

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
SISTERS CITY COUNCIL
520 E. CASCADE AVENUE
NOVEMBER 19, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chris Frye	Mayor
Nancy Connolly	Council President
David Asson	Councilor
Amy Burgstahler	Councilor
Andrea Blum	Councilor

STAFF PRESENT:

Andrew Gorayeb	City Manager
Steve Bryant	City Attorney
Paul Bertagna	PW Director
Lynne Fujita-Conrads	Finance Director
Patrick Davenport	CDD Director
Kathy Nelson	City Recorder

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting was called to order by Mayor Frye at 8:00 a.m.

II. COUNCIL BUSINESS

A. Second Reading and Consideration of Ordinance No. 464: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SISTERS AMENDING SISTERS MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 5.24 CONCERNING TRANSIENT MERCHANTS

Councilor Asson asked questions with regard to the various letters the Council had received from Richard Esterman and asked if anyone had responded in writing to any of his questions. **Mayor Frye** replied he had called Mr. Esterman to discuss his concerns. **Manager Gorayeb** stated he had met with Mr. Esterman, as per Council direction, to follow-up on Mr. Esterman's complaint about an employee. **Councilor Asson** stated he was concerned with some of the allegations in some of Mr. Esterman's emails and **Manager Gorayeb** replied staff had not been copied on any of the letters or emails so were not aware of the allegations unless a Council member had provided the information to staff.

Councilor Asson asked if Mr. Esterman's request regarding the Wild West Show he had described to the Council at the previous meeting, had received a response. **Manager Gorayeb** replied Mr. Esterman had not submitted a formal request nor could the City accept applications for 2016 events until January.

Councilor Asson questioned if the City was violating Mr. Esterman's state and federal constitutional rights as he contended. **City Attorney Bryant** replied the City was not violating Mr. Esterman's constitutional rights and the Council adopting regulatory rules was completely within its rights. He explained it was in the Council's prevue to decide how business was conducted in town and no one had raised any constitutional or statutory issues he was uncomfortable with.

Councilor Connolly moved for the second reading, by title only, of Ordinance No. 464. **Councilor Blum** seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of three to two.

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Mayor Frye, Councilor Connolly and Councilor Blum voted in favor of the motion and *Councilor Asson and Councilor Burgstahler* voted against the motion.

City Attorney Bryant read Ordinance No. 464, by title only.

Councilor Connolly moved to adopt Ordinance No. 464 amending the City of Sisters Municipal Code Section 5.24 concerning Transient Merchants. *Councilor Blum* seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of three to two. *Mayor Frye, Councilor Connolly and Councilor Blum* voted in favor of the motion and *Councilor Asson and Councilor Burgstahler* voted against the motion.

**B. Second Reading and Consideration of Ordinance No. 465: AN
ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SISTERS AMENDING SISTERS
MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 5.06 CONCERNING PUBLIC EVENTS**

Finance Director Fujita-Conrads reported the changes to the ordinance included removing the Sisters Rodeo from the list of city-wide events and prohibiting additional commercial activity during city-wide events.

Mayor Frye clarified removing the Sisters Rodeo from the list of city-wide events had nothing to do with the importance of the event but rather was an indication it doesn't stretch City resources to the extent as the other events. He emphasized the Council was in no way denigrating the Rodeo event as some letters to the Council had indicated.

Councilor Connolly moved for the second reading, by title only, of Ordinance No. 465. *Councilor Blum* seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of three to two. *Mayor Frye, Councilor Burgstahler and Councilor Blum* voted in favor of the motion and *Councilor Asson and Councilor Connolly* voted against the motion.

City Attorney Bryant read Ordinance No. 465, by title only.

Councilor Connolly moved to adopt Ordinance No. 465 amending the City of Sisters Municipal Code Section 5.06 concerning Public Events. *Councilor Blum* seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of three to two. *Mayor Frye, Councilor Burgstahler and Councilor Blum* voted in favor of the motion and *Councilor Asson and Councilor Connolly* voted against the motion.

C. Discussion and Consideration of a Motion Supporting the City of Sisters Grant Application for a Connect VI Grant from the Department of Transportation (ODOT) for a Multi-Use Path on Locust Street

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Director Davenport explained the grant, if received, would provide funding support for an eight foot wide multi-use path on Locust Avenue from Main Avenue to E. Barclay Drive. He stated the City would be required to provide a 30% fund match. He noted the path was included as a priority project in the 2010 Transportation System Plan (TSP).

Councilor Connolly moved to support the City of Sisters grant application for a Connect VI Grant from ODOT for a multi-use path on Locust Street. Councilor Burgstahler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Discussion and Consideration of a Motion Supporting the City of Sisters Grant Application for an Enhancement Grant from the Department of Transportation (ODOT) for a Path from Pine Street to the Intersection of Highway 20 and Three Winds Shopping Center

Director Davenport explained the grant, if received, would be used for a path on Highway 20 from Pine Street to the area where the roundabout path would end across from the Three Winds Shopping Center. He reported the grant did not require any type of funding match and the funds would not be available until 2019.

Councilor Connolly moved to support the City of Sisters grant application for an Enhancement Grant from ODOT for a path from Pine Street to the intersection of Highway 20 and Three Winds Shopping Center. Councilor Burgstahler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. OTHER BUSINESS - None

IV. ADJOURN – The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.


Kathy Nelson, City Recorder


Chris Frye, Mayor