

CITY OF SHERIDAN
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
October 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Sheridan City Hall, Council Chambers
120 SW Mill Street
Sheridan, Oregon

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Cooley called the Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Cooley and Council Members Acuff, Baer, Davis, Ellis, and Quinones.

Absent: Council Member Adamson.

Staff Present: Frank Sheridan, City Manager; Walt Gowell, City Attorney; Penny Toepel, Library Director; and Yvonne Hamilton, City Recorder.

ITEM 1. Mayor's Discussion. NONE

ITEM 2. Discussion with Sheriff Tim Svenson.

Sheriff Tim Svenson gave a presentation on the contract history between Yamhill County Sheriffs and the City. He said that historically, the City has had three full time deputies. Tim discussed the impact that adding one or two additional deputies would have on the weekly schedule. He said that code enforcement tends to get less attention with fewer deputies because they must prioritize their time. He added that additional deputies would allow them to be more visible and citizens would be able to see change. Tim said that the City determines contract priorities.

Council Member Quinones stated that he knows the deputies patrol at night; however, there are citizen misconceptions that he doesn't know how to fix.

Tim said that overall, crime has gone down in the County. However, the numbers are based on the number of calls taken; fewer deputies means fewer calls are taken. He said that less staff means that the deputies are more reactive rather than proactive.

Frank stated that he misses having a Sergeant in the City. He said that Sergeant Whitlow responded to code enforcement calls and coordinated assignments between the day and night deputies for code enforcement.

Council Member Baer stated that the City needs code enforcement. He said that one of the additional deputy's responsibilities should be code enforcement.

Tim said that the Sheriff's office would get their direction from the City.

Liz Hodgins, 408 SW Chapman, said that a Code Enforcement Officer isn't needed by the City as much as a Sheriff's deputy is.

Tim said that if two full time positions are added, then he recommends making one of those positions a full time Sergeant.

ITEM 3. Discussion about the Evergreen Tree in the City Hall parking lot. Frank said that the tree at the end of the parking lot has some damage and has gotten too tall. He added that there are safety concerns about the tree's height. Frank said that the Fire Department will no longer decorate the tree for Christmas because of the tree's height, and they suggested that we remove the tree.

Council Member Quinones said that the City should legally and safely have the tree removed; however, the community will have to fund raise if they want to replace the tree.

Mayor Cooley agreed with removing the tree but said that the City should investigate alternatives for location, as well as other ideas for replacing the tree.

ITEM 4. Update on the Sanitary Sewer Flow Monitoring and Analysis. Frank said that the City has completed some of the projects from the Waste Water Facilities Plan. He said that the source of the leak has not been discovered. Frank said that we have purchased, and we are installing the third pump, which fulfills our commitment to DEQ. He said that it is recommended that we search for funds to complete the NE Yamhill Sewer Main upgrade.

ITEM 5. Update on the Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2018. Frank stated that the City's auditor has standards that are set by the State. He said that the auditor noted two discrepancies. One was an over expenditure of appropriations; the second was due to a clerical error. Frank said that the State will not be concerned by either of the discrepancies, however, bond holder may question them. He said that the auditor is still reviewing the City's finances and we expect to have the final report by November or December.

Frank proposed changing the date of the first Budget Committee Meeting to the first Thursday in May. He explained that this would give staff a week longer to prepare and review the Budget.

ITEM 6. Mayor/Council Concerns. Council Member Quinones asked if the City needs to amend Ordinances as they pertain to the Ninth Circuit Court's decision and homelessness.

Walt said that the deputies are receiving instructions on the decision, regardless of the City's Ordinances. He said that it is best for the City to be proactive and investigate if it's possible to put together a shelter program.

Council Member Davis said that after the last council meeting, she spoke with some of the attendees that are working with the local churches to put something together.

ITEM 7. Adjournment. Council Member Quinones made a motion for adjournment. The motion was seconded and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Harry Cooley, Mayor

Attest:

Yvonne Hamilton, CMC, City Recorder