



# CITY OF MYRTLE CREEK

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

**DATE:** November 7, 2023

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

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Mayor Matthew Hald

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

**COUNCILORS ABSENT:**

A quorum was present throughout the meeting.

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:** City Administrator Lonnie Rainville, City Recorder Joanna Bilbrey

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Matthew Hald called the November 7, 2023 meeting to order at 5:30 PM

### PUBLIC PRESENTATION

No public presentations

### CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEM

No citizens comments.

### CONSENT AGENDA

#### Part 1

Motion was made by Councilor Burnett and seconded by Councilor Harris to approve the Meeting Minutes for October 17, 2023, with correction noted. Discussion: Correct attendance – remove Manie Pries

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

### REGULAR AGENDA

#### Public Works Pickup Purchase

City Administrator Lonnie Rainville shared that in the Capital Budget we have budgeted for the purchase of a new Public Works pickup truck. The City put out requests for quotes and received two back. Lithia in Roseburg came back with a 350 quad cab diesel. The City is looking for a gas vehicle with a standard cab. Harper Motors in Eureka, California, submitted a quote of \$62,578.7. If approved

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this vehicle will go to Public Works, and a public works vehicle will go to Parks. The blue pickup will be surplus.

Motion was made by Councilor Burnett to approve the City to purchase the new pickup from Harper Motors in the amount of \$62,578.75. Motion was seconded by Councilor Chaney. Discussion: Has the City consider trading in a vehicle. Shared that there is little trade in value.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

City Administrator Lonnie Rainville shared information on Measure 110. Measure 110 reduced the criminalization of certain drugs in Oregon and reduced the amount that cities received from the state marijuana tax. There is legislation coming attempting to repeal or change this measure. The City Administrator also shared information from the League of Oregon Cities regarding changes to recreational immunity for improved trails.

The City Administrator is working with Pacific Power to install 5 new street lights in town, three on Laurance, one on the corner of Neal and Simpson, and one on Leon.

Zachary Potter started last Monday as our new Public Works Superintendent. We are now fully staffed in both Public Works and the Police Department. The Riverside Lift Station is planned to go live next week. The Oregon Recreational Grant was submitted today. The National Park Service reached out to let us know that funding has come through for the Applegate Trail sign and installation. The sign is being manufactured and sent to the City for installation. We will most likely be installing that sign in the Spring.

The City Administrator shared that we are light right now on agenda items and asked City Council if they would like to cancel the second meetings in November and December for the holidays. Council consensus was to cancel the second meeting in November and the second one in December unless the audit is completed and we would need the second meeting to approve the audit. A reminder was given that the Community Meeting will be at the Community Center next week on the 14<sup>th</sup>. The Cork & Keg walk is scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup>. The next quarterly Small Cities meeting is December 7<sup>th</sup> in Central Point. The downtown Christmas Tree lighting is December 2<sup>nd</sup> with cocoa and cookies being served beginning at 5:30 PM and the tree lighting at 6:00 PM. December 9<sup>th</sup> is the trucker parade. A request was made to have a discussion about the Christmas tree cutting and inviting the public.

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

Councilor Chaney asked if we had heard anything about interest in the student liaison for City Council. Councilor Chaney reminded all in attendance that the Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be on Thanksgiving Day. Councilor Harris shared that the downtown trick or treating event had a lot of attendance and they are still trying to decide on their Costume Contest winner. Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, the Elks are going to be having their Vets Stand-down. The 66<sup>th</sup> Citizen of the Year Banquet will be held on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Elks Lodge. Councilor Larson shared that she walked the park during the Myrtle Creek City Council Minutes

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winter disc golf tournament and commented on the large number of players. She also shared that she has reached out to Chad Malarkey about the property near the train trestle. Councilor Larson asked if there will be a way to make to-go meals available at the Thanksgiving Dinner. Councilor Chaney said delivery isn't available, but individuals will be able to bring home meals to shut-ins. City Hall will be closed this Friday for Veteran's Day. Councilor Chaney shared that Canyonville will be hosting a Veteran's Day ceremony. The local VFW is looking for volunteers to continue the Flag Program.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Matthew Hald adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council for November 7, 2023 at 6:12 P.M.

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Matthew Hald, Mayor

Attest:

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Joanna Bilbrey  
City Recorder