



CITY OF MYRTLE CREEK

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

DATE: January 4, 2022

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: Mayor Matthew Hald

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

COUNCILORS ABSENT:

A quorum was present throughout the meeting.

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: City Administrator Sean Negherbon, City Recorder Joanna Bilbrey, Community Development Director Lonnie Rainville, Finance Officer Eadie Calkins

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Matthew Hald called the January 4, 2022 meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION

CONSENT AGENDA

Parts I & II

Motion was made by Councilor Burnett and seconded by Councilor Harris to approve Consent Agenda Parts I & II as presented in the January 4, 2022 council packet. Discussion: None

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

AUDIT REPORT

Conference call with Steve Tuchscherer

Overview of audit went well. Finance Officer Eadie Calkins does a great job with the financial statements and items were where they should be. The City is in good financial shape, taxes are coming in and programs are functioning well.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Planning Department – will be included in December Rpt.

Finance Report

Finance Office Eadie Calkins presented the November Finance report as written. City Administrator Sean Negherbon announced that our Finance Officer has retired and will be working part-time.

Police Department

November Police Report submitted into record as written.

Fire Department

November Fire Department Report submitted into record as written.

Public Works – will be included in December Rpt.

PUBLIC HEARING

Abatement of 127 NW Division St, Myrtle Creek, Oregon

Public Hearing opened at: 6:03

Community Development Director Lonnie Rainville presented to Council the process which has been taken by the City to move forward with the abatement of the property located at 127 NW Division Street. Report is attached to Council packet for retention. Included is the report from the Douglas County Building Department with the County supporting the decision to mark the building as unsafe.

Councilor Kusler asked if we have an estimate for the abatement. The initial bid came in at \$500,000 from First Strike. The Community Development Director believes that this is a high estimate and would put the demolition out to bid. December 2, 2021 Marcia Merry, the property owner, applied for a demolition permit. The recommendation from staff would be to begin the abatement process.

Property Owner Marcia Merry was present for testimony.

Ms. Merry shared that she has backers to assist with the demolition of the building and to fund a senior living facility that she would like to build.

Councilor Criss asked why no action has been taken until this time. Councilor Criss asked how long Ms. Marcia has owned the building. Ms. Merry stated she has owned the building for 21 years. Councilor Harris asked why Ms. Merry has not put up a fence or tried to make the building safer for the community.

Public Hearing closed at: 6:34 PM

Motion was made by Councilor Burnett to authorize the City Administrator to order the structure located at 127 NW Division Street, Myrtle Creek, OR to be demolished resulting in the City managing the

process for the removal of the structure with any cost resulting in possible liens on the property.
Motioned seconded by Councilor Criss. Discussion: None followed

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No citizen comments

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

City Administrator Negherbon shared he has been busy transitioning work to the new City Administrator and with year end projects. The generators were not needed during the recent snow storm but are in place if the need were to arise. The City Administrator thanked Eadie for her work and shared how fortunate the City is that we have her.

MAYOR AND COUNCILOR – COMMITTEE REPORTS and COUNCILOR COMMENTS

Councilor Kusler commented on the fact that the City handled the snow storm well. Councilor Otero thanked the City staff for checking on her during the snow storm. Councilor Harris mentioned the Lions Crab Feed. The Mayor thanked Sean and Eadie for their years of service.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Held pursuant to OS 192.660(2)(a) to consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent.

Executive Session opened at 6:46 PM

Executive Session closed at 7:06 PM

Motion was made by Councilor Harris to accept the employment agreement for Lonnie Rainville as the new City Administrator effective January 1, 2022. Motion was seconded by Councilor Otero.

Discussion: none

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Matthew Hald adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council for January 4, 2022 at 7:08 PM.

Matthew Hald, Mayor

Attest:

Joanna Bilbrey
City Recorder

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