



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

Zoom Conference at 6:30 P.M.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. SWEARING IN OF NEW OFFICIALS

Assistant City Manager Lori Longfellow swore in Mayor Hall, Cn. Riggs and Cn. Findling.

III. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Hall called to order the Regular City Council meeting at 6:37 p.m. Present were Council members Tim Hall, Whitey Forsman, Judy Riggs and Katie Findling. City staff present were Assistant City Manager Lori Longfellow, Administrative Assistant 2 Laura Schmidt and Fire Chief Jay Marugg. Unknown citizens were present electronically.

After calling the meeting to order Mayor Hall made the following statement:

“I would like to welcome everyone who is watching and listening to this council meeting on Zoom. In my 40-year career in public affairs and public relations, I learned that you can get a lot more accomplished when you get the advice, opinions, ideas and criticisms and cooperation from people.

As Mayor, I intend to do the same for Garibaldi. I will listen to you. I will work with the council and city administration to ensure that everyone is treated fairly. No more decisions that benefit one individual or one group, city employees will do the job that they were hired to do, and they've done a great job. With the Budget Committee, I want to conduct a review of the city's budget to make any necessary adjustments to ensure funds are properly allocated to fully support police, fire and public works. We will pay our bills on time. We will hire a new city manager who is competent and trustworthy, who works well with employees, Council and especially the public, and has no private agenda.

Working with the Planning Commission, we will revisit the city's policies around system development charges, or SDC's, to bring them in balance with comparable cities and there will be no more work to change the city's zoning code to allow unrestricted, unapproved development in the city of Garibaldi.

Finally, in my opinion, the City Council is not a team. Each member of the Council, individually, should work to serve the best interests of all of our citizens and the benefit of the entire city. From now on, it's okay for a council member to talk to a resident or business owner if there is an issue or complaint, they want the council to consider. Communication between the council members and the Mayor is going to be critical. I don't expect us to agree on everything, but I will respect the decisions of the council members and it's okay if there's a vote of four to one. What's important to me, personally, is trust, truth, transparency, cooperation, and respect.”

IV. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE

V. CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Meeting Minutes - December 21, 2020

Cn. Riggs expressed concern regarding the correspondence included in the December packet. Discussion was had by council regarding City Code 2.05.060 (1) which says that items may be placed on the agenda by any person, but such items shall be presented to the Mayor in writing at least seven days prior to the meeting at which they are to be discussed. Cn. Riggs made a motion to approve the minutes but asked that the correspondence be removed because procedure was not followed. Motion failed.

Cn. Findling made a motion to approve the minutes as is. Motion failed.

Topic was tabled for discussion at the February meeting.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Carl Kopacek thanked Mayor Hall for running for office and for his past services and patience in dealing with what he described as an incompetent former City Council. He noted that his attorneys agreed with his assessment regarding his observations about the them. He also expressed if anyone wanted to see what his attorneys thought about the former City Council, they should read the LUBA appeal documents included in the packet on pages 24 to 64. He noted he thought people would find it enlightening but not complimentary of the previous City Council. In conclusion, he congratulated Mayor Hall.

VII. PRESENTATIONS: NONE

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE: Tim Hall – Letter to Paul Daniels

Cn. Riggs requested a point of order and stated that the letter was a personal letter and that it was not something that needed a vote or decision made nor did it foster unification. She questioned why his personal letter was allowed when it had nothing to do with City business.

Mayor Hall expressed he disagreed and felt it had a lot to do with City business. He stated that there were serious accusations made during his campaign and the letter from his attorney informed Mr. Daniels had violated the law of slander and was subject to a lawsuit that he chose not to pursue.

IX. COMMUNITY REPORT: NONE

X. OLD BUSINESS

A. Fireworks Contract

ACM Lori Longfellow gave an update regarding the 2021 contract for fireworks. Discussion was had by council. ACM Longfellow stated she would ask Western Display if they would be willing to extend the deadline for the first deposit. Currently \$1,500 would be due by March 1, and then the remaining balance would be paid on or before August 22.

Mayor Hall tabled this topic for discussion at the February meeting.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. LUBA Appeal

Mayor Hall explained that he requested, for the sake of transparency, that the City Administration include the petition for review that was sent before the State of Oregon's Land Use Board of Appeals. He went on to state that the document was only for public review and that a decision by LUBA was anticipated in the next month or so.

B. RESOLUTION 2021-01: A Resolution Authorizing Check Signers and Credit Card Holders

Cn. Riggs made a MOTION to adopt RESOLUTION 2021-01: A Resolution Authorizing Check Signers and Credit Card Holders. Cn. Findling seconded. AYES: Riggs, Hall, Forsman and Findling; NAYS: None. Motion PASSED 4-0.

C. Sewer Discount Program – Discussion

ACM Longfellow gave an overview of the program and discussion was had on altering the current program from a senior discount to a low-income discount. It is noted that the resolution would need to be updated if this change is made. Mayor Hall requested that ACM Longfellow modify the resolution as discussed and present it to the council at the February meeting.

D. Budget Committee Resignation – Michele Aeder

Mayor Hall recommended that the council send a letter to Michelle thanking her for her service to the City of Garibaldi. Mayor Hall also stated he would like to recruit a replacement for her on the on the budget committee.

Cn. Riggs made a MOTION to accept the resignation of Michele Aeder. Cn. Findling seconded. AYES: Riggs, Hall, Forsman and Findling; NAYS: None. Motion PASSED 4-0.

E. Audit Contract

Cn. Forsman made a MOTION to accept the Audit Contract as presented. Cn. Riggs seconded. AYES: Riggs, Hall, Forsman and Findling; NAYS: None. Motion PASSED 4-0.

F. SCA Grant – Scope of Work

ACM Longfellow explained that the information was put in the packet to show that the City was granted \$100,000 from the previously submitted and approved grant. The documents were informational, and nothing was required for Council to take action on.

XII. STAFF REPORTS

Fire Chief Jay Marugg stated that Training Officer Blake has hit the ground running since his hire date and has been very busy and applying for grants. He expressed if anyone had any questions, they could always contact him or Blake.

Mayor Hall asked the Fire Chief if he needed anything from the council and informed him that he will be taking a second look at the budget and consider any adjustments as had been discussed during a conversation about the needs of the fire department. Mayor Hall also asked that he thank the volunteers for their work, and to let the City know if there is a way they could show them their appreciation. He went on to state that often the volunteer firefighters do not get the recognition they deserve.

Cn. Riggs expressed appreciation for the Fire Department putting on the Christmas parade and stated it was awesome and a lot of people really appreciated it.

Discussion was had regarding the Supplemental Report from Deputy Reeves. Cn. Riggs explained there were still issues with suspicious people around taking things and community members need to continue to be vigilant and watch out for their neighbors. She also wanted everyone to know that there is a form on the City's website to fill out when one goes on vacation or is away from the house for an extended period of time, to request the deputy to check on their house.

Mayor Hall would like to see this information getting out to the residents of Garibaldi.

XIII. COUNCIL REPORTS

Cn. Forsman stated he wanted to reiterate his report from last month and encourage everyone to take care of our businesses during this time, particularly restaurants by ordering take out and supporting locally as much as possible.

Cn. Riggs stated that the City's land use attorney has looked at a couple of Resolutions. One of which was brought up at the December meeting regarding drafting a change from 50/50 to a 70/30 split for residential verses business. The other was regarding the RV parks, in which the attorney found that the City's current code does not match the Oregon statutes. Therefore, the City's land use attorney, Dan, will be drafting something to make sure our City codes will be in compliance with the State and will submit it to the Planning Commission for them to look at. Mayor Hall asked if there was an anticipated completion of the work being done. Cn. Riggs stated it should be done by next month.

Cn. Findling stated she knew there things in motion with Planning Commission looking at doing a Citizens Advisory Committee, and that they needed the CAC to do the comp plan audit, and that comp plan audit was needed so that the DLCD could do a code audit. She stated she looked forward to hearing more about how that progresses.

Cn. Riggs stated she had a point of order in regard to an item lacking from the agenda. She stated that under Section 17, of the City Charter, and also under City Code 2.05.020 (B) and (C) it says at the first meeting of each year, the council shall appoint a president and vice president from its counselors. She stated that if the council wanted to postpone those appointments, it would need to be done by motion so that they do not violate the city charter or the city code.

Mayor Hall explained to Cn. Riggs that due to not having a complete Council he postponed assigning a president and vice president until such time. Cn. Riggs stated that a motion needed to be made to make it legal. Mayor Hall called for a motion.

Cn. Riggs made a MOTION to postpone the appointing a President and Vice President and until there is another member appointed to the council. Cn. Forsman seconded. AYES: Riggs, Hall, Forsman and Findling; NAYS: None. Motion PASSED 4-0.

Mayor Hall began his council report by stating he had met with Mike Saindon form the Port and discussed improving the City's relationship with them, plans to work together on grant opportunities and following through with commitments. They made plans to meet regularly.

Mayor Hall spoke of his plan to meet with the Planning Commission members to seek their help in guiding the work needed to update the Garibaldi Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Hall stated he would convene a council workshop to review the job description for the new city manager and move that process along quickly. ASM Longfellow stated she had that workshop scheduled for the following day and the packet had been emailed to council.

Mayor Hall stated he would like to convene a council workshop to set goals and priorities for 2021/2022 and hold regularly scheduled town hall meetings once the pandemic is behind us. He also discussed his desire to disband the tourism commission and work to establish a community group to help plan the next Garibaldi Days event.

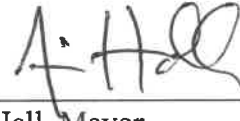
Mayor Hall noted that with his moving into the Mayor's roll there needs to be a new city councilor and the City will be accepting letters of interest to be reviewed at the February meeting.

Mayor Hall expressed his appreciation to Judy Riggs for her prior service as Mayor.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE


XV. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hall adjourned the regular council meeting at 7:48 p.m.



Tim Hall, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Longfellow, Assistant City Manager