Minutes of Oregon City Council
Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 6, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: Council President Dennis Walendzak called the meeting to order at 8:02 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members Sandy Bihn, Steve Hornyak, Kathy Pollauf, Jim Seaman, Terry Reeves, Dennis Walendzak, and Tim Zale were present.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Michael J. Seferian, City Administrator Michael J. Beazley, Public Service Director Paul Roman, and Council Clerk Tina Evans were also present.

Items for Consideration:

Presented by Mayor Michael J. Seferian and Finance Director Kathleen Hufford:

Item #073-2016
Declaring The Intent Of The City Of Oregon To Refer The Petition From The Property Owners To Vacate Jonathan Road South Of Worden Road, To The Plan Commission For Their Recommendation; And Declaring An Emergency

Mayor Seferian stated that this item is necessary for the property owners to vacate Jonathan Road, which is adjacent to Kateri School.

Mr. Beazley stated that this item will refer the request from the property owners to the Planning Commission for consideration. He said the Administration and Council had talked about taking a look at the formula used to determine the cost for vacating paper streets in the City. He added that Paul Buehrer from the City’s Building and Zoning Department has come up with a formula that will be based on the auditor’s assessed valuation of property that’s buildable and non-buildable. Mr. Beazley stated that this would be a more consistent formula they can depend on in the future.

Mr. Reeves moved to forward Item 073-2016 to next week’s agenda. Mr. Seaman seconded the motion, and there were no objections.

Presented by Mayor Michael J. Seferian and Police Chief Michael J. Navarre:

Item #074-2016
Authorizing The Mayor And Finance Director To Issue A Purchase Order To Coban Technologies, Inc., 11375 W. Sam Houston Parkway S., #800, Houston, Texas 77031, For The Purchase Of Body Worn Cameras And Related Equipment To Be Used In The Oregon Police Division; And Declaring An Emergency

Mayor Seferian stated that the City budgeted for body cameras to be worn by the police officers.
Police Chief Michael J. Navarre stated that he believed they would be discussing this item in detail at a Safety Committee meeting in the near future. He said the police division currently has dash cams in their patrol vehicles that are manufactured by Coban. He added that it is their desire to purchase the body worn cameras from Coban as well. Chief Navarre stated that he believes the body cameras will make the officers’ jobs more effective, and they will be more efficient in gathering evidence that may be needed for courtroom presentation. He said the cameras will make the Oregon Police Division a more transparent agency in the eyes of the community, and also provide accountability. He added that there are a lot of issues associated with body cameras that are being worked through across the country and at the state level. Chief Navarre stated that they are prepared to move forward, and they have a policy in place that has been issued to the officers. He said there is legislation pending at the state level, and if that legislation passes in its current form, it may be necessary to change their policy accordingly.

Mr. Zale stated that Coban is not a sole provider of this product, and he asked Chief Navarre if they should put this purchase out for bid.

Chief Navarre stated that it was his understanding Coban was a sole provider.

Mr. Zale stated that Taser has this product as well.

Chief Navarre stated that it is their desire to go with the company that has the same technology in their marked police vehicles because they will be able to use the same computers and servers to download and store the information. He said there are a lot of companies that are selling body cameras in addition to Coban and Taser.

Mr. Zale stated that this will be part of their discussion at the committee meeting. He said one of the concerns he would have is the amount of storage space this type of technology will require.

Chief Navarre stated that Sergeant Druckenmiller would be in attendance at the committee meeting, and he would be able to answer any questions Council may have.

Mr. Seaman asked Chief Navarre if he could provide an overview of what was being discussed at the state level.

Chief Navarre stated that the two critical components of the state legislation pertains to the use of a body worn camera in a private residence, and whether or not permission of the resident is required. He said the second item being debated is the amount of time the data needs to be stored by the agency.

Mr. Seaman asked Chief Navarre if the server in the police vehicles will work with the body cameras to store information.

Chief Navarre said yes.

Mr. Walendzak asked Chief Navarre if the state was looking at making it mandatory for all police officers to wear body cameras.
Chief Navarre said he did not believe so. He added that they would mandate that police departments must have a policy in place if they are using body cameras.

Mr. Walendzak asked Chief Navarre if he knew if state funding was available for the purchase of body cameras.

