

WEST LINN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES APRIL 13, 2009

Councilors Present:

Mayor Patti Galle, Council President Jody Carson, Councilor Scott A. Burgess, and Councilor Teri Cummings

Councilor Absent:

Councilor John Kovash

Staff Present:

Chris Jordan, City Manager; Gene Green, Public Works Director; Christine Siegel, Library Director; Dennis Wright, City Engineer; City Attorney Bill Monahan; and Shirley Richardson, Minute Taker

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Galle called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. and Councilor Burgess led the flag salute.

Proclamations, Recognitions and Presentations

Lorie Griffith, 4068 Kenthorpe Way explained she is here tonight with a declaration of challenge to West Linn's neighboring cities. Last year the city's Parks and Recreation Department collected the world's largest ball of Ivy. The Ivy was collected from several parks and volunteer pools. The Ivy ball was 23 people around and 4 people tall.

This year they are challenging the citizens, council members and mayors of Lake Oswego, Oregon City and Tualatin to beat West Linn's "World's" record. The challenge will occur on May 16, 2009. West Linn will once again have their ball of Ivy in Mary S. Young Park. Each city, prior to that date may accumulate as much Ivy as their hearts

desire. Ivy must come from within the city limits of said town. Ball of Ivy must be completed by 2:00 p.m. at one location inside the city boundary. Each city may have only one ball of Ivy. Final judgment will be recorded by 3:00 p.m. and submitted to Metro.

She asked that the Council approve this challenge, allowing her to ask these cities to compete to beat West Linn's record.

Mayor Galle asked Ms. Griffith about Garlic Mustard which is an invasive plant. Ms. Griffith stated that there is currently a tremendous bloom in the parks. As heavy invasive plants are removed it disturbs the soil and there are other invasive weeds that then are introduced into the soil. She suggested a challenge for Garlic Mustard Green recipes.

Councilor Cummings asked if this challenge included citizens of West Linn bringing pulled Ivy from their yards. Ms. Griffith said yes. The Ivy can be taken to Mary S. Young Park.

Mayor Galle read the proclamation to the audience. She asked that the citizens unite, pull and maintain West Linn's world record.

Community Comments

Roberta Schwarz, 2206 Tannler Drive thanked Council for unanimously passing the resolution on the Rural Reserve status for the Stafford Hamlet. Both the West Linn *Tidings* and Lake Oswego *Review* ran a quarter-page petition that can be signed and returned the P.O. Box on the petition. These petitions will then be forwarded to Council and she will make sure copies get to METRO and Clackamas County.

Ms. Schwarz stated she emailed a copy of a new House Bill 2864 to all the Councilors. The bill is currently in the Land Use Committee. This Bill will no longer require a vote of the people for annexations anywhere in the state of Oregon and it would circumvent West Linn's City Charter. She hopes that it will not go any further and asked that citizens call their representative and let them know their opinion on this Bill. She asked citizens to contact Mary Nowlan, Majority Leader who is the Committee chairperson (503-986-1900). The author of the bill is Mr. Schaufler a representative from Happy Valley.

Mayor Galle thanked Ms. Schwarz on all her diligent work on Stafford Basin.

Councilor Burgess asked if Ms. Schwarz had seen the *Oregonian* article on Savannah Oaks. Ms. Schwarz said yes, it was a lovely article. She sent a copy to the Trust for Public Lands and they will include it in their grant proposals. The Savannah is going to be heard by the State Parks in Bend on June 9, 10, or 11th. It will be heard by METRO in

either August or September. In fiscal year 2010 the Savannah Oaks will be heard for the Federal Appropriations Application in DC in September.

David Gillum, 2887 Mark Lane voiced concern about individuals carrying signs on Highway 43. As a parent with two teenage kids and the case in point with the young man getting hit, he is very concerned about safety with the distractions on the highways. A lot of businesses are considering this individual with a sign on the sidewalk format for their advertising. What the signage is asking the driver to do is take your focus off the road to engage this medium. This is very dangerous.

Mr. Gillum stated he called one of the merchants on Highway 43 and Hood and was told that this advertising helps their business. The customers can now see the sign from the roadway rather than having to look for them by the building.

Mr. Gillum stated he does not want to be the parent that gets a call that results from being hit. He asked if there was an accident, is the merchant responsible. He would like to see this nipped in the bud now before someone else gets hurt.

Chris Jordan, City Manager stated he agrees and appreciated Mr. Gillum's concerns. He will talk to the city attorney later this week and see what needs to happen in the way of code enforcement.

Alice Richmond, 3939 Parker Road brought up a basket of receipts to turn over to the city. On April 11, 2009, the City of West Linn had their "Free Dump Day." There were 351 cars that came to the event; only six cars had no identification. She stated volunteers are not paid because they are priceless; they don't have time to spare they have heart to spare.

Consent Agenda

None

Report from the City Manager

None

Business from the City Council

Council President Carson reported she will be going down to the State Legislature on Friday with a group from the Clackamas Cities to talk with legislatures. She asked that those who had particular agenda bills they want them to have some dialog with the representative, email her or give her a phone call. Contact information is on the city website.

Councilor Cummings stated she too is going down to the State Legislature. She would like to hear from those who have concerns.

Councilor Burgess stated not to diminish the concerns in terms of voter annexation. Senate Bill 2864 has to do with the vote. There is still a process in terms of annexations being evaluated. This does not mean that if there is no vote, annexations will just happen.

Councilor Burgess thanked West Linn Refuse and Recycling and the City for the Free Dump Day. It was well received. He suggested the City consider some form of reduce and reuse as there were a lot of items left out on the curbs.

Councilor Burgess recognized the Parks and Recreation Department for creating access to the Wilderness Park last week.

Council President Carson thanked the West Linn Refuse and Recycling for the Free Dump Day. She suggested that the Dump Day be expanded so that several days before the actual pickup, resident can put things on the curb so others can drive around to pick up reusable items they can use.

Councilor Cummings stated she too thought it was a good idea to expand the Dump Day to include a reuse-it day. Next year people can get the word out and this will make sure that useable things do not wind up in the dump.

Business Meeting

1. Agenda Bill 09-04-13B Library District IGA

Mayor Galle opened the meeting to discussion about the Library District Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) at 7:14 p.m. She asked for a staff report.

Staff Report

Christine Siegel, Library Director reported she is here tonight to address the cooperative Intergovernmental Agreement between the Library District of Clackamas County and member cities. The Library District was formed to provide stable funding for libraries through collecting district-wide property taxes and distributing those funds to library service providers. The IGA was formed for the purpose of distributing those funds and creates the mechanism by which the cities will receive funding.

West Linn will receive distribution equal to the tax collected from the assessed value within the city limits as well as an allocated area, unincorporated area they serve.

Staff recommends approval of the IGA as the grounds for necessary funding authority for receiving the funds and stipulates library service obligations to the City.

Councilor Cummings thanked Ms. Siegel for all her efforts in this IGA. She regrets that Ms. Siegel will be leaving the position soon.

Council President Carson moved to approve the Cooperative Intergovernmental Agreement between the Library District of Clackamas County and Member Cities (IGA) per Agenda Bill 09-04-13B. Councilor Burgess seconded the motion.

Ayes: Carson, Burgess, Cummings, Galle

Nays: None

The motion carried 4-0.

Ms. Siegel thanked the Council, City Manager and his management team; it has been her pleasure to serve the City of West Linn. She is very proud of the things the library has accomplished.

2. Agenda Bill 09-04-13C Contract Award – 2009 Street Maintenance Projects

Mayor Galle opened the meeting to discussion of the contract award for street maintenance projects at 7:18 p.m. She asked for a staff report.

Staff Report

Gene Green introduced Dennis Wright who is here with him tonight to discuss the street maintenance program for 2009. Council authorized issuance of \$2,000,000 bonds to fund repair of the City's deteriorating streets. At the end of 2008, the bonds were successfully sold and funds secured. The Council has reviewed and approved the proposed plan of action, including maps of the proposed streets, locations and means of repair.

City staff prepared a complete design and bid package, which was advertised on February 27th. Street maintenance program 2009 includes 11 projects and comprises reconstruction of portions of Santa Anita Road, 12th Street, and Hidden Springs Road. Also included are spot repair and overlay sections of Rosemont Road, Dollar Street, Suncrest Drive, Hidden Springs Road, Dillow Drive, Hughes Drive and 12th Street.

Bids were open on March 26, 2009 and the low responsive, responsible bidder is Knife River Company whose bid is \$1,532,192.05. Funds in the amount of \$1,750,000 are included in the 2009 budget for this project. No additional funds are required for award. Low bidder's references have been checked and found to be satisfactory.

Councilor Burgess suggested another round of advertising on these projects so the residents can have as much information as possible. Mr. Green stated they are coordinating with Ms. Wyatt, Assistant to the Manager, regarding information on the City's website and will look into mailings as well.

Councilor Cummings asked what is the best time for road construction. Mr. Wright stated the contract is for May 14 through August 15, 2009. They would like to have the streets completed before school starts.

As the Contract Review Board, Council President Carson moved to award the contract to Knife River Company for Street Maintenance program 2009 (Project PW0909) per Agenda Bill 09-04-13C. Councilor Burgess seconded the motion.

Councilor Burgess noted the repair of these streets will cause a big impact to the residents of West Linn. People were not happy about the street fees or the condition of the roads and the speeds people were driving on those roads. It has been a while since repair and the roads have deteriorated. This is a major effort on some fairly significant roads.

Councilor Cummings noted the \$20,000 difference between the projected cost and the bid amount and asked if there will be additional projects to make up the difference. Mr. Wright stated the balance leaves additional money for paving. There are other repairs that may come in the course of paving these roads; maybe at the end of this project if there are sufficient funds, they will add in another high-priority road to repair.

Ayes: Burgess, Cummings, Carson, Galle

Nays: None

The motion carried 4-0.

Future Meetings

Chris Jordan announced there would be no Council meeting on April 20th. There will be a Council meeting on April 27, 2009 where the budget message will be presented. The Budget Committee meetings are scheduled for May 13th and 14th at the library.

Councilor Cummings announced there will be a Metro meeting held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Clackamas Development Services Building, 150 Beavercreek Road. Metro, in coordination with Clackamas County will be hosting their first public outreach to explain their process and take input from the citizens. This is the first opportunity for the public to be involved and provide input on the Stafford area remaining rural.

She and Tom Coffee attended a Metro meeting last week where they sat behind Tim Knapp, Small Cities Clackamas Representative. His staff produced a series of three maps giving a higher level of detail to the kind of terrain she feels also fits the criteria for rural designation. Presentations were made and maps were shown which takes into consideration both urban and rural for the Stafford area. She thanked Mayor Galle for talking with Charlotte Lehan, Lynn Peterson, and Carlotta Collette and communicating West Linn's interest in the Stafford area.

Adjournment

Mayor Galle adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Tina Lynch /s/

Tina Lynch
City Recorder

APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
ON JUNE 8, 2009

Patti Galle /s/

Patti Galle, Mayor