



CITY OF MYRTLE CREEK

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

DATE: May 16, 2023

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: Mayor Matthew Hald

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

COUNCILORS ABSENT: Luke Dillon

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 May 16, 2023 meeting to order at 5:30 PM

PUBLIC PRESENTATION

No public presentations.

CONSENT AGENDA

Parts I & II

Motion was made by Councilor Burnett and seconded by Councilor Larson to accept Consent Agenda Parts I & II as presented in the May 16, 2023 Council Packet. Discussion: None

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Planning Department

City Administrator Lonnie Rainville submitted the Community Development Report into record as written. Questions were asked about the hospital property demolition.

Finance Report

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

Police Department

Chief Jonathan Brewster submitted the Police Report into record as written. Questions were asked about the new officer that left the department. Testing and interviews have been done to fill the vacant position.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Manie Pires submitted the Fire Report into record as written. Manie shared that their golf tournament is scheduled for June.

Public Works

City Administrator Lonnie Rainville submitted the Public Works Report into records as written. Questions were asked about the ivy on the trees in Creekside Park. Parks Director Michael Branson is keeping an eye on it.

REGULAR AGENDA

No items presented

ORDINANCES

City Administrator Lonnie Rainville shared background information on the need for the code review regarding Homelessness in Public Spaces. Martin v. Boise and Blake v. Grants Pass have created precedence for the manner in which cities regulate their public property. Both Oregon HB 3115 and HB 3124 govern how cities handle homelessness and require cities to provide a time, place, and manner for people experiencing homelessness to sit, sleep, and lie. April 25, 2023, the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing reviewing amendments to City Ordinances recommended by the Homelessness Review Committee. The Planning Commission voted to forward the Ordinance amendments to City Council with the recommendation to approve.

Ordinance 848 adds an exception to the prohibited camping code that identifies time, place, and manner requirements. Time was identified as sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise. For place, the City chose to identify places where camping would be prohibited so that we could avoid a state created danger. Police Chief Jonathan Brewster shared about the state created danger and why the City chose to identify the places that those experiencing homelessness may not camp at night versus labeling where they can camp. Manner was clarified and restrictions added to how a site must be left.

Ordinance 849 adds language to the parks code to refer to MCMC 09.05.150. By creating a reference, the code will only ever need to be changed in one place and will lessen the potential of conflicting code sections.

Ordinance 850 adds language to the off-street parking code to refer to MCMC 09.05.150. By creating a reference, the code will only ever need to be changed in one place and will lessen the potential of conflicting code sections.

Ordinance 851 adds language to the parking regulations code to refer to MCMC 09.05.150. By creating a reference, the code will only ever need to be changed in one place and will lessen the potential of conflicting code sections.

Ordinance 852 adds language to the code addressing living in vehicles with wording to refer to MCMC 09.05.150. By creating a reference, the code will only ever need to be changed in one place and will lessen the potential of conflicting code sections.

ORDINANCE 848 – FIRST READ – An Ordinance Amending the Myrtle Creek Municipal Code Chapter 9.05 Criminal Code; Defining Prohibited Camping and Addressing Homelessness

Motion was made by Councilor Chaney to approve the first read of Ordinance 848. Motion seconded by Councilor Harris. Discussion: no discussion followed

Vote: unanimous

ORDINANCE 849 – FIRST READ – An Ordinance Establishing Regulations and Fees for Use of City Parks and Addressing Homelessness; Superseding Previous Orders and Resolutions

Motion was made by Councilor Harris to approve the first read of Ordinance 849. Motion seconded by Councilor Chaney. Discussion: no discussion followed

Vote: unanimous

ORDINANCE 850 – FIRST READ – An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No 836 and Ordinance No 508, the Myrtle Creek Zoning Ordinance; MCMC Section 18.90 Addressing Off-Street Parking and Homelessness

Motion was made by Councilor Larson to approve the first read of Ordinance 850 as read by the Mayor. Motion seconded by Councilor Harris. Discussion: no discussion followed

Vote: unanimous

ORDINANCE 851 – FIRST READ – An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No 508, the Myrtle Creek Zoning Ordinance; MCMC Section 18.125.050 Addressing Parking Regulations and Homelessness and Amending Resolution 216

Motion was made by Councilor Harris to approve the first read of Ordinance 851. Motion seconded by Councilor Larson. Discussion: no discussion followed

Vote: unanimous

ORDINANCE 852 – FIRST READ – An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No 508, the Myrtle Creek Zoning Ordinance; MCMC Section 18.75.110 Addressing Living in Vehicles and Homelessness

Motion was made by Councilor Larson to approve the first read of Ordinance 852 as read by the Mayor. Motion seconded by Councilor Chaney. Discussion: no discussion followed

Vote: unanimous

CITIZENS HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Karen Held – Woodhouse Drive Myrtle Creek

Requested clarification on Cares funds and ARPA funds and requested community comment on suