

Council Present:

Mike Anderson
Bob Hooker
A.J. O'Connell

Jack Gradle
Jean McKittrick
Jane Vincent

Staff Present:

Mark Shrives
Roberta Tharp
Shelley Humble
Steve Dobrinich

City Administrator
City Recorder
Airport Manager
RARE Intern

Council Absent:: Bill McCoy

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Audience: 23

The regular scheduled City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Bob Hooker at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Hooker excused Councilor Bill McCoy from this evenings meeting.

Sanipac Survey Presentation – Scott Johnson

Scott Johnson from Sanipac addressed the Council to present the results of the Creswell Sanipac Customer Survey on Yard Debris. Mr. Johnson said on March 2, 2012, Sanipac mailed out one thousand twenty seven surveys to the Creswell Sanipac customers. Thirty three percent or three hundred thirty nine yard debris surveys were completed and returned to Sanipac. The results of the survey show that currently fifty percent of customers put yard debris in their trash container, and twenty one percent have put bags of yard debris outside the cart for collection within the past year. Of the returned surveys, fifty seven percent say they would have a use for the yard debris program, but only thirty eight percent would be willing to pay for the service if they didn't have a need for it. The survey asked what customers currently do with their yard debris and thirty five percent said they compost it, forty six percent put it in the trash cart, seventeen percent burn it and thirty two percent have it hauled away by a landscape service or they take it to the county transfer site or another recycling center.

Mr. Johnson explained that by adding the yard debris program for \$3.65 a month, customers will be able to decrease the size of their trash container which will result in a savings of \$4.15 to \$5.55 per month for their garbage service.

There are currently sixty five Oregon City's that offer yard debris as a part of curbside garbage service. In 2004 when Veneta began their yard debris service they were diverting two hundred forty one tons of yard debris from the landfill, today it has raised to three hundred seventy three tons annually.

A discussion ensued regarding the possibility of yard debris being an optional service instead of making customers who wouldn't use the service pay for it anyway. Mr. Johnson said Sanipac has looked at that option but you reach a point where the cost of the program outweighs the benefit of it and it then seems you are penalizing those who want that service. He said to make a program like that work, you would need some subsidizing on the overall rate to keep the subscription rate low enough to where it is viable enough so that people will use it. Springfield's program is offered in that manner.

Further discussion continued regarding putting the yard debris on a subscription basis during the peak time of the year. Mr. Johnson said the disposal cost during peak season is high and by keeping a stable subscription rate it helps offset those costs.

The council gave their consensus to have Mark Shrives work with Scott Johnson to create three options; the current rate, the yard debris program included in the garbage service, and an optional service, laying out the costs and benefits of each option and bring them to the May meeting for Council to make a decision.

Correspondence

No comments were given on the Correspondence

Public Forum

Charlene and Martin Neff residing at 444 North 1st Street, Creswell, Oregon addressed the Council to speak in opposition of the Yard Debris Program proposed by Sanipac.

Anne O'Connell residing at 98 North 7th Street, Creswell, Oregon addressed the Council to speak in support of Councilor A.J. O'Connell.

Consent Calendar

Jack Gradle moved Jean McKittrick seconded to approve the consent calendar as presented. Voted on and carried unanimously.

Airport

No Airport Items on the Agenda

Public Works

No Public Works Items on the Agenda

City Administration

Administrators Report – Mark Shrives

Mark Shrives asked RARE Intern Steve Dobrinich to give the Council a brief update on the April 19th Earth Day Celebration. Mr. Dobrinich said the planning for the 3rd annual celebration is going very well and passed out a copy of the master schedule for the day. Students from Creswell School District and the Creswell Christian School in the third, fifth and seventh grades will be participating in this year's celebration and a team of high school students will lead some of the events.

Mr. Dobrinich named a few of the organizations that will be participating in the Earth Day celebration:

Coast Fork of the Willamette Watershed Council	NW Youth Corps
Sanipac	Electrathon America
Emerald People's Utility District	Cascade Raptor Center
Bring Recycling	Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
Blue Sky Design	Lane Velos
MECCA – Material Exchange Center for Community Arts	

The event begins at 9:00 am and runs through the day until 3:00 pm at Garden Lake Park. Mr. Dobrinich invited the Council to attend the Tree City USA presentation taking place at 12:05 pm.

