

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD JULY 6, 2021, VIA GOTOMEETING.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Krisanna Clark-Endicott – George Endicott – Clifford Evelyn – Ed Fitch – Jay Patrick – Shannon Wedding

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jon Bullock

MEDIA PRESENT: None

Mayor Endicott called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was established.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Current Events

Police Captain Devin Lewis gave an overview of the Fourth of July weekend. He reported that an email system was created to handle fireworks complaints and that over 180 calls were diverted to that system. The advantage of using the email system was to allow Deschutes County 911 to handle calls of a more emergency nature. Redmond police officers responded to some fireworks complaints and issued 5 citations over the weekend. Captain Lewis reported no major injuries and no major fires and considers this a success for his department.

Redmond Fire & Rescue Fire Chief Ken Kehmna reported that the weekend was easier for his department because they do not respond to the enforcement portion of complaints like the Police Department does. He and Captain Lewis were initially concerned whether people would comply the ban, but it appears most did. Chief Kehmna said there were a few small fires as result of the fireworks display at the Fairgrounds, but crews were on hand to quickly extinguish them.

B. Central Electric Cooperative's Public Safety Power Shut Off Operational and Communications Plan

Brent Ten Pas, Director of Member and Public Relations at Central Electric Cooperative (CEC) introduced CEC President and Chief Executive Officer Dave Markham and Director of Engineering and Operations Brad Wilson. Mr. Markham gave a general overview of the need for a Wildfire Mitigation Plan and stated that CEC adopted their extensive Wildfire Mitigation Plan in 2020.

Mr. Wilson discussed Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) and noted the likelihood of a PSPS in the City is low because the area of Redmond west of Highway 97 is in the "high" fire risk category rather than the "very high" risk category. He said that CEC has an ongoing electric system preparedness plan which includes design and construction elements, routine inspection and maintenance, and vegetation management. Mr. Wilson described the criteria used to determine whether to enact a PSPS.

Mr. Ten Pas presented CEC's approach to community outreach which began in February with key stakeholder meetings to share CEC's Operational Plan and Communication Plan. Mr. Ten Pas presented Council with CEC's Communications Timeline which allows them to provide coop members with a three-day advanced notification of a possible need to enact a PSPS. He discussed the importance of communicating to members when CEC estimates that power will be restored and pointed out the various means through which they communicate with members.

Councilor Patrick thanked CEC for the presentation and for their efforts to protect their members from wildfire.

Chief Kehmna commented on the resources available during last week's vegetation fire in Redmond. The pre-emptive PSPS allowed first responders to conserve resources to fight additional fires.

C. Panel Discussion on Drought: Water and Wells

City Manager Keith Witcosky introduced GSI Water Solutions, Inc. Principal Hydrogeologist Bruce Brody-Heine and Water Division Manager Josh Wedding. Mr. Wedding provided a presentation on the City's production wells versus regional groundwater declines. The City's oldest well, Well #1, was drilled in 1969, is the most shallow well at 300 feet, has a static water level of 220 feet, and is considered the "emergency back-up well." Well #2 is the next oldest well and produces 850 gallons of water per minute. The City spends considerable time and money working with GSI to design wells deep into the aquifer in order to get the City through periods of drought. As a result, the newer wells #3-7 are drilled between 800 and 983 feet. Most of the wells going dry in the area are drilled to 185 to 220 feet, which is in stark contrast to the depths of the City's wells. During the current heat wave, Wells #2-7 are running nearly 24 hours per day. In terms of maximum daily demand, Mr. Wedding shared that several records were broken in June, which is unusual since they are typically broken in July and August. He explained the concept of firm capacity and indicated Well #5 is 15.1 million gallons noting this figure is indicative of how much the temperature and weather impact water usage and what the City's wells can actually provide.

Mr. Brody-Heine explained the Deschutes aquifer and how groundwater flows into the Deschutes Basin. A 2013 US Geological Survey study looked at water level declines and indicated from the mid-1990s to the mid-2000s, water level declines near Redmond were estimated at 5-14 feet. Contributing factors include climate variations such as droughts and wet years (60-70 percent), canal lining (20-30 percent), and groundwater pumping (5-10 percent). Mr. Brody-Heine explained that well depth is critical and that most older domestic wells were typically only drilled approximately 20 feet into the water table. The City's wells are designed to account for fluctuations in regional groundwater levels. Statistics on the City's production wells are as follows:

City Well #	2020 PWL (ft bgs)	Pumping Drawdown (feet)	Additional Available Water Column (ft)	Average Annual Water Level Decline (feet)	Additional Years of Operation
Well 1	0	--	--	1.31	--
Well 2	364.8	64.2	20	1.31	15
Well 3	377.2	16.2	138	3.20	43
Well 4	4.26.3	39	107	0.25	422
Well 5	288.9	5.3	218	1.02	213
Well 6	363.9	9.1	186	1.22	153
Well 7	340	6.2	185	0.58	316

Mr. Brody-Heine explained that calculations for the chart above were made based on the Average Annual Water Level Decline and the depth of each well to determine the estimated Additional Years of Operation. He pointed out that operation for most of these wells extends into hundreds of years.

Regarding Well #8, Mr. Wedding reported that testing is anticipated to begin in September with the expectation that it will be online this winter and in production by spring 2022. Mr. Wedding added that work will begin on Well #9 in the near future and hopes to have it operational within the next two years. In response to Mayor Endicott's inquiry about the former Deschutes Water Alliance, Mr. Brody-Heine shared that a new group is working on water issues in the Deschutes basin and is currently focused on addressing issues for those who need and use irrigation. He said that 85 to 90 percent of water usage is going toward irrigation and that those farmers are really feeling the effects of the drought.

Councilor Fitch inquired as to the technology available to measure the decline in the aquifer year by year since the last statistic was from 2013. Mr. Brody-Heine explained that Mr. Wedding is recording that data year by year for Redmond and others are recording it for other areas of the basin. Regarding conservation efforts, Mr. Brody-Heine acknowledged it is a challenge since the region is so spread out and that those who are most effected at this time are the private well owners. He added that all municipalities have conservation programs and are required by water rights to grow those programs.

Mr. Brody-Heine and Mr. Wedding addressed additional questions regarding the impact on residential construction and the number of wells the City can have before water rights are impacted.

D. Bethlehem Inn Project Update with Gwenn Wysling

Bethlehem Inn Executive Director Gwenn Wysling provided the Council with an update on Project Turnkey. Bethlehem Inn has acquired a motel located at 517 NW Birch Avenue and are in the process of remodeling the facility. A 2019 study by ECONorthwest shows that the growth in homelessness has reached double digits and that while Oregon has 1.3 percent of the country's population, it has 2.6 percent of the homeless population. Ms. Wysling explained that necessities such as a commercial kitchen, bedding and furnishings, fire alarms and security cameras, exterior painting, fencing and signage were not included in the Project Turnkey funding. She said that there is a \$900,000 funding gap adding that if the City would be able to contribute \$450,000, she is confident Deschutes County would be willing to contribute the remaining half.

Mr. Witcosky provided context to Ms. Wysling's funding request, reminding the Council that they have a joint meeting next Wednesday, July 14, with the County Commissioners and further discussion about homelessness and current service gaps will be on the agenda. He suggested that this might be an opportunity to discuss partnering with the County to fund the \$900,000 needed.

Councilor Fitch has toured the facility and urged the Council to match the County's funding. Councilor Patrick asked about the American Relief Plan Act funding that Council will decide how to use. In response, Mr. Neff said the Bethlehem Inn request could be considered for some of those funds.

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

A. Councilor Evelyn

Mr. Witcosky introduced the proposal submitted by Councilor Evelyn to review all policies and ordinances for events in Redmond. Councilor Evelyn opined that if an event is held downtown to raise money for businesses, then all businesses in the vicinity need to be included. Several business owners he spoke with have been left out of the Redmond Street Festival for the past three or more years despite asking to participate. In response to questions from Councilor Fitch, Mr. Witcosky commented that a private group puts on the festival and obtains the required permits to do so. Councilor Clark-Endicott asked whether the City has the right to dictate who can or cannot participate in a privately hosted festival. Mr. Witcosky explained the Council needs to determine if it is willing to look at policy developed in 2013/2014 regarding street closures to determine whether updates are needed.

The majority of the Council present was supportive of bringing this item forward at a future workshop.

Mayor Endicott introduced Councilor Evelyn's second request for discussion on creating a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) taskforce. Councilor Evelyn commented that Redmond is changing and people are moving here from many different places. He opined the establishment of a DEI taskforce is important to move the City forward. Mayor Endicott read a prepared statement regarding the guidance provided by Director of the DEI Laboratory at Oregon State University-Cascades Erika McCalpine who suggested the process is best done in a slow, deliberate, and thoughtful manner. Ms. McCalpine has advised that it would be premature to establish a DEI taskforce before she has finished walking the City through the DEI process.

