



CITY OF MYRTLE CREEK

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

DATE: March 21, 2023

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: Mayor Matthew Hald

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Councilors: Robert Chaney, Sr., Luke Dillon, Diana Larson, Susan Harris, Bill Burnett

COUNCILORS ABSENT:

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, Finance Officer Lesley Hiscocks

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Matthew Hald called the March 21, 2023 meeting to order at 5:30 PM

PUBLIC PRESENTATION

No Public Presentation

CONSENT AGENDA

Parts I & II

Motion was made by Councilor Burnett and seconded by Councilor Larson to accept Consent Agenda Parts I & II. Discussion: No discussion followed

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Community Development/Planning Department

City Administrator Lonnie Rainville submitted the Community Development/Planning Department Report into record as written. Councilor Dillon asked about the progress of the Klimback subdivision. Councilor Chaney asked if we have a deadline for the demolition of the old hospital.

Finance Report

Finance Officer Lesley Hiscocks submitted the Finance Report into record as written. Councilor Larson asked if there was a way to see just what is spent on gas (fuel) over a period of time.

Police Department

Police Chief Jonathan Brewster submitted the Police Report into record as written. Chief Brewster shared with Council the costs associated with hiring a new officer. Councilor Harris commended Officer Smith on Police Officer of the year.

Fire Department

Fire Department Report submitted into record as written.

Public Works

City Administrator Lonnie Rainville Submitted the Public Works Report into record as written. Councilor Chaney asked if the lift station was on track. There was a small delay because of ground saturation. Councilor Larson and Harris asked about the recent graffiti around town.

REGULAR AGENDA

Budget Committee and Planning Commission Application - Cecil Earp

Cecil “Tommy” Earp submitted an application to be on the Budget Committee and when asked by staff if he would also like to volunteer for the Planning Commission he kindly agreed.

Motion was made by Councilor Burnett to accept Tommy Earp’s application to the Budget Committee and to the Planning Commission. Motion was seconded by Councilor Harris. Discussion: none

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Citizen of the Year Banquet

In years past the City has paid for the Councilors to attend the Citizen of the Year Banquet with the Councilors paying for their guests. When asked the Councilors who were attending stated that they would be purchasing their own tickets this year.

No motion was made.

CITIZENS HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Lori Proctor, Riverside Drive, Myrtle Creek, OR 97457

Lori wanted to have her opposition to city funds being spent on a parking lot noted.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

City Administrator Lonnie Rainville shared about a new process for developing a problem statement and generating pros and cons to working through the problem areas in the city. We will be able to present an issue to Council for review prior to it being on the agenda and prior to making any decisions. This will give Council more time to review issues. The attorney has returned the the ordinance that the Homelessness Review Committee was working on. We will be making the suggested changes, have the

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committee review it, and schedule it for the April Planning Commission meeting. If the Planning Commission is good with the changes it will be brought to Council for adoption. The City Administrator also shared that City Hall currently has a legacy phone system which is not supported any longer. DFN will be our new phone carrier and we will be deploying the new phones next week. There will be a couple of hard phone lines remaining that are needed for specific items. The Riverside Lift Station is on track. The new website is up and live. One of the key changes is a citizen comment page. This allows citizens to submit questions or comments directly to department heads.

MAYOR AND COUNCILOR – COMMITTEE REPORTS and COUNCILOR COMMENTS

Councilor Bill Burnett shared that cleanup is under way at the Golf Course. Reminder of the Public Meeting scheduled for Thursday at 6:00 PM at the Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Matthew Hald adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council for March 21, 2023 at 5:55 P.M.

Matthew Hald, Mayor

Attest:

Joanna Bilbrey
City Recorder