

**COTTAGE GROVE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
May 11, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

**ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

City Recorder Joan Hoehn called the roll. The following were

Present: Mayor Gary Williams, City Councilors Wayne Clark, Diane Conrad, Mike Fleck, Lynn Miller, Thomas Munroe

Absent: City Councilor Heather Murphy

Youth Representative was absent.

Staff Present: City Manager Richard Meyers, Finance Director Bert McClintock, Public Works Director Jan Wellman, Community Development Director Howard Schesser, Police Chief Mike Grover, Community Services Director Pete Barrell, City Engineer Ron Bradsby

City Attorney Sean Kelly was present.

News Media Present: Cameron Reiten - KNND Radio

**ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA**

Mayor Williams said there was a proclamation regarding Peace Officers Memorial Day to be added to the consent agenda as item (b).

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR FLECK, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR MILLER THAT COUNCIL ADD THE PROCLAMATION REGARDING PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY TO THE CONSENT AGENDA AS ITEM (B).**

Councilor Conrad asked if she could, by consensus, have Council switch items 6(c) and (d), because depending upon how the ordinance regarding the comprehensive fee schedule is handled Ordinance No. 2981 may not be necessary.

Mayor Williams said he would need to separate these two items, because one requires a

unanimous consent and the other is just a housekeeping item.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Fleck	Councilor Miller	Councilor Munroe	Councilor Murphy	Councilor Clark	Councilor Conrad	Mayor Williams
AYES	X	X	X		X	X	X
NAYS							
ABSTAIN							

Mayor Williams said regarding Councilor Conrad’s request to switch items 6(c) and (d) under resolutions and ordinances, it would be fitting to reverse those items.

No one objected to the switch in agenda items.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

1) David Hemenway, 77614 Hwy. 99 S. Cottage Grove, spoke in support of the majority of the Council’s action at the last meeting when the Council tried to assist the builders and potential employees in Cottage Grove by allowing the systems development charge to be paid as a lien against the property and paid at such time as there was financing placed on the property as opposed to having to pay it all up front. He thought that was very vigilant by the majority of Council to move forward with something that may put five or more people to work during the construction of a house. He spoke to the unemployment rate in Lane County being one of the highest. He spoke to the economic timing of this effort, and couldn’t understand how a Councilor could vote against this. He urged, if this comes up, that all of the Council would support it.

2) Linda Schmale, 999 Bennett Creek Road, Cottage Grove said she is also representing the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber feels much the same as David Hemenway has said and supports this gesture of good faith on the part of the Council. She also spoke to how this could possibly put people to work. She thought it was detrimental to the Cottage Grove atmosphere of being an All America City to turn around and tell the builders that they have to pay the fees up front. She thought the little bit of interest the City would be losing is minimal compared to the good faith that she thought the City Council could provide to the community and the builders.

3) Sue Rosenthal, 1002 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Cottage Grove, said that the last two people have tunnel

vision. There's a lot of businesses that are employing a lot of people in this town, and she knows they're talking about SDC fees. She thought if they're going to be fair, they should be fair to the whole business community. She said she doesn't employ people but it would be nice to be in a position to some degree as a business owner to get something back. They all pay taxes, and some employ people. A lot of businesses aren't required to have any kind of business fee, but it would be nice if they got something off on their water bills. These economic times are tough for all of them, and she knows the City is in peril also, but it would be nice to have some support from the entire Council for all the businesses in Cottage Grove and not just for a small segment.

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

(a) Resolution Amending Building Valuation Data Sheet of the City's Comprehensive Fee Schedule

Howard explained that this is a change to the fee schedule in that the state every four to six months is changing the evaluation which is now state wide. Instead of coming back and having to change the schedule continuously, staff is recommending that Council change the wording that this refers back to the adopted schedule by the state as the one that the City follows.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR MUNROE, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR MILLER THAT RESOLUTION NO. 1704, "A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BUILDING VALUATION DATA SHEET OF THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE FEE SCHEDULE", BE ADOPTED.**

The vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Fleck	Councilor Miller	Councilor Munroe	Councilor Murphy	Councilor Clark	Councilor Conrad	Mayor Williams
AYES	X	X	X		X	X	X
NAYS							
ABSTAIN							

(b) Resolution Amending City's Comprehensive Fee Schedule related to Building Fees

Howard explained that in the past Council has made changes to the building fees every two years or so when changes were made, but staff has now taken out old sections that have been amended. This is a housekeeping resolution getting rid of all the sections that have been amended and renumbers the schedule.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR MUNROE, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR MILLER THAT RESOLUTION NO. 1705, "A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE FEE SCHEDULE RELATED TO BUILDING FEES," BE**

**ADOPTED.**

The vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Fleck	Councilor Miller	Councilor Munroe	Councilor Murphy	Councilor Clark	Councilor Conrad	Mayor Williams
AYES	X	X	X		X	X	X
NAYS							
ABSTAIN							

(c) Ordinance Amending the Comprehensive Fee Schedule

Richard said Council has before it an ordinance that Councilor Conrad has prepared for amending the comprehensive fee schedule.

Councilor Conrad said since this requires a unanimous vote, she would recommend that Council have discussion before the vote. She said her main objection to Ordinance No. 2981 was that it addressed only one section of the business in the community and did not address other businesses that it could have addressed. She said with this ordinance it addresses other businesses that the City has licenses or fees to, and she believed that the Council will be addressing fairness and equableness to all the businesses in the community. She said if Council prevails that this ordinance will just add fairness to their governance then she would welcome if someone who voted in the majority for 2981 made a motion to reconsider the vote of 2981 and would by all in good conscience that Council is governing with fairness she can change her vote on 2981. She reiterated that she is all about fairness.

Richard explained that somebody who voted in the majority on the previous ordinance would have to ask for it to be reconsidered.

Councilor Miller said she has some serious questions about this ordinance; it's incomplete and hasn't gone through the normal channels. No one has asked the Council about it and the City Manager hasn't been consulted nor has legal counsel been consulted. She doubted whether it was legal. She said she understands it would be wonderful if the City could be more broader and alleviate some of the economic misery out there, but that wasn't the intent of the emergency in this SDC ordinance. She asked how much money Councilor Conrad's ordinance would address.

Bert said there's one license issued for a taxi cab paid up through December 2009 and it's a fee of \$25.00. No one is licensed for merchant police service. The used merchandise fee is \$50.00 and three are issued for this year valid through December 2009. Regarding circus fees none have been issued this year, and it is a \$350 fee unless some of the proceeds go to a nonprofit agency. No commercial kennel licenses have been issued and there's only one area zoned for that. Regarding the Community Center fees, that's for use of the facilities in the building. They're \$35.00, and there's different fees for different uses. Businesses that use the Center are

charged more than the nonprofit and private uses.

Richard pointed out that the purpose of the Community Center isn't for businesses, but for the community and nonprofits to use.

Councilor Miller said she couldn't go anywhere with this ordinance based on just this information.

Councilor Fleck said he appreciated the intent of what Councilor Conrad is trying to do. He said he did have concern as there needs to be detail. He indicated he was concerned with waiving fees for businesses in the Community Center, because there may be other businesses in town that lease out space in the community and that would be competing with them.

Councilor Clark asked Councilor Conrad to explain how these two things really relate. It sounds like she's saying she would vote for this other thing if you'll agree with her on this, and he didn't think that was a good way to govern. If something can stand on its own merit and is judged positively by this panel then it should be passed. It shouldn't be contingent on if I could get something else passed that I think would be more prudent. He said tying the two together is a little troubling to him.

Councilor Conrad said the language in this ordinance is written in the same language as Ordinance 2981, and the reason for the similarity again is she's trying to have it as fair as possible and that Council act with good faith toward the whole community. She said these businesses were listed because they were the one's listed in the code; it is a complete list of businesses that the City gives licenses to. As far as businesses using the Community Center and not charging them this is what this is about the businesses in the community. She said if there is a question about legality, Councilors can ask the City Attorney. Concerning her statements about if this ordinance is passed she would welcome someone to make a motion to reconsider Ordinance 2981, she was just explaining where she was coming from. She didn't vote against Ordinance 2981 because she was against the ordinance per se but she was trying to stress that the Council as a government should be as fair and equitable as possible and help as many businesses as possible. She stressed that she was just looking for fairness and equity for the business community.

Councilor Miller commended Councilor Conrad for trying to bring something forward and if they wanted to talk about other businesses they could do that but the issue before Council was specific and it had to do with building and SDCs. Why couldn't Council do it right now and then if Council wanted to talk about how it could help other businesses and the community then that could have been discussed, but now we're embroiled in some big debate over a document that needs to be carefully looked at before considering. She thought Council needed to get the SDC thing taken care of and then talk about other possible avenues where Council can help the

community that Councilor Conrad so wants to address. She didn't think they should all be put together.

Councilor Conrad asked for a comment from the City Attorney concerning the legality of this ordinance.

Sean said he didn't see any problem with the ordinance in and of itself, but he didn't know if that answered Councilor Miller's question. They are two separate issues.

Richard said there is the issue of prorating back prepaid licenses and that's not clear in here.

Councilor Conrad pointed out that there would be a refund for that.

Councilor Munroe thought Council was talking about two separate things here, one is SDCs and the other is licenses and fees.

Sean pointed out that Councilor Conrad does realize that they are separate issues.

Councilor Conrad clarified that her attitude is that when Council as a governing body addresses all the businesses that it can which are in the code with equitable and fairness as a government, then she can change her vote on the other.

Councilor Clark said as he looks at this he can't help but think that what they're really getting at here is supporting Councilor Conrad's ordinance so that she will vote to declare an emergency and the SDC can be implemented. He said he didn't have a problem with voting for her ordinance. He thought it was a this and that category. She's, in a very political way, tying her support so that Council can enact this SDC change tonight to support of this ordinance. He didn't think she needed to do that; there would have been support for a well thought out ordinance.

Councilor Conrad said she was trying to honor the emergency status of Ordinance 2981 to be enacted immediately.

Mayor Williams said the reason for this ordinance was that he had asked the City Manager to take a look at something like this, because of a homebuilder in the community having seen something along these lines in the City of Springfield and asked if Cottage Grove could incorporate some kind of program similar to their's.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR CONRAD THAT COUNCIL DETERMINES IT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST THAT ORDINANCE NO. 2982 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2361 OF THE CITY OF COTTAGE GROVE COMPREHENSIVE FEE SCHEDULE EXHIBIT "A" ITEMS V. BUSINESS, XI.**

**MISCELLANEOUS, XII. COMMUNITY CENTER FEES ANDS POLICIES," BE ADOPTED IN A SINGLE MEETING.**

The motion failed for lack of a second.

(d) Ordinance Amending the Comprehensive Fee Schedule

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR CLARK, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR MILLER FOR RECONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2981, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15.16 SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGES OF THE COTTAGE GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE.”**

It was clarified that this motion is for reconsideration of Ordinance No. 2981 with the emergency clause.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Fleck	Councilor Miller	Councilor Munroe	Councilor Murphy	Councilor Clark	Councilor Conrad	Mayor Williams
AYES	X	X	X		X	X	X
NAYS							
ABSTAIN							

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR FLECK, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MILLER THAT ORDINANCE NO. 2981, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15.16 SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGES OF THE COTTAGE GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE” BE ADOPTED.**

Roll was called on the motion and the vote was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Fleck	Councilor Miller	Councilor Munroe	Councilor Murphy	Councilor Clark	Councilor Conrad	Mayor Williams
AYES	X	X	X		X	X	X
NAYS							
ABSTAIN							

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR CONRAD, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR FLECK THAT ORDINANCE NO. 2982, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2361 OF THE CITY OF COTTAGE GROVE COMPREHENSIVE FEE SCHEDULE EXHIBIT “A” ITEMS V. BUSINESS, XI. MISCELLANEOUS, XII. COMMUNITY CENTER FEES ANDS POLICIES,” BE INTRODUCED, READ ONCE BY TITLE ONLY AND FOLLOWING DISCUSSION IT BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE COUNCIL AT THE NEXT MEETING FOR SECOND READING AND CONSIDERATION FOR ADOPTION.**

Councilor Miller said she would still recommend that this ordinance have some input from staff, legal, finance, manager to make sure what we’re trying to do this does and that is to help the

general community. From what she can see with these very small licenses it doesn't help the community very much at all.

Councilor Fleck said his only concern is with the last item regarding fees for businesses to use the Community Center when there are other facilities in town that charge for their usage. If this could be stricken he could vote for this.

Roll was called on the motion and the vote was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Fleck	Councilor Miller	Councilor Munroe	Councilor Murphy	Councilor Clark	Councilor Conrad	Mayor Williams
AYES	X	X	X		X	X	X
NAYS							
ABSTAIN							

City Attorney Sean Kelly read Ordinance No. 2982 once in title only.

### **BUSINESS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL**

(a) Revised Bohemia Park Conservation Easement Agreement

Richard said almost two years ago the City received a conservation easement agreement from the Bohemia Foundation for the park they wanted to develop on S. 10<sup>th</sup>. Basically the easement designates that the property will be a park or public space indefinitely with the Bohemia Foundation developing that piece of property and giving the City that easement as a public park. The purpose for the easement is to make it a public space and also to help get that piece of property available for some state grants where the grants would have to come through the City to develop and improve the park and make it a public space.

Richard said a couple of things have happened since the approval of the easement by the Council. Pacific Power has decided that they don't need to trade their property any more, and are now willing to donate the land. This would change the original conservation easement, because there was a clause in there for the exchange of property, i.e., the City would give the Bohemia Foundation property and they in turn would give it to Pacific Power in exchange for their property on 10<sup>th</sup> Street. The other piece is regarding the two previous applications for state parks grants. Their legal counsel said the previous easement agreement was fine and satisfied their requirements, but on the review this year for the state park grant the state park staff said section 4 and 5 were too much making it sound like Bohemia Foundation was in charge of the park. It needed to be the City in charge of the park, so sections 4 and 5 have been amended to say the City is the one responsible for the park, for the management and upkeep. The City and Bohemia Foundation now on the side have another agreement where the City would delegate that maintenance and operation and the development to the Bohemia Foundation. In the sense of getting grants from the state, the City gets the grant and they want to make sure the City is the

one responsible even though the City may have somebody else do it. That's okay as it's just a contract situation

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR MUNROE, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR MILLER THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE REVISED BOHEMIA PARK CONSERVATION EASEMENT AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN SAME.**

Councilor Conrad asked Richard to confirm that this does not say that the City will entail extra expense in the course of maintenance that the Bohemia Foundation and grants will maintain the cost of maintenance.

Richard said this agreement does not say that, because it doesn't talk about the specifics dealing with development. Right now the intent is that the Bohemia Foundation is doing the development. For grant purposes, it is saying that the City is going to be responsible for overseeing and managing it. It doesn't say the City won't spend money; that's will be in a separate agreement.

Councilor Clark asked if Richard had any concerns as to far as what happens if this project doesn't happen.

Richard said the intent of the Bohemia Foundation is that the project gets done and gets done right. We don't have those other agreements yet, but this has to get done for that grant application. The Bohemia Foundation is committed to setting up a trust fund for the improvements and continued maintenance of the park, and it will be a substantial amount to take care of the park into perpetuity. He said he was confident they would do the project, but wasn't sure if they would be successful in getting the state grant. If the project doesn't work out, the worse case scenario the grantor can terminate everything and take the land back and do what the want with it. The City would not be responsible for any more park land unless it wanted to; the City could end it also.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Fleck	Councilor Miller	Councilor Munroe	Councilor Murphy	Councilor Clark	Councilor Conrad	Mayor Williams
AYES	X	X	X		X	X	X
NAYS							
ABSTAIN							

(b) Bid Award for Southwest Segment #3 of Fiber Optics Project

City Engineer Ron Bradsby explained that staff received bids for the final segment of the initial backbone structure of the fiber optics loop. It begins at Bohemia School on S. R Street and will proceed north to Main Street, Main Street to S. 5<sup>th</sup>, down S. 5<sup>th</sup> to Adams, Adams to S. 6<sup>th</sup>, S. 6<sup>th</sup>

Street to Hwy. 99 completing the loop. Three bids were received, and the low bid was from Professional Underground Services for \$174,455.03. The engineer's estimate was \$325,358.41. Staff recommends Council award this contract to Professional Underground Services for \$174,455.03.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR FLECK, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR MILLER THAT COUNCIL AWARD TO THE LOW BIDDER, PROFESSIONAL UNDERGROUND SERVICES, SEGMENT #3 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$174,455.03.**

Councilor Conrad asked how this project fit in these ARRA (Stimulus) funds.

Richard said it wouldn't because it hasn't gone through the application process. Staff would have to not do this project and wait until the City received approval through the ARRA, Economic Stimulus money, which they still haven't set up the rules for the telecommunications and broadband development grant application. We would then have to rebid it, and probably wouldn't get such a great deal on bidding then.

Councilor Conrad said she is against the business plan for the fiber optics but in favor of the idea of it.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Fleck	Councilor Miller	Councilor Munroe	Councilor Murphy	Councilor Clark	Councilor Conrad	Mayor Williams
AYES	X	X	X		X		X
NAYS						X	
ABSTAIN							

(c) Concerns from the City Council

1) Councilor Conrad stated that Council just had a fairly complex discussion with bureaucracy and rules and regulations and ordinances and resolutions and came up with very good questions to the ordinance that was on the floor in a very professional manner and she appreciated all that.

2) Councilor Clark asked for a pool discussion update.

Richard said he had a discussion with the restaurant association representative and listened to his lobbyist view. Staff is trying to put together a new updated list of businesses and gross receipts to see if there's any change there before putting together some numbers. Should have that out by the end of this week or next week. Looking at some of the drafts from Ashland and Yachats on a food and beverage ordinance and will put something together there as well. He said they have discussed with the school district of possibly having some type of forum to discuss the pool and what kind of support and issues would be associated with it. A date hasn't been set for that yet.

Councilor Clark said he was interested in having something to discuss at the June 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting and asked if staff was on track for that.

Richard indicated they were. Also, there's a poll going on on the Sentinel web page regarding the pool and whether people are in support or not. He pointed out that there was a letter submitted from former City Councilor Lindsey Haskell as well as a letter from Maile Wall as well (attached as Exhibits A and B respectively).

Councilor Miller said regarding the swimming pool she has heard some discussion points that Richard may want to include when he puts this together for discussion. One point is that a large segment of the people she represents do not use the pool and feel they're being gouged. The argument that my child uses the pool; therefore, it's important she thought they needed to get a little broader discussion than that in the community pool venue. One of the points she's heard and is valid is that if the pool closes it closes for good; that's a very good point. If there is a tax, then perhaps that tax could go for other things than just a pool. She said there are people really worried about the storm drain issue that needs to be addressed.

Councilor Fleck said he would like to see a lot more information related to the tax and a lot more outreach.

Councilor Munroe said with most of the people he's talked to regarding this tax is that a lot of it will be paid by travelers.

Councilor Conrad said she didn't think Council should focus on one particular avenue of funding for the pool which is a new tax. Agree with Councilor Miller when she said to research grants, research foundations, and she wondered how much could be put into that as well besides an additional tax. She said she would like more information from the school district as she's heard they're considering just reducing personnel down to one, and reducing community services to the pool and not that they're closing the pool. She said she would also like information as to how many community people use the pool. So there are a lot of options besides let's just research institution of a new tax for the pool.

Councilor Clark explained that there has been a two or three year search for grant funding to keep the pool open. He said that coming to the City Council and asking for a tax for anything is basically the last straw, because they know how popular taxes are. The issue here is as a public body is Council going to try to preserve the infrastructure, are they going to try to preserve the things in the community that keep them being a community; that hold them as a community. Or shall they just say oh well there goes the pool; let's see what else we can get rid of in these financial times. He pointed out that the era of we're the City; they're the school district is over. They're all in this financial situation together and should try to cooperate to try to preserve the community's treasures. This is a fairly broad based approach to try to preserve something in the community.

3) Councilor Miller said there's been a very unsanitary and unhealthy transient settlement behind

the Cottage Grove sign as you come down to Carl's Jr. She said that having talked with several people at ODOT, she has been reassured that the people have been contacted, it has been posted and were very shocked to find several people crawling out from this debris. They are trying to get help for these people and get them relocated, but it is a drug issue for the most part. They are going to have to have maintenance people come in and clean it up. They will knocked down and take out several trees, so it won't be so appealing to transients. She asked everybody in the community to watch, and if they see anything to let the City know, so it can be taken care of in a timely manner.