The Council present was not supportive of bringing this item forward at this time, but rather they agreed to continue through the DEI process with Ms. McCalpine then re-evaluate.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of February 9, 2021, Council Meeting

B. Minutes of February 16, 2021, Council Meeting

C. Oregon Department of Transportation 2021-2023 Transit Grant Acceptance, Agreement #35167

- D. Addendum No. 2 to City Contract #2020-59 with Mead & Hunt, Inc. for FY 21-22 Air Service Consulting Services: \$79,530.00 plus escalators are not more than 10% per year**
- E. Redmond Municipal Airport purchase of a CAT 950M Wheel Loader and T800 Kenworth Dump Truck: \$508,197.46**
- F. Request to submit an application for the Federal Aviation Administration's American Rescue Plan Act Airport Rescue Grant in the amount of \$6,082,370 and authorize the City Manager to sign the subsequent grant offer #3-41-0052-050-2021, and any amendments related to Concession Relief. (AP5019)**

Regarding the minutes of February 16, 2021, Councilor Patrick requested additional information be added describing what letters he was supportive of.

Councilor Fitch moved, seconded by Councilor Clark-Endicott, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, motion passed. (Bullock-absent, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes)

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Request to submit an application for Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program Grant #3-41-0052-047-2021 in the amount of \$7,360,607 and authorize the City Manager to sign the subsequent grant offer from the FAA. (AP4700)**

Airport Director Zachary Bass requested approval to submit an Airport Improvement Grant application to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the design and construction of Taxiway F, pavement, and air code electrical rehabilitation. Mr. Bass said that improvement projects with the FAA are planned five years in advance and that this money is already designated for the Redmond Airport. He stated that because of COVID-19, the Airport will receive 100 percent of funds in contrast to the typical amount of 93.75 percent. Due to the length of time needed to acquire some of the building materials, construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2022 and be concluded by summer 2022.

Councilor Fitch moved, seconded by Councilor Patrick, to approve the Airport's application to the Federal Aviation Administration for Airport Improvement Grant #3-41-0052-047-2021 and authorize the City Manager to sign the grant acceptance, motion passed. (Bullock-absent, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes)

- B. Resolution #2021-15 – A resolution adopting an Airport Leasing Policy concerning the Redmond Municipal Airport (A/K/A “Roberts Field”), which Airport Leasing Policy will replace and supersede City of Redmond's current Airport Leasing Policy adopted on November 17, 2015.**

Airport Advisory Committee Chair Sean Neary, stakeholder and hangar owner J. Fred Hadlich, and Redmond Economic Development, Inc. Senior Director Jon Stark described the subcommittee process that took place to draft changes to the leasing policy. Mr. Bass reviewed the reasons for an airport leasing policy which include FAA rules and regulations, establishment of a standard system and processes, increased economic development and job creation, preservation of airport investments and resources, and increased management efficiency. Mr. Bass highlighted the key changes to the policy and provided various scenarios of how the new leasing policy would work. Mr. Bass addressed questions throughout his presentation.

Councilor Clark-Endicott moved, seconded by Councilor Patrick, to adopt Res. #2021-15, motion passed. (Bullock-absent, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes)

- C. Ordinance #2021-06 – An ordinance amending the Redmond City Code Chapter 10, Sections 10.015 and 10.055 pertaining to the Airport Leasing Policy.**

Mr. Bass requested approval of Ordinance #2021-06 which amends Sections 10.015 and 10.055 of the Redmond City Code. The amendments incorporate language modifications relating to the newly adopted Airport Leasing Policy.

Councilor Fitch moved, seconded by Councilor Clark-Endicott, to have a first and second reading of Ord. #2021-06 by title only, motion passed. (Bullock-absent, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes)

City Attorney Keith Leitz read the first and second reading of Ord. #2021-06 by title only.

Councilor moved, seconded by Councilor, to approve Ord. #2021-06, motion passed. (ROLL CALL: Bullock-absent, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes)

ADJOURN

There were no additional comments from citizens at the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Prepared by Kelly Morse, City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 31st day of August 2021.

/s/ George Endicott
George Endicott, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder