



CITY OF MYRTLE CREEK

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

DATE: December 5, 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, Finance Officer Lesley Hiscocks, Police Chief Jonathan Brewster, Fire Chief Manie Pires

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

PUBLIC PRESENTATION

Dr. Paul Hillyer -South Umpqua School District Update

CITIZENS HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No citizen comments presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Parts I & II

Motion was made by Councilor Burnett and seconded by Councilor Dillon to approve Consent Agenda Parts I & II as presented in the December 5, 2023 council packet. Discussion: None

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Planning/Community Development Department

City Administrator Lonnie Rainville submitted the Planning Department Report into record as written.

Finance Report

Finance Officer Lesley Hiscocks submitted the Finance Report into record as written.

Police Department

Police Chief Jonathan Brewster submitted the Police Report into record as written.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Manie Pires submitted the Fire Department Report into record as written. The Fire Chief shared that they just finished their boot drive and have the Cloth-a-Child event going on. This month also includes the lighted parade, toy run, and Santa Day. Food baskets and toys will be delivered by volunteers this month as well. Several surrounding communities including Canyonville , Milo, Days Creek, and Tiller receive toys from the Myrtle Creek Volunteer Fire Department's toy drive.

Public Works

City Administrator Lonnie Rainville submitted the Public Works report into record as written.

REGULAR AGENDA

Railroad Property – Counselor Diana Larson

Counselor Larson heard back from Mr. Marlarkey with the railroad and he shared that he is waiting to hear back regarding the possibility of the railroad being willing to sell the land near the trestle. He asked her while they were waiting if we had a fair market value idea of what we were willing to offer.

Counselor Larson sent back the assessor's value and an estimate from a realtor. She asked not only about the sale of the property but also as a lease or donation.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

City Administrator Lonnie Rainville shared that on November 13th he attended a listening session with Senator David Smith Senator Rob Wagner, and House Representative Virgil Osborn. Final amendments are under review for the Douglas County Natural Hazzard Mitigation Plan. The cutover to the Riverside Lift Station happened on November 14th and aside from a couple of minor issues during the initial startup it has been running smoothly. Pacific Power has assigned a work order for four new streetlights in Mytle Creek. Three will be placed on Laurance and one at the corner of Neal and Simpson. The Public Works crew has their new pickup and are working on getting the yellow lights installed. We will have a student representative from South Umpqua High School joining the Council on January 16th. Urban Renewal funds were moved from a basic checking account into a money market account so that they can earn a greater interest rate. The hope is that the interest can help cover the Building Improvement Grants that are issued each year. Public Works Superintendent Zach Potter has been working with the City Administrator and the Utility Clerk to identify broken meters. Currently 29 meters have been identified. New meters have been ordered.

MAYOR AND COUNCILOR – COMMITTEE REPORTS and COUNCILOR COMMENTS

Counselor Harris thanked the Public Works team for hanging the Christmas lights downtown and shared that at the Silver Bells luncheon frenzy the money went to a fund to help families of children with Myrtle Creek City Council Minutes

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juvenile diabetes. The program currently serves 70 family with a majority of them in South County. Counselor Chaney shared about the trip to cut the downtown Christmas tree and also that about 100 people were served at the Thanksgiving Dinner. The lighted truck parade is this Saturday, with the chili feed starting around 5:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Matthew Hald adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council for December 5, 2023 at 6:27 P.M.

Matthew Hald, Mayor

Attest:

Joanna Bilbrey
City Recorder