

# COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

## July 26, 2010

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0:00 **DATE** COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, CITY OF WOODBURN, COUNTY OF MARION, STATE OF OREGON, JULY 26, 2010.

**CONVENED** The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Figley presiding.

### **ROLL CALL**

Mayor	Figley	Present
Councilor	Cox	Present
Councilor	Lonergan	Present
Councilor	McCallum	Present
Councilor	Morris	Present
Councilor	Pugh	Present
Councilor	Schmidt	Present

**Staff Present:** City Administrator Derickson, City Attorney Shields, Police Chief Russell, Police Captain Alexander, Police Captain Garrett, Public Works Director Brown, Economic & Community Development Director Hendryx, Finance Director Palacios, City Recorder Shearer.

0:01 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Please join us for the 47<sup>th</sup> annual Woodburn Fiesta Mexicana at Legion Park from August 6-8. The event will highlight authentic Mexican food, great music and entertainment, soccer tournaments, a parade, and the first ever “Kids Zone” featuring inflatables, arts and crafts activities, and exciting games. Be sure to attend Friday evening, as the Fiesta Queen and the rest of the Court will be coronated during a ceremony at the main stage.
- B. The Mayor introduced Robyn Stowers, the new Community Relations Officer.

0:02 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Woodburn School District – Superintendent David Bautista provided his first report as Superintendent of the Woodburn School District. He talked about the Small Schools initiative.

0:04 **BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Nancy Kirksey commended the City on it’s support of the Fiesta Mexicana. Richard Jennings had a request that Council speak into the microphones for the benefit of the viewers at home.

0:05 **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. approve the Woodburn City Council minutes of July 12, 2010;
  - B. accept the Woodburn Park and Recreation Board minutes of July 13, 2010; and
  - C. accept the Woodburn Library Board minutes of July 14, 2010
- McCallum/Cox...** adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

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0:07 **PUBLIC HEARING – WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM DISINFECTION PROJECT**

Public Works Director Brown, accompanied by members of the project team, provided a staff report on the Water Supply Disinfection Project and some background on the current conditions of the City Water supply. Melinda Friedman of Confluence Engineering Group provided a presentation (included by reference) and answered clarifying and technical questions posed by Council.

0:46 Mayor Figley invited those members of the audience in favor of disinfection to address Council. Robert Hayes, of 612 North Cascade Woodburn, stated that he is fully in favor of disinfecting. Nancy Kirksey of 1049 McKinley St., Woodburn, commented on the length of time it has taken to disinfect the water and believes the City needs to move forward with disinfection due to the large number of children and elderly. Elizabeth Waite of 2665 Roanoke, Woodburn, researched chloramines and is concerned about the residual byproducts which she believes cannot be removed from the water in the same way as chlorine by chemically sensitive people, but is generally in favor of disinfection. Richard Jennings of 595 Filbert, Woodburn was previously opposed to disinfection but has changed his mind with additional information and assurances that filtration devices will be made available to those with medical issues resulting from disinfection.

0:56 Mayor Figley invited those members of the audience opposed to disinfection to address Council. Don VanVeldhuizen of 1287 Bernard Dr. spoke in favor of disinfection but opposes chlorination and provided examples that support the greater effectiveness of chlorine versus chlorination. Kristen Berkey of 503 Young St. appreciated the opportunity for the citizens of Woodburn to speak and had questions such as: What are the health risks? How will the public be notified of the project and its impacts? What is the cost of replacing the distribution system? What is the city's program for filtration for persons with medical need?

Melinda Friedman returned to the podium to address the questions posed by the public. She reviewed the differences between chlorine and chloramine for secondary disinfection. The equipment being proposed would work for either chlorine or chloramine. She discussed the devices available to remove the chlorine & chloramines from the water. City Administrator Derickson discussed the proposed program to provide filtration to people with documented medical needs. He also noted that no other City in Oregon has such a program. Dan Brown addressed the distribution system replacement question by estimating the cost of wholesale replacement exceeding a billion dollars. He also noted that replacement would not permanently address the problem; the biofilm would eventually reappear.

Kevin Kenagy, of 251 N 3<sup>rd</sup> St asked about the differences between professional opinions regarding chloramine and chlorine and asked for clarification of the health risks and the proposed program for filtration.



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Melinda Friedman reviewed the few scientifically documented potential health risks, including cancer, and noted that these risks were associated with exposures much higher than is being proposed for the City Disinfection project, and would exceed safe drinking water standards. She stated that this is an area of continuing research by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Public Works Director Brown discussed the public information program which will include numerous town halls and water bill inserts. Orlando Lopez, of 1249 McKinley St, was concerned with the communication/education programs and hopes that the city will explore alternative means to get information out to the public.

1:37 The Mayor closed the public hearing. The Council discussed the testimony received and the information provided by staff and the project team. Councilor Schmidt talked about the damage that earthquakes can cause to a distribution system. He thinks the City should proceed with putting in a secondary disinfection system and decide between chlorination and chlorination later.

Councilor Cox feels the hearing today was worthwhile due to the significance of the issue and its potential impact on the public. He recognizes that there are people that are opposed to disinfection due to potential health risks, but does not believe convincing scientific evidence of adverse health risk has been provided. He discussed his research into chlorination which leads him to conclude that there are no known adverse long term health effects associated with drinking water applications of chloramine.

Councilor McCallum stated that decisions have to be made based on the best information available at the time. The future may bring additional, differing, or contrary information, but decisions cannot be delayed waiting for that information. He thinks it is time to move on and rely on the information provided by the experts and act expediently. He agrees that extensive notification and education is necessary to inform the public.

Councilor Pugh agreed with Councilor McCallum, and expressed that he thought there would be greater turnout for the hearing. He feels that the Council have invested a great deal of time and effort in researching the issue and does not feel that anyone is dodging responsibility for the decision. He also supports extensive notification and education efforts.

Councilor Lonergan continues to support moving forward immediately and appreciates the efforts of staff to provide the clarification and information

Councilor Morris stated that he made his decision long ago, and continued to review all of the information provided. He indicated readiness to move forward with the project expediently.

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Council asked staff about next steps and City Administrator Derickson stated that staff was planning on bringing the equipment contract award presented at the July 12, 2010 meeting to the first meeting in August. Council and the Mayor expressed a desire to move ahead with the purchase of equipment immediately.

2:10     **COUNCIL BILL NO. 2835 – AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING CERTAIN LOCAL INCENTIVES FOR BUSINESSES WITHIN THE WOODBURN ENTERPRSE ZONE.**

**McCallum** introduced Council Bill No. 2835. Recorder Shearer read the bill by title only since there were no objections from the Council. On roll call vote for final passage, the bill passed unanimously. Mayor Figley declared Council Bill No. 2835 duly passed.

2:11     **PROPOSAL FOR LEASE OF MARKED POLICE VEHICLES**

**Cox/McCallum...** Council, acting as local contract review board, accept the proposal from Auto Additions for police vehicle leasing services in the amount of \$33,354.75 annually for three years. The motion passed unanimously.

2:17     **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

A. E-Blurb was issued last week.

2:17     **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

- Mayor Figley appreciates the work of the Public Works, Parks, and Police departments for their assistance with the Basset Waddle & Games events.

Mayor Figley recessed the meeting briefly while staff prepared for the following agenda item. Upon reconvening, **Cox/McCallum...** add the equipment purchase authorization to the agenda as item 11 C. The motion passed unanimously.

2:19     **CONTRACT AWARD FOR ON-SITE SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE GENERATION EQUIPMENT – WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM DISINFECTION**

**Cox/Pugh...** Council, acting as Local Contract Review Board, award a contract to MIOX Corporation for the purchase of on-site sodium hypochlorite generation equipment for \$407,602. The motion passed unanimously.

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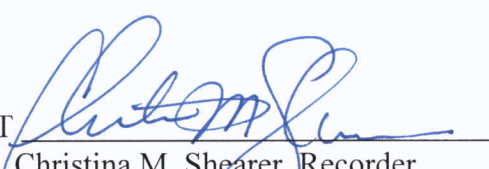
**ADJOURNMENT**

**McCallum/Lonergan...**meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously.  
The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

APPROVED

  
KATHRYN FIGLEY, MAYOR

ATTEST

  
Christina M. Shearer, Recorder  
City of Woodburn, Oregon