

**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE** May 26, 2011

**ATTENDANCE** 6:30:19 PM

**PRESENT:** Mayor Ron Onslow; Council member David Taylor, Lee Wells, Darren Wertz and Don Stose.

**ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF:** Finance Division Director Gaylynn Brien; City Manager Justin Clary; Chief of Police Carrie Greene; Director of Finance & Administration/City Clerk Kay Kammer; City Attorney Chris Sundstrom; Public Works Director Steve Wall.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLIANCE**

**LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Larry Bartel, Clark County Fire & Rescue  
District has received a \$900,000 grant to create a Volunteer Coordinator position.  
Downtown station staffing is increasing and the training burn on 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue went well.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of the minutes from May 12, 2011
2. Approval of claims/payroll in the amount of \$260,161.67  
Claims No. 14874 through 14923 in the amount of \$251,460.27 and automatic payments in the amount of \$8,701.40.

MOTION: Council member Don Stose moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

SECOND: Council member David Taylor.

6:33:03 PM

Vote: 5-0

Yes: Mayor Ron Onslow; Council member David Taylor, Lee Wells, Darren Wertz and Don Stose

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion unanimously passed.

**BUSINESS**

1. Resolution No. 399  
Approval of ROMTECH as the Sole Source Provider for Restroom Facilities at Overlook Park

ROMTECH is the only provider found to be able to meet the architectural design requirements.

MOTION: Council member Lee Wells moved to adopt Resolution No. 399 as presented.

SECOND: Council member Don Stose.

6:43:44 PM

<u>Vote:</u>	5-0
Yes:	Mayor Ron Onslow; Council member David Taylor, Lee Wells, Darren Wertz and Don Stose
No:	None
Abstained:	None
Absent:	None

Motion unanimously passed.

2. Motion – Approval of an Interlocal Agreement between City of Ridgefield and City of Battle Ground for a Summer Playground Program in Ridgefield Parks

Program provides arts, crafts, games and other activities for a series of five sessions beginning in July.

MOTION: Council member David Taylor moved to authorize the City Manager to execute an interlocal services agreement with the City of Battle Ground for a Summer Playground Program.

SECOND: Council member Don Stose.

6:48:12 PM

<u>Vote:</u>	5-0
Yes:	Mayor Ron Onslow; Council member David Taylor, Lee Wells, Darren Wertz and Don Stose
No:	None
Abstained:	None
Absent:	None

Motion unanimously passed.

3. Motion – Approval of an Agreement between City of Ridgefield and Ridgefield Little League for Use of Abrams Park Facilities

Agreement provides assurances for use and responsibilities for both the league and the City. Water service at the concession stand would be charged to the league.

Matt Swindell, resident

Will the league be charged for water usage throughout the entire year or only during the season?  
Can "City" be defined as the Council so that there is a board to deal with?

Pat Jefferies, non-resident

City should waive fees for water usage as the league is providing a service to the children of the community and sports leagues struggle with obtaining funds to operate.

Did not bring up a charge for the sewer system?

Discussion: league should deal with staff but if there is an issue they have the ability to bring concerns to council.

Meter can be turned off during the off season so there would be no charge for water.

Other non-profit entities providing services to the citizens such as the Community Center are charged for utilities.

Restrooms are owned and operated by the City so the sewer charges are provided through a public park facility.

MOTION: Council member David Taylor moved to execute an agreement with the Ridgefield Little League for the Use and Maintenance of Abrams Park.

SECOND: Council member Don Stose.

7:08:00 PM

<u>Vote</u> :	4-1
Yes:	Mayor Ron Onslow; Council member David Taylor, Lee Wells and Don Stose
No:	Council member Darren Wertz
Abstained:	None
Absent:	None

Motion Passed.

#### 4. Motion – Adoption of Overlook park Art Guidelines and Approval Process

Friends of Overlook Park approved the guidelines and approval process during its May 2, 2011 meeting and the Parks Board recommended that Council approve the guidelines and approval process during its May 10, 2011 meeting.

Allene Wodaege, resident

Committee for Art in the Park has been working together since last September on guidelines.

A fire pit would be symbolism of a circle to allow for reflection.

MOTION: Council member Don Stose moved to approve the Overlook Park Art Guidelines and Approval Process as presented.

SECOND: Council member Darren Wertz.

7:18:18 PM

<u>Vote</u> :	5-0
Yes:	Mayor Ron Onslow; Council member David Taylor, Lee Wells, Darren Wertz and Don Stose
No:	None
Abstained:	None
Absent:	None

Motion unanimously passed.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Darren Wertz, Council member and resident

Concerns' regarding notice to abate unsafe conditions that was received May 20, 2011 and abatement was to be completed the day before the notice was received.

City Manager Justin Clary

There was a typographical error in the letter; property owners are provided ten days to abate nuisances per the City code.

Allene Wodaege, resident

Complaints regarding properties around the City were provided to the City staff. Property owners should be responsible and take care of their property and notices would not be necessary. City Manager Justin Clary is doing his job.

Juanita Fryman, resident

Point is that the letter was dated the day the abatement was due.

Sandy Schill, resident

People need to be responsible to keep their grass mowed.  
Appreciates that the City sends notices to abate nuisances.  
Would like to see people treated in a small town manner by all.

Matt Swindell, resident

Apologize for not getting vacant lots mowed.

Darren Wertz, resident

Thanked Allene for efforts in keeping the community looking nice.

#### **COUNCIL /PRESIDING OFFICER REPORTS**

Meetings attended on behalf of the City:

Council member Stose	Briefing, Cedar Ridge ice cream social, school symposium, steering committee for the integrated downtown-waterfront, Ridgefield Junction Neighborhood Association (RJNA) annual meeting, and school board meeting
Council member Taylor	Planning commission, Parks Board RJNA annual meeting
Council member Wells	Briefing, Port, Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) concerning right-of-way and mitigation issues, ice cream social, school symposium, and RJNA annual meeting
Council member Wertz	Briefing, Columbia River Economic Development Council (CREDC) Executive Board, ice cream social, and school symposium
Mayor Onlsow	American Legion presentation, WSDOT, Abrams Park design, Gee Creek Enhancement Committee, ice cream social, sustainable meeting at Parr Lumber and RJNA annual meeting

Invitation was received from an Amateur Radio club for an emergency procedures exercise on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Andrew Mulligan will receive his Eagle Scout award for efforts on the Abrams Park trail.

Appointment of Matt Swindell to the 2012 Budget Advisory Committee

MOTION: Council member David Taylor moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Matt Swindell to the 2012 Budget Advisory Committee.

SECOND: Council member Don Stose.

7:48:42 PM

Vote:

5-0

Yes:

Mayor Ron Onslow; Council member David Taylor, Lee Wells, Darren Wertz and Don Stose

No:

None

Abstained:

None

Absent:

None

Motion unanimously passed.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

Executive and Community Development 7:48:57 PM

Steering committee for the downtown waterfront integration went over the action plan.

July 1<sup>st</sup> will be a council retreat at Tri Mtn Golf Course.

Issued 27 year-to-date single family residential permits, 2 are pending pick up, 2 are under review, and 3 were applied for today.

Clark County Parks Foundation Florence B Wager Leading Eagle annual award was awarded to Mayor Onslow.

Administration & Finance

American Legion Post #44 is hosting a Memorial Day event at the City Cemetery and Northwood Park Cemetery is also hosting a Memorial Day event.

2010 General Fund Ending fund balance was approximately \$970,000.

Revenues exceed expenditures for the first time this year.

Public Works

Working on expanding the boundaries for our water system.

Working with Clark Public Utilities on a potential regional water program.

Regional Sewer Coalition Elected Officials meeting is July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Lark Park has been sprayed and new soil will be tilled in to improve grass.

Public Safety

Replacement of RIMS program is underway. Replacement will allow the city to connect to Battle Ground and La Center and then to a nationwide reporting program.

Table top exercise on May 6<sup>th</sup> tested ability to communicate with other entities and went well.

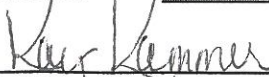
### **FROM THE COUNCIL**

Gas Utility revenues tentative will cease July 1 from the Port remediation project.

Camas-Washougal is forming an Economic Development Council. Need to look at what ramifications that will have to the County.

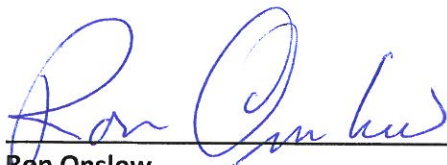
Ridgefield Business Association will host Ginger Metcalf from Identity Clark County at their meeting on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**ADJOURN** 8:32:54 PM



**Kay Kammer**

**Director of Finance & Admin/City Clerk**



**Ron Onslow**

**Mayor**