

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 12, 2023, 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 100 W Halsey St., Halsey, OR

**This hybrid meeting was also conducted as a teleconference, with external participation available via phone or video link.*

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilor Stacy Strauss, Council President Michelle Isom, Councilor Ken Lorensen, Councilor Gabriel Flores, Councilor Jeremy Romer, Councilor Scott LaCoste, Mayor Jerry Lachenbruch

Absent:

Staff Present: Interim City Administrator Wes Hare, Municipal Clerk Audrey Whiddon,

Guests: Captain Brandon Fountain-LCSO, Carl Shaum, Cecelia Shaum

Remote

Participants: Admin Assistant Amber Murray, Librarian Abi Vinson, Tia Parrish,

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCIL MINUTES

Council is asked to review and approve the minutes from the Council Meeting on November 14, 2023. Council President Isom asked that two amendments be made to the November 14, 2023 minutes. The first amendment regarding the new phones for the City. The second regarding the report on Central Linn School District. The minutes will be presented again at the next Council Meeting for approval.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The November Financial reports are not yet available. They will be submitted during the January Council Meeting.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

DELEGATIONS

Linn County Sheriff's Office: Captain Fountain

There were six traffic warnings, two arrests were made, thirty-nine overall complaints were made during the month of November. Captain Fountain provided the following overview of the November Sheriff's Report

- There was a trailer stolen on G St.
- The post office was broken into, they do have a suspect in that case.
- Halsey was one of several Cities in Oregon that received a bomb threat, along with other states. The threat originated from outside of the country.

Councilor Strauss stated that the extra patrols around the school zones have gone noticed and is appreciated.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

Interim City Administrator: Wes Hare

- Central Linn School Board Meeting – Spoke about ways that the City and the School District can work together. Reintroducing the “IF I Was a Mayor Essay”, also ways that the City Library could be a benefit to the children in the school district. Possibly inviting classes to attend meetings to get a sense of how government works.
- Council Goals – We received the first draft of the goals. Went over the goals with Dave Kinney about how to implement them. The final draft will be presented at the January Council Meeting.
- City Administrator Job Opening – We are in contact with applicants.
- Meeting with Representative Jami Cate – Mayor Lachenbruch, Public Work Lead Andy Ridinger, and Interim City Administrator Wes Hare attend the meeting. Representative Cate went over some of the updates of bills she is working on along with the Governor's priorities. Representative Cate gave some suggestions on how to get projects for the City funded.

Library: Abi Vinson

- Patrons- There were a total of Sixty-eight patrons for the month of November. Three new library cards were issued. November was a little slow since the library was closed for five days in November.
- Collection Update- Ten new books were added to the collection in November.
- Sharing Hand Food Drive- The food drive is going on until the end of the month, citizens get a free book when they donate.

- ADA Grant- Submitted the application for the grant. Hoping to use the grant for a new door. It may take a few months to hear back on the grant application. So far one quote has been given for new doors, the amount quoted is about 10,000 dollars.
- Story Time- Scheduled for December 22nd, there will be crafts, snacks, hot coco and a story.
- American Library Association – Got membership, which also comes with membership to the Oregon Library Association. They can connect the library with grants and assistance with grant proposals.
- Grant Writing Courses – Librarian Abi starts classes on December 13,2023, will be work a few more hours a week. Looking into USDA grant and another small grant for outreach and events.

Sharing Hands: Ken Lorensen

- Expansion Project- Councilor Lorensen reported that Sharing Hands new building is coming along. All the exterior walls are up. They are about halfway on funding for the building. They have had about 4-8 volunteers every day. They post updates regularly on Facebook of the building progress.

Central Linn School District: Michelle Isom

- Bond- Councilor Isom reported that they are in very preliminary process of putting together a bond. They are putting together committees, will be asking staff and citizens their opinions. It is a few years out.

Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments Board: Jeremy Romer

There is nothing new to report this month.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

Old Business

Councilor Lorensen last official Council Meeting is tonight December 12,2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7: 37pm.

Admin Assistant, Amber Murray

Mayor Jerry Lachenbruch