Chief Navarre said no, and he did not see funding being available in the near future.

Mr. Seaman stated that he would like the police department to provide information for their upcoming committee meeting on other jurisdictions in the state of Ohio that are currently using body cameras.

Mr. Zale stated that he would like to schedule a Safety Committee meeting for Monday, June 20, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. in Council Chambers to discuss the body worn cameras, as well as to finish their discussion regarding the drone.

Item 074-2016 was referred to the Safety Committee.

Mayor Seferian stated Council and the Administration needed to establish if the purchase of body worn cameras for the City of Oregon Police Division is a good idea and why.

Item #075-2016
Authorizing The Mayor And Finance Director To Enter Into A Contract With Irene Renee Jardy To Act As Case Manager To The Juvenile Diversion “ACHIEVE” Program

Chief Navarre stated that this item is for a contract with Renee Jardy to continue the ACHIEVE Program at the City of Oregon. He said Renee Jardy has been a contract employee with the City since 2007. He added that she works 20 hours per week and is paid $23.00 per hour. Chief Navarre stated that Ms. Jardy had 73 cases referred to her in 2015 that resulted in 965 hours of community service for the City.

Mr. Reeves asked Chief Navarre if he could provide the percentage of the repeat offenders.

Chief Navarre stated that he did not have that number but would see if he could get it from Ms. Jardy.

Mr. Zale moved to forward Item 075-2016 to next week’s agenda.

Mrs. Pollauf seconded the motion, and there were no objections.

Presented by Mayor Michael J. Seferian, Fire Chief Paul Mullen, and Public Service Director
Paul Roman:

Item #076-2016
Authorizing The Mayor And Finance Director To Issue A Purchase Order To Dunn Chevrolet Buick, 3000 Dustin Road, Oregon, Ohio 43616 For The Purchase Of Two (2) 2016 Chevrolet 1500 4WD Crew Cab Pickup Trucks, Per Specifications, To Be Used In The Oregon Fire Division And Street Division, In The Amount of Seventy One Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Seven And 40/100 Dollars ($71,437.40);
And Declaring An Emergency

Mayor Seferian stated that this item is for the purchase trucks for both the Fire and Street Division that were in the 2016 budget.

Mr. Roman stated that Fire Chief Paul Mullen did the leg work to get the quotes for the trucks, and it worked out well for both the Fire Division and the Street Division.

Chief Mullen stated that Dunn Chevrolet Buick is a local vendor, and they were able to beat the Government Services Agency price with a fleet vehicle. He said he felt this is a good purchase for both the Fire Division and Street Division. He added that the two vehicles the City will be removing from its fleet will be placed on GovDeals.com for sale.

Mrs. Pollauf asked Chief Mullen what the use would be for this pickup truck in the Fire Division.

Chief Mullen stated that they will be reworking their fleet, and he will likely use this pickup as a staff vehicle. He said they will be removing a 2002 Chevy Tahoe and a 2005 Ford Explorer and moving their vehicles around between the three stations. He added that the pickup truck will give them more room to carry equipment, and it will work well with the slide out units.

Mr. Zale moved to forward Item 076-2016 to next week’s agenda. Mr. Seaman seconded the motion, and there were no objections.

Presented by Mayor Michael J. Seferian and Public Service Director Paul Roman:

Item #077-2016
Accepting The Bid Of Musson Brothers, Inc., 4215 N. 124th Street, Brookfield, WI 53005 For Furnishing Labor, Materials And Equipment For The Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project, Phase 4 – Part A; Authorizing The Mayor, Director of Public Service And Finance Director To Enter Into A Contract With Said Contractor; And Declaring An Emergency

Mr. Roman stated that this item is needed to enter into a contract with Musson Brothers for the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project Phase 4 Part A. He said the City has been doing quite a bit of sewer rehab over the last six years, and he provided a map that showed all of the sewer rehab project work. He added that due to the size and cost of Phase 4, the EPA has allowed the City to do this sewer work in three phases. He noted that Phase 4 is along Woodville Road and in the Moundview area, and Parts B and C would be done next year and the year after. Mr. Roman stated that they received two bids, and Musson Brothers was the lowest and best bid received. He said the City would be using a loan from the EPA for this project, and detailed information could be found in Exhibit A.

Mr. Seaman asked Mr. Roman if the City had worked with Musson Brothers in the past.

