



# CITY OF MYRTLE CREEK

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

**DATE:** February 15, 2022

**PLACE:** Council Chambers, 207 NW Pleasant St., Myrtle Creek, Oregon

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Mayor Matthew Hald

**COUNCILORS PRESENT:** Councilors: Bill Burnett, Kathi Otero, Allan Kusler, Angie Criss

**COUNCILORS ABSENT:** Council President Susan Harris

A quorum was present throughout the meeting.

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:** City Administrator Lonnie Rainville, City Recorder Joanna Bilbrey, Police Chief Jonathan Brewster, Fire Chief Manie Pires

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Matthew Hald called the February 15, 2022 meeting to order at 5:30 PM

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### PUBLIC PRESENTATION

There were no presentations.

### CONSENT AGENDA

#### Parts I & II

Motion was made by Councilor Burnett and seconded by Councilor Criss to accept Consent Agenda Parts I & II as presented in the February 15, 2022 council packet. Discussion: None

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

#### Planning Department

City Administrator Lonnie Rainville submitted the Community Development Report as written. Councilor Criss asked how the Safe Routes to School will be implemented at the schools. After the draft

is signed off on it will go out to the public for comment. After that the final report will be created. Once the final report goes out the City can start applying for grants to complete the suggested improvements.

### **Finance Report**

The Finance Report was submitted into record as written.

### **Police Department**

Police Chief Jonathan Brewster submitted the Police Report as written. The sobering center has reported lower numbers recently. The mayor asked if the fire arms training simulator is up and operating. The Police Chief shared that it is and the officers are able to use it for training. Live fire training is still being conducted.

### **Fire Department**

Fire Chief Manie Pires submitted the Fire Report as written. The high number of medical calls was in part due to the ambulance company being short staffed. Four vounteers have completed an EMR class which will help them to assist on the medical calls.

### **Public Works**

City Administrator Lonnie Rainville submitted the Public Works Report as written. Storm water drain on Western is filled with sand.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **2022 City Council Goals**

City Administrator Lonnie Rainville presented to Council a compilation of the 10 goals that Council decided on during the work session

Motion was made by Councilor Burnett to approve the 2022 City Council Goals. Motion was seconded by Councilor Criss. Discussion: Councilor Burnett suggested that at a later date Council meet again and discuss the goals and what is wanted from each of the them.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

### **Golf Course Lease**

City Administrator Lonnie Rainville shared that he had had a meeting at the golf course regarding maintenance items. While there he was asked if the City would be willing to open negotiations a year early. They would like to have a longer lease and to be able to have certain property items transfer to them sooner. Councilor Criss asked if there are benefits for the City to open negotiations early. The City Administrator shared that lengthening the lease term and getting the property taxes moved over to Umpqua Golf Management would benefit the City, but that he has not dug into the lease yet as he was waiting for Council to determine if they would even want to start negotiations early.

Motion was made by Councilor Burnett to allow the City Administrator to enter into negotiations with UGM for a new lease agreement. Motion was seconded by Councilor Otero. Discussion: The

*City Administrator made note that while the new lease is being discussed all current lease terms will apply.*

*Vote: Motion passed unanimously.*

### **CITIZENS HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

No items presented.

### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

City Administrator Lonnie Rainville shared that he has had a couple meetings with Sony Murray. She has made contact with the state to have the Main Street Association reactivated. The county property at the north end of town has been transferred to the City at no cost. Preparations for the 2022/2023 budget has begun. Department heads are currently working on their portions. The tower is down at the airport and staff will begin the process for installing the new tower soon.

### **MAYOR AND COUNCILOR – COMMITTEE REPORTS and COUNCILOR COMMENTS**

Councilor Otero shared that the library is opening a few more hours. Councilor Criss asked how the City will be distributing the Covid test kits provided by the County Commissioners. Councilor Burnett shared that he spoke with someone in Medford who was looking forward to playing the Myrtle Creek course.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Matthew Hald adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council for February 15, 2022 at 6:02 P.M.

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Matthew Hald, Mayor

Attest:

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Joanna Bilbrey  
City Recorder