## **BUSINESS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

### **(a) Library Report**

Richard said Lori Clark Alexander, Library Assistant in charge of the children's program, is under assignment from the scholarship she received to come and report to the Council on attending the Library Association Conference under the scholarship.

Lori Clark Alexander, Library Assistant, said she received a scholarship from a project called HOLA (Helping Oregon Libraries Achieve) which was awarded to library workers in towns that serve less than 10,000 population and to someone who has never attended a Library Association Conference before. She said she was assigned a mentor. Lori explained some of the sessions she attended during the three day conference. She said the best thing she brought back from the conference was meeting the other librarians and library service workers and seeing the big picture of the Oregon Library Association and what it does for our state and what it means to be involved in a library in a teaching capacity and in a capacity where you're giving to your community. She said she received a three-year membership to the Oregon Library Association and received one for the Cottage Grove Library as well.

Councilor Miller asked Lori to explain the new program for children.

Lori said the summer reading program is coming up, "Be Creative @ Your Library". So they're encouraging a lot of art and music and going to have a lot of performances for the public to come and bring their kids. It will be starting in June. She said that Tuesday nights are pajama story time at 6:30 pm and at 10:00 am every Friday morning. They're also putting together a fiesta. They just received a grant for 600 new Spanish books that will be coming into the library.

### **(b) Report from the City Manager**

1) Richard said as staff was preparing the budget and getting the numbers they did note that the City Council has overspent its budget by 104%. So he cautioned them that there is no money left to do anything.

2) Richard said the Chamber Banquet is this week on Friday at 6:00 pm at the Catholic Church.

3) Richard said this Saturday is the Down By the Riverside Cleanup from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. People need to sign up at the Community Center at 8:00 am. There will be a barbecue at Prospector Park at 1:00 pm for those who volunteer to help clean up the community.

### **BUSINESS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY**

(a) Report from the City Attorney

Sean said he attended the Oregon City Attorneys Association conference in Kah-Nee-Ta and will be sharing information with the Department Heads at the staff meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

1) Larry Nichols, 1045 S. 8<sup>th</sup> , Cottage Grove, said regarding the pool, times are tough but there are certain things that tie a community together. One is recreation and another is the library, community get together. He thought things like this were important and the pool is important as it is used by seniors, children and as well everybody uses the library. He reiterated that times are tough and a community needs to stand together and support things in the community. He thought that just because someone doesn't use something doesn't mean they shouldn't help support it. Even in tough times you have to have community priorities.

2) Larry Nichols said he came here tonight representing the Friends of Mt. David and to thank the City, Richard and Teresa Cowan who helped make their Northwest Neighborhood Cleanup a complete and utter success. They also wanted to thank Tim from Cottage Grove Garbage Service and Stan the metal man as well as all the volunteers who helped. Larry proposed an idea where people could take their garbage bill and a photo id to the dump and dump for free. He thought that maybe during the summer or once or twice a month do this and get a free day at the dump. Anything to help people with the fees for cleaning up not only their yards but the community.

Councilor Miller left at 8:55 p.m.

3) Tamara Nash, 30638 Kenady Lane, Cottage Grove, spoke encouraging the City to help support keeping the pool open. She related how having the pool has helped three of her children become strong swimmers and how they could potentially some day save somebody's life. She said she wanted to encourage Council to continue working on anything they can to help keep the pool open for the public programs, the programs people in the community use. She said with the number of hours that her family spends at the pool participating in activities as well as volunteering, they would have to consider moving if the pool is closed for these community programs.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

(a) Liquor License Renewals

(b) Proclamation regarding Peace Officers Memorial Day

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

None

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR FLECK, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CLARK THAT THE CONSENT AGENDA BE APPROVED.**

The vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Fleck	Councilor Miller	Councilor Munroe	Councilor Murphy	Councilor Clark	Councilor Conrad	Mayor Williams
AYES	X		X		X	X	X
NAYS							
ABSTAIN							

Mayor Williams reminded Council that an executive session would be following this meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Williams adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council at 9:00 pm.

The next regular City Council Meeting will be held on June 8, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

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Joan Hoehn, City Recorder

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Gary Williams, Mayor