Mr. Roman said no. He added that Musson Brothers had very good references, and they have done a lot of this type of work.
Mrs. Pollauf moved to forward Item 077-2016 to next week's agenda.
Mr. Seaman seconded the motion, and there were no objections.

Item #078-2016
Accepting The Bid Of Cash Services, LLC, 5811 Woodville Road, Northwood, Ohio 43619 For Furnishing Labor, Materials, And Equipment For The PY2015 CDBG Formula Program –Arkansas Street & Autokee Street; Authorizing The Mayor, Director Of Public Service And Finance Director To Enter Into A Contract With Said Contractor; And Declaring An Emergency

Mr. Roman stated that this item is for a waterline replacement project, and Cash Services provided the lowest and best bid out of the six bids that were received. He said this project is one of three areas they are planning for waterline replacements this year. He added that a two-sided map was provided to Council that had the planned projects on one side and the age of the waterlines on the other side. Mr. Roman stated that the bulk of the waterline breaks are from lines that were installed in the 1950's. He said the City has applied for low interest loans for the larger loop projects. He added that this project is for waterline replacement in the Arkansas and Autokee area of the City, and this area did qualify for $60,000 in Community Development Block Grant dollars. Mr. Roman stated that Cash Services did the Lakeview and Verdun waterline project a few years ago, and they did a very good job.

Mr. Beazley stated that it is important for the residents and the City to replace some of the older waterlines, instead of spending so much time repairing the breaks.

Mr. Roman stated that waterline replacement is very expensive and costs around a million dollars per mile. He said the waterline replacement plan they have in place will cost between 15 and 20 million dollars, but it will be done over a period of time. He added that they will concentrate on the worst areas first. Mr. Roman stated that they have a good listing of waterline breaks since 1965.

Mr. Zale stated that he assumed the numbers on the map indicated the size of the waterline.

Mr. Roman said that was correct. He said that where there are two numbers, the larger number represents the trunk lines which are the main feeds that provide pressure.

Mrs. Bihn asked Mr. Roman if the City is testing for lead periodically in these lines, and if they are seeing anything in any areas of the City.

Mr. Roman stated that the City tests for lead on a three-year cycle with the last round being in 2014. He said he thought there was only one hit in the City at that time. He added that an inventory resulted in lead services in the City of around 7%, roughly 500 service lines in the City of Oregon. Mr. Roman stated that the regulations will likely change from three years to annual testing of lead. He said the City treats its water by adding polyphosphate so that it is not corrosive. He added that as long as you use the water, it will coat the lines properly. Mr. Roman stated that all of the information is in the City's Consumer Confidence Report which is posted online on the City's website.

Mrs. Bihn stated that some of the troubling information coming out of Flint, Michigan is that some of the schools' drinking fountains have been found with very high lead levels, and one in particular was not being used very often. She said it may be prudent to look at and test the areas such as those where
children congregate. She added that St. Charles Hospital has older sections as well, and she is not sure what the age of those waterlines might be. Mrs. Bihn stated that it would be good to stay ahead of the situation, understand it, and know what they need to do.

Mayor Seferian stated that it’s twofold because you have the City’s side of the lines and the user’s side. He said the City can offer assistance, but it is up to the user to act on it however they choose. He added that Mr. Roman has been very proactive in inventorying the lead lines, and he has a plan to go through and replace them. Mayor Seferian stated that a lot of cities do not have a plan in place. He said Mr. Roman has a plan in place for the waterlines, the sanitary sewer lines, and the storm sewer lines.

Mrs. Bihn asked Mr. Roman if the City offered any type of lead testing for someone’s home should they want to test it.

Mr. Roman said yes. He stated that the City reached out to the schools to test their drinking fountains. He added that they were waiting for that information to come back.

Mr. Beazley stated that everyone needs to be aware of the fact that, until 2014 all faucets made in China had lead in them. He said it is important to make sure you have the proper treatment and the water plant to coat the lines.

Mrs. Bihn stated that she felt the important part to educate the public on is that if you run the water for a while, you protect yourself far greater.

Mr. Seaman stated that he has heard polyphosphate is a very effective product.

Mr. Roman said they know polyphosphate works.

Mrs. Pollauf moved to forward Item 078-2016 to next week’s agenda.
Mr. Reeves seconded the motion, and there were no objections.

