



CITY OF MYRTLE CREEK

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

DATE: January 16, 2024

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, Bill Burnett, Student Representative Marlee Rogers

COUNCILORS ABSENT: Susan Harris

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 January 16, 2024 meeting to order at 5:30 PM

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Marlee Rogers is the ASB Student Body President and President of Band Council at South Umpqua High School. She will be joining City Council as a Student Representative.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION

No public presentations.

CITIZENS HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No citizen comments heard.

CONSENT AGENDA

Parts I & II

Motion was made by Councilor Burnett and seconded by Councilor Larson to approve Consent Agenda Parts I & II as presented in the January 16, 2024, council packet. Discussion: None

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Planning 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 Department report into record as written. Council asked about the progress in removing individuals from the Rose Motel. The Chief shared that he was onsite at the Rose Motel today with the County Code Enforcement Officer and new citations were issued. The Police Chief shared that Officer Murtha has moved to a another police department. A possible new recruit is in the background check process.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Manie Pires submitted the Fire Department Report into record as written.

Public Works

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

REGULAR AGENDA

Councilor Diana Larson shared a letter of support from State Representative Virgle Osborne for allowing the City to take control of the railroad property that City Council has been reviewing.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

The City Administrator along with the City Recorder, Mayor, Councilor Larson and Councilor Chaney met on January 5th with Representative Virgle Osborne and his Chief of Staff as a way to form a communication channel with his office and and share the infrastructure needs that the City has. The City Administrator will be working with the Chief of Staff on trying for funding for our water tank replacement. Subjects also touched on included amendments to Measure 110, homelessness issues and state mandates, and Measures 5 and 51 impacts on state government. The City Administrator shared that the Auditors have filed an extension on behalf of the City and should have it completed this month. The auditors will be providing a statement on the completed audit at the next City Council meeting. The Riverside pump station is in the wrap up stage and the demolition of the old lift station will be happening soon. Budget review has started for the 2024/2025 fiscal year. Starting this month we will begin working on the zoning code amendments. We will be using a grant from DLCDC to help cover staff costs for the work on amending the zoning codes. The Supreme Court will hear the case on public camping, handout attached to permanent packet. The Portland State Population Estimates were received and Myrtle Creek's population had a small amount of growth from 3613 to 3626.

MAYOR AND COUNCILOR – COMMITTEE REPORTS and COUNCILOR COMMENTS

Councilor Larson stated that she has walked the area of Millsite Park that the City has been discussing improving and shared that the mud is very slippery and that a rock base would be a good improvement. Councilor Dillon asked about lighting at some of the bus stops in town. Councilor Burnett shared that the golf course is in good shape. Councilor Chaney shared that the Crab Feed is sold out. Student Representative Marlee Rogers shared that the basketball team has been traveling all around the state. South Umpqua High School had a student compete in the All State Choir in Eugene and that the school just had their Winter Formal.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Matthew Hald adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council for January 16, 2024 at 6:05 P.M.

Matthew Hald, Mayor

Attest:

Joanna Bilbrey
City Recorder