

MINUTES OF ELGIN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Meeting Date: September 22nd, 2015

Call to order: A regular meeting of the Elgin City Council was held at Elgin City Hall, Elgin, Oregon on September 22nd, 2015. The meeting convened at 19:00, Mayor Allan Duffy presiding.

Members in attendance: Mayor Duffy, Councilors Linville, Miles, Richards, Warren, Burgess and Shaffer. Recorder/Administrator Eckstein.

Members not in attendance:

Revision of Agenda: None

Approval of minutes: Motion was made by Councilor Linville to accept the minutes from regular council meetings August 11th, 2015 and September 8th, 2015. Councilor Warrens Seconds, all in favor, motion carries.

Citizen Complaints/Concerns: No updates on current complaints, no new complaints.

Old Business

Parking Lot on N 8th (Highway 204): Still in negotiations with land owners to make the project happen.

New Business

Forming Hiring Committee's for Clerk 2 and Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator: Administrator Eckstein said per the City's newly adopted policy manual, for each new position there needed to be a hiring committee formed that recommends a hire to the council. He recommended that the committees come from the established committee's each position comes from. Some concern was voiced from the audience that a person for the Clerk 2 position was already there and it was a done deal. It was explained this was not the case and that the hiring procedure would be done per the policy manual. Councilor Linville made a motion to form the hiring committees, Councilor Warren seconds, all in favor, motion carries.

2015 Union County Regional Housing Rehabilitation Project: Many of the councilors expressed concerns about this program. Councilor Burgess had gotten a great explanation about this program however from the County. He explained that the funds for this program would not come from the City at all, we just had to opt into the program to ensure eligible citizens living in Elgin could take advantage of the program. It would be treated much like a conventional housing improvement loan, but only available to low-income personnel. Multiple councilors made the comment that so long as they were just approving the program and NOT actual loans that people got, they would be satisfied supporting it. Councilor Warren moved to sign the agreement, Councilor Burgess seconds. All in favor, motion carries.

Resolution 1369 (2015) A Resolution Assigning Seat Numbers To Councilor Positions For Voting

Purposes: Administrator Eckstein explained that the County had contacted him asking him to present the council with a resolution changing the way a candidate would run for office. Instead of all candidates running for office and selecting the top votes, each candidate would have to specify what seat number they would like to run for. The voters would then vote for each candidate based on the seat they were running for. In essence, if two seats were open, and two candidates ran for the same

seat, the runner-up would NOT be placed in the second seat with the new policy. The council brought up that they have a hard enough time finding enough candidates to run for office, if we make it a more convoluted process it would make it even harder. After discussing both pros and cons the councilors had a general consensus that the current way citizen's vote on candidates running for councilor positions was the best option for Elgin. There was no motion made to pass the resolution.

Ordinance 178 (2015) An Ordinance Setting Fee's Associated With The Application And Renewal Of Liquor Licenses In Elgin, Oregon As Well As Updating The Reasons An Applicant Can Be Turned Down When Applying To Renew Or Apply For A Liquor License In Elgin To Reflect The Standards Recognized By The Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC): This ordinance was not presented as more research would be needed to ensure the City of Elgin would be able to pass this and have the OLCC honor it. A few of the councilors volunteered to get more information on this process from the League of Oregon Cities Convention they would be attending next week and report back. Administrator Eckstein felt that the current regulations on alcohol the City had in its Charter would not be adequate enough to meet the standards of the OLCC. Discussion on this was tabled until the next meeting.

Citizens to Speak: None

Councilor Warren motions to adjourn the meeting, Councilor Linville seconds. All in favor, motion carries.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm.



Brock Eckstein

Recorder/Administrator