing to share information and how the city did the fund raising. King City worked with Comcast and telecom information, how the city identifies itself and how to present the city of Rivergrove. Mayor Williams wants to leverage the

ideas in King City. He would like the entire Council to work together to determine how to leverage the information available to small communities for public outreach and information.

4. Councilor Tuttle, Land Use

Councilor Tuttle asked the City Manager to address the land use re-write. An intern has been hired and will meet with the City Planner and the City Manager.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Approval of the May Minutes and May Financials, moved by Councilor Tuttle and seconded by Council President Ruble, passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1 Discussion of the us of the City of Portland's list of "Noxious and Undesirable trees.

There was a brief discussion with Councilor Pierce stating that as an interim measure that the City of Rivergrove would use the City of Portland's Noxious and Undesirable tree list until the tree committee affirms or presents an alternative

2. Discussion regarding the need for council rules to be created and presented;

There was a discussion and consensus for the City Manager to research and prepared council rules for the council's discussion. Mayor Williams, Council President Ruble and Councilor Pierce commented that there was a need for Council Rules of some kind.

3. There was discussion regarding creation of Administrative Rules.

There was a discussion about the need for Administrative Rules for the City of Rivergrove. The City Manager presented research done so far and how other small communities handled the issue as well as somewhat larger cities. There was discussion between the Councilors, some of whom could not be recognized and there was a consensus to have a proposal brought forward.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

There was no planning commission meeting the previous week and nothing to present.

CITY MANAGER/CITY RECORDER'S REPORT

There was no formal City Manager/City Recorder's report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:13pm the City Council went into executive Session pursuant to Oregon Revised Statues 192.660, i) (From the Oregon Revised Statues, ORS 192.660: To review and evaluate the employment-related matters of a city employee.

ADJOURNMENT

The City council left executive session and resumed public meeting. It was moved to adjourn by Councilor Pierce and seconded by Councilor Tuttle. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 9:11pm