Item #079-2016
Authorizing The Mayor, Finance Director And Director Of Public Service To Enter Into An Agreement With Tim Donut U.S. Limited, Inc. For Right Of Entry For The LUC-SR-2-21.24 Navarre Avenue Safety Improvement Project, PID 96295; And Declaring An Emergency

Mayor Seferian stated that this item is needed to enter into an agreement with Tim Donut for a right entry to proceed with the Navarre Avenue Safety Improvement project.

Mr. Roman stated that the City is still negotiating with Tim Hortons', and it is just a question of the value of what the City is asking for. He said this right of entry allows the City to construct the project, so the City can certify to ODOT that it has the right of way available in order to proceed to bid the project.

Mr. Reeves moved to forward Item 079-2016 to next week’s agenda.
Mr. Seaman seconded the motion, and there were no objections.
MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor Seferian stated that Thrive Childcare will be holding a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on June 11th at 11:00 a.m. He said this is the former Gathering Place Childcare on Seaman Road.

MR. BEAZLEY: Mr. Beazley stated that the City of Oregon will be looking to go out to bid on the Navarre Avenue Safety Improvement project close to the end of July, and they are really excited about moving forward with this project. He said the City will be looking at a zoning overlay for the downtown section of the City, and they will be scheduling an Economic Development and Planning Committee meeting within the next month or so. Mr. Beazley stated that they were all very sad about the tragic accident that happened on Friday at the private construction site of the pipeline for the Oregon Clean Energy plant. He said their thoughts are with the families involved.

MR. ROMAN: Mr. Roman stated that his department is working on a change order he would like to bring to Council next week with Underground Utilities, the contractor on the Cedar Point Road Relocation project and the sanitary sewer project on Wynn Road. He said this is a big dollar amount, but they have money in the road program for Wynn Road that will pay for a good share of this change order. Mr. Roman stated that he also had a map for distribution that shows the 2016 Road Program, and the most critical areas they have planned for 2016 and 2017.

MR. REEVES: Mr. Reeves stated that he wanted to remind everyone there would be a Recreation & Parks Committee meeting on Monday, June 13th at 6:30 P.M. to discuss moving toward non-athletic programs along with the athletic programs in the Recreation Department, as well as a one year recap of the new Senior Center.

MR. ZALE: No report

MR. SEAMAN: No report

MRS. BIHN: Mrs. Bihn asked the Administration to provide an update on the Columbia Gas project at the corner of Lallendorf and Brown Roads. She also asked how the City planned to communicate with the neighbors on an ongoing basis. She said the neighbors were upset because of what is going on with this project and its appearance. She added that they felt their property values had dropped, and this has affected their quality of life.

Mr. Beazley stated that the Administration would have an update for Council by next Monday. He said the morning after last week’s meeting, the City issued a stop work order to Columbia Gas based on the deviation of the plan. He added that representatives from Columbia Gas met with the City 48 hours later. Mr. Beazley stated that he spoke with Columbia Gas earlier in the day, and he expected to have a follow-up session with them within a week.

Mrs. Bihn stated that she wanted Columbia Gas to know that there is significant damage to the neighboring properties as a result of their actions, and that is not acceptable.

Mrs. Bihn provided an update on the lake and the water situation.
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She said Ohio does a great job of treating, testing and notifying, but it is extremely weak on the source reduction side. She added that if anyone has questions on issues regarding the lake, they should ask. She said she has a lot of information that she would be more than willing to share.

MRS. POLLAUF: Mrs. Pollauf stated that she wanted to thank Mr. Roman for the last minute Oregon Alert call last Friday to the section of Oregon that received the double bill for water.

Mrs. Bihn asked if any automatic payments were taken out, and if so, how those would be handled.

Mr. Beazley stated that automatic payments are processed at a later time, so the residents with automatic payment deductions would have the correct amount deducted.

MR. HORNYAK: Mr. Hornyak stated that there would be an Oregon Economic Development Foundation meeting on Friday, June 17th at St. Charles Hospital. He said networking would begin at 7:30 A.M., and the meeting would start at 8:00 A.M.

MR. WALENDZAK: No report

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the meeting, Mr. Seaman made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Reeves seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried at 8:55 P.M.