

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES****January 15, 2019**

The scheduled meeting of the Ontario City Council was called to order by Mayor Riley Hill at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council members present were Riley Hill, Norm Crume, Dan Capron, Freddy Rodriguez, and Michael Braden. Marty Justus and Ramon Palomo were excused.

Members of staff present were Adam Brown, Tori Barnett, Jason Cooper, Terry Leighton, Kari Ott, Larry Sullivan, Cliff Leeper, Betsy Roberts, and Peter Hall.

The meeting was recorded and copies are available at City Hall.

Guest Carmela Rodriguez opened the meeting and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

This Agenda was posted on January 11, 2019. Copies of the Agenda are available from the City Hall Customer Service Counter and on the city's website www.ontariooregon.org.

CRUME moved, BRADEN seconded, **TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED**. Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Rodriguez-yes; Palomo-out; Justus-out; Capron-yes; Braden-yes; Hill-yes. Motion carried 5/0/2.

CONSENT AGENDA

CAPRON moved, BRADEN seconded, **TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA, WHICH INCLUDED OCTOBER 23, 2018, COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES; NOVEMBER 8, 2018, WORK SESSION MINUTES; NOVEMBER 20, 2018, COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES; AND DECEMBER 18, 2018, COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**. Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Rodriguez-yes; Palomo-out; Justus-out; Capron-yes; Braden-yes; Hill-yes. Motion carried 5/0/2.

OLD BUSINESS**Approval of Right-of-Way Agreement with Oregon Department of Transportation for SE 2nd Street Project**

Betsy Roberts, City Engineer, presented.

CRUME moved, BRADEN seconded, **THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) ALLOWING ODOT TO WORK ON THE CITY'S BEHALF TO SECURE RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR THE SE 2ND STREET PROJECT FOR UP TO \$75,000**. Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Rodriguez-yes; Palomo-out; Justus-out; Capron-yes; Braden-yes; Hill-yes. Motion carried 5/0/2.

Council asked that Ms. Roberts create an outline and present it to the Council.

Resolution #2019-101: Support for Legislation Allowing Ontario to Increase the Marijuana Tax above the State Limited Amount of 3%

Adam Brown, City Manager, presented.

Jim Forester, Ben Fortner, Judith Kirby, Steven Meland, Lori Duckworth, and John Kirby commented on the proposed resolution. Allison Thayer submitted a letter for inclusion in the record.

RODRIGUEZ moved, CAPRON seconded, **TO MAKE A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT FOR AN ADDITIONAL WHEREAS TO THE RESOLUTION; WHEREAS VETERANS AND PEOPLE LIVING BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL COULD BE EXEMPT FROM ANY ADDITIONAL LOCAL TAX OVER 3% AS CAN BE PROVEN BY SNAP BENEFITS OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION TO BE DETERMINED BY THE CITY**. Roll call vote: Crume-no; Rodriguez-yes; Palomo-out; Justus-out; Capron-no; Braden-no; Hill-no. Motion failed 1/4/2.

CAPRON moved, CRUME seconded, **THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION #2018-101, A RESOLUTION REQUESTING SPECIAL LEGISLATION ALLOWING ONTARIO TO COLLECT UP TO 18% IN A LOCAL OPTION TAX ON MARIJUANA OR 15% MORE THAN THE 3% CAPPED LOCAL MARIJUANA TAX AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE OF OREGON.** Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Rodriguez-yes; Palomo-out; Justus-out; Capron-yes; Braden-yes; Hill-yes. Motion carried 5/0/2.

Resolution #2019-103 and Resolution #2019-104: Legislative Positions

Adam Brown, City Manager, presented.

CRUME moved, RODRIGUEZ seconded, **TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #2019-103, A RESOLUTION OPPOSING STATE REGULATED RENT CONTROL; AND RESOLUTION #2019-104, A RESOLUTION REQUESTING OPPOSITION TO SPEAKER TINA KOTEK'S PROPOSAL TO ELIMINATE SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING IN CITIES WITH POPULATIONS GREATER THAN 10,000.** Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Rodriguez-yes; Palomo-out; Justus-out; Capron-yes; Braden-yes; Hill-yes. Motion carried 5/0/2.

Lease Cancellation and Promissory Note from Golf Course Cart Barn Lease

Adam Brown, City Manager, presented.

CRUME moved, BRADEN seconded, **TO APPROVE THE REVISED LEASE AGREEMENT AND PROMISSORY NOTE WITH MERVE AND PATSY LEAVITT.** Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Rodriguez-yes; Palomo-out; Justus-out; Capron-yes; Braden-yes; Hill-yes. Motion carried 5/0/2.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Council Members as Committee Liaisons

Norm Crume was reappointed as Liaison to the Airport Committee; Freddy Rodriguez was appointed as Liaison to the Diversity Advisory Committee; Ramon Palomo was reappointed as Liaison to the Parks & Recreation Committee; Ramon Palomo was appointed as Liaison to the Planning Commission; Dan Capron was reappointed as Liaison to the Marijuana Ad-Hoc Committee; and Marty Justus was reappointed as Liaison to the Public Works Committee.

Letter of Support for LIFT Grant Application

Adam Brown, City Manager, presented.

CAPRON moved, BRADEN seconded, **THAT THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR AN APPLICATION FOR THE STATE LIFT GRANT.** Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Rodriguez-yes; Palomo-out; Justus-out; Capron-yes; Braden-yes; Hill-yes. Motion carried 5/0/2.

HAND-OUTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Firefighter SCBA Packs – Joint Purchase: Chief Terry Leighton stated the firefighter breathing apparatus were only good for fifteen years, and the city's would be expiring in May, 2020. Staff submitted a grant application to FEMA to assist in the cost of replacing the SCBA gear, and the city was awarded the grant, but the city would be responsible for a portion of the funding. Grant. The city needed 40 packs, at \$6,800 a pack, for a total of \$272,000. The city would be required to submit 10% of that number, with FEMA covering 90%. Based on those figures, the city would need to pay \$27,200. The 40 packs would cover the Ontario Rural Fire Protection District of 12, and the city crew of 28, so the true 10% cost would be \$19,040. Over the past several budget cycles, the department had been setting funds aside in their equipment line, and now had a \$27,400 balance. He needed to sign the MOU to move forward on this action.

Check Register: November 1, 2018 to January 7, 2019 (Attached)

Proposed 2019-2020 Budget Calendar (Attached)

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMENTS

Councilor Capron urged everyone to review Governor Brown's proposed budget. Also, there were some heavy gun regulations coming forward, so please review that, too.

Mayor Hill stated he met with Malheur Council on Aging and they had received approximately \$180K, and they were going to expend around \$80K to settle a property line dispute, and they wanted to discuss what to do with the remaining funds. Some ideas were to purchase another bus, add more routes, or change the routes. They had asked him to make that know to the community because they were seeking input on what to do with the money.

Mayor Hill stated he received a flyer from the Oregon Mayor's Association about the "If I Were Mayor" contest for students, one per school level. That was one way to interact with the schools, and he'd like Council support to pursue this.

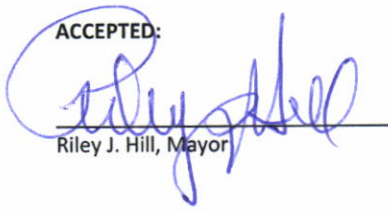
Council consensus to participate.

Mayor Hill stated last week, for the schools, there had been robotics, and it was clear that Ontario was behind the curve. They didn't have some basic necessities to teach the classes. He'd like the Council to think about purchasing the needed items, which would likely run between \$1,200-1,500. He'd like that discussed at the next meeting.

ADJOURN

CAPRON moved, RODRIGUEZ seconded, **THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.** Unanimous voice vote to adjourn.

ACCEPTED:


Riley J. Hill, Mayor

ATTEST


Tori Barnett, MMC, City Recorder