

Council Present:

Holly Campbell
Brent Gifford
Dave Stram

Jacob Daniels
Adam Pelatt
Jane Vincent

Staff Present:

Michelle Amberg
Roberta Tharp
Layli Nichols
Madeline Phillips
Scott Denham

City Administrator
City Recorder
Finance Director
RARE Intern
Lane County
Sherriff Deputy

Council Absent: 0

Press: 1 – Carolanne Sudderth – Creswell Chronicle

Audience: 15

The Special City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Stram at 6:04 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Mayor Stram announced Councilor Gifford's absence as an unexcused absence. Mr. Gifford was running late and joined the meeting at 6:18 pm.

Public Forum –

Norm Few, addressed the Council to speak in favor of passing the Medical Marijuana Dispensary Moratorium.

Mayors Report

Larry Patterson Appreciation Presentation

Mayor Stram presented Larry Patterson an appreciation plaque for his time served as Interim City Administrator from September 2013 to February 2014 in Creswell.

Tree Board Appointment

With unanimous Council consent, Mayor Stram appointed Thomas Grace to the Tree Board. The term ending date for this appointment is December 31, 2016.

Tree City USA Proclamation

Mayor Stram read and the Council issued their unanimous consent of an Arbor Day Proclamation and Mayor Stram extended an invitation for everyone to attend the Earth Day Celebration tomorrow at Garden Lake Park.

Ordinance 478 – Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Facilities and Declaring An Emergency (Second Reading)

Mayor Stram announced this is the second reading of Ordinance 478. A discussion on the Medical Marijuana Dispensary Moratorium was held during the March 31st work session and the first reading Ordinance 478 took place at the April 7, 2014 meeting. Mayor Stram asked for any further Council discussion of this item.

Councilor Daniels urged his fellow Councilors to vote with him against the moratorium. He went on to say Cottage Grove, Veneta, Springfield, and the Lane County Commissioners voted to table the moratorium and if the Ordinance is adopted it will make Creswell look anti-business.

Councilor Vincent reiterated the Library staff is concerned for the children who visit the library. The schools have a thousand foot buffer in which dispensaries cannot be located. The moratorium will provide the City the opportunity to review issues such as dispensary placement near the library. She also reminded everyone the moratorium doesn't necessarily mean the City has to take a whole year to review this topic; if they complete their review at any time before May 1, 2015 they can lift the moratorium.

Councilor Campbell and Pelatt asked to have Lane County Sheriff's Deputy Scott Denham speak to this issue.

In response to Councilor Campbell's question about crime, Deputy Denham revealed the biggest issue from law enforcement standpoint is "It's not the folks who purchase the marijuana, it's the people who are on the outside of

the business. One issue with the law is the only person required to have a background check is the owner of the business. Any employee below that person is not required to go through any type of background check.”

In response to Councilor Daniels question, Deputy Denham noted there are currently growers within the City of Creswell and he assumes they are licensed through the State. When asked about crimes involving growers and dispensaries, Deputy Denham reminded the Council of the attempted robbery and shooting based on medical marijuana within the city limits last year.

Discussion ensued about dispensaries depositing their proceeds in the bank or keeping large sums of money on hand. Councilor Gifford replied because banks are governed by Federal Law they cannot accept funds from any marijuana growers or dispensaries.

Michelle Amberg reported she was contacted by Lloyd and Diane Safley, Creswell residents asking to be on record, urging the Council to vote no on Ordinance 478.

Mayor Stram commented he doesn't feel it is the position of Creswell being viewed as anti-business. The construction site of the new Dairy Queen east of the freeway has constructed a sign inviting everyone to their Grand Opening in July and thanking the City of Creswell for welcoming them to Creswell. The moratorium will provide time to gather input from the community and try to understand the potential impact it will have.

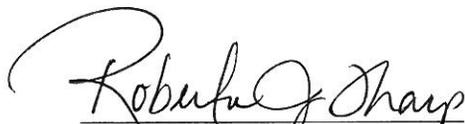
Adam Pelatt read Ordinance 478 by title and moved Jane Vincent seconded the City Council adopt Ordinance 478 Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Facilities Within the City of Creswell and Declaring An Emergency. Voted on and motion carries with Councilors Campbell, Pelatt, Vincent, Gifford and Mayor Stram voting in favor and Councilor Daniels voting in opposition.

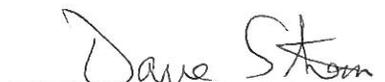
Supplemental Budget: Building Department Revenues/Fees

Ms. Amberg reported staff will be bringing a supplemental budget to the May meeting for Council approval and would like to provide the Council an opportunity to ask any questions they may have at this time. There were no questions from the Council.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the council, Mayor Stram adjourned the Special meeting at 6:39 pm.


Roberta J Tharp, City Recorder


Dave Stram, Mayor