Mark Shrives said he is trying to schedule a follow up meeting with the Creswell School Board to discuss moving forward in developing a partnership with Willamalane Parks and Recreation District. In speaking with Todd Hamilton, Creswell School District Superintendent, they are finding it difficult to schedule a meeting time where there aren't any conflicts. Mr. Shrives and Mr. Hamilton would like propose that they schedule a meeting with RARE Intern Steve Dobrinich and Jason Genck from Willamalane to discuss some potential outcomes of the developing partnership. During that meeting they will discuss the possibility of setting up a joint City Council/School Board committee that could meet and begin discussions to determine if there is a need for public participation on the committee. After the initial meeting they will bring the information back to their respective boards and a proposal to form a joint committee.

A suggestion was made in regards to the possibility of rejuvenating the Parks Advisory Board. Mr. Shrives said the City and Willamalane will be offering Movies in the Park again this summer but doesn't know the status of the summer lunch/play days program. Steve Dobrinich said Willamalane has recently sent out a flyer offering yoga, dance, art, cooking and martial arts classes in Creswell.

Airport Commission Appointment

Bob Hooker moved Jean McKittrick seconded to appoint Sid Voorhees to fill the vacancy on the Creswell Airport Commission until the term expires December 31, 2015. Voted on and carried unanimously.

Budget Committee Members Appointment

Jean McKittrick moved Mike Anderson seconded to appoint Tim Bonn to fill the vacancy on the Budget Committee for the term expiring December 31, 2013 and Holly Campbell and Keith Morgan to fill the two vacancies on the Budget Committee until those terms expire on December 31, 2014. Voted on and carried unanimously.

Clerk's Report – A report was not given

City Councilor Requests/Future Agenda Item

A. Previous Requests

i. Community Orchard – Mike Anderson

Mike Anderson reported that he and Councilor McKittrick met with Todd Hamilton, School Superintendent and a representative from Creslane Elementary who is currently working on a school garden. The school has asked Councilors Anderson and McKittrick to join forces with them in providing care for the garden. Mr. Anderson said the school has received a \$5,000 grant for a watering system they are working on and could use some help paying for water until they get the system up and running; they are currently catching the runoff rain water from the roof. Mr. Anderson said he is going to form a small committee consisting of himself, Councilor McKittrick and Tim Bonn and the committee will purchase fruit trees for planting and help the school pay for water. After the trees are planted and growing, the school will provide classes to the children and the community on how to prune and care for the trees. Mr. Anderson asked to have his request for a Community Orchard be withdrawn.

ii. Training for the Mayor and City Council – Jane Vincent

Mr. Shrives provided a cost analysis for a Council training session from the League of Oregon Cities as directed during the March meeting. Jane Vincent said this training is not what she had in mind and would like to go back to her original proposal that the Council brings in a mediator to resolve the dysfunctional conflict amongst Council and Mayor. Mayor Hooker read the approved minutes from the March 12th meeting where Councilor Vincent moved to have Mark Shrives bring a cost analysis to the April 9th meeting for Council training from the League of Oregon Cities, and the motion passed six to one.

A discussion ensued that this training would not provide the type of service as originally proposed and the possibility of finding another entity that has experience and could provide training in local government.

Mayor Hooker polled the Council and the consensus was to table the proposal for the April meeting, direct Mark Shrives to look for one or two other options for training/mediation and report back at the May meeting.

iii. Executive Session for Update on Part 16 Complaint – Jane Vincent

Mark Shrives said the City's Aviation Attorney was not available to take part in a meeting this evening but is available to meet on April 16, 2012. Mr. Shrives provided the Council with an update to the Part 16 Complaint filed by Urban Moore of Eugene Skydivers.

- Upon receiving the Part 16 complaint, the City had to provide an answer to the FAA within thirty days
- The City applied for and received a fifteen day extension to the initial thirty days and the answer was filed within that allotted time.
- A rebuttal to the City's answer was submitted to the FAA by the Eugene Skydivers attorney
- The City was then allowed to submit a rebuttal to the Eugene Skydivers rebuttal
- As it currently stands, all the documents have been filed and it has gone to the FAA director to make a determination.

Mr. Shrives said he received a copy of all the filed documents earlier today and they are available for review at City Hall. Unless someone has some specific questions for the attorney, he sees no reason for an executive session.

Jane Vincent said she had proposed to utilize services offered for mediation on the Part 16 Complaint and would like to go back to her original proposal for options. Mr. Shrives said there is nothing left to happen, we have filed all of the City's answers according to the timeline provided by the FAA and are now waiting for a determination.

A discussion ensued regarding a date for an executive session, what is left to do on the Part 16 Complaint and the aviation attorney would need to be the one to answer any questions the Council may have.

Jane Vincent moved A.J. O'Connell seconded to have an executive session to talk with the aviation attorney from Denver, Colorado. The motion failed with Councilors Anderson, Gradle, McKittrick and Hooker voting in opposition and Councilors O'Connell and Vincent voting in favor.

B. New Requests

i. Bike Lane Visibility Improvements – A.J. O’Connell

A.J. O’Connell submitted a two part Bike Lane Visibility Improvement Project for the Council’s review and consideration. The first part of the project would be to continue bike lane striping through intersections on Oregon Avenue from 3rd Street to Emerald Parkway. The second part of the proposal is to paint bright green fill in the bike lanes at the corners of Oregon Avenue and South Front Street and Oregon Avenue and the Northbound I-5 interchange.

Bob Hooker asked Mark Shrives to explain which of these streets are in the city’s jurisdiction and which are controlled by Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). Mr. Shrives explained that 3rd Street to Front Street on Oregon Avenue is within the city’s jurisdiction and the striping of the bike lanes is an annual maintenance project for Public Works. As far as the continued striping through the intersection, Mr. Shrives said he will have to do some research to determine if that is possible or why they didn’t include it when they did the Oregon Avenue Street project. ODOT has jurisdiction from Front Street to Emerald Parkway and since we are in the middle of the IAMP (Interchange Area Management Plan) that might be the place for us to look at this proposal.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposal being continuous striping of bicycle lanes through intersections on Oregon Avenue and green fill being applied at the large intersections. Bob Hooker said he is not opposed to the striping but suggested tabling this discussion until May and having Mark Shrives contact ODOT to determine whether or not striping is allowed in intersections. The next time the council meets to discuss the IAMP with ODOT would be the proper time to bring forward the proposal from Front Street to Emerald Valley.

Mike Anderson said he would like to see the project expanded to include 5th Street to Front Street along Oregon Avenue.

A.J. O’Connell provided pictures of intersections in Eugene that showed bicycle lane striping through intersections and also pointed out that the intersections of Emerald Parkway and also 7th and “A” Street in Creswell already contain striping. Mr. O’Connell said the striping will increase the visibility of cyclist to motorists, the fill will make motorists more aware of bicycle traffic, and with the price of gasoline it may help to increase alternate forms of transportation within the city.

Discussion continued regarding Mark Shrives contacting ODOT to verify bicycle lane striping in intersections would be allowed and if this project could be worked into the IAMP for the section of Oregon Avenue east of Front Street to the I-5 interchange. If the proposal is moved forward it was suggested to bring back a cost analysis to include the bike lanes from 5th Street to 3rd Street as well as from 3rd Street to Oregon Avenue.

A.J. O’Connell moved Jean McKittrick seconded to direct Mark Shrives to contact ODOT regarding the Bicycle Lane Visibility Improvement proposal and to provide at the May council meeting, a cost analysis. Voted on and carried unanimously.

Upcoming Meetings

April 16 & 17, 2012 – “Every 15 Minutes” Program – Creswell High School
April 19, 2012 – Earth Day Celebration – Garden Lake Park

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the council, Mayor Bob Hooker adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM.


Roberta J Tharp, City Recorder


Robert A. Hooker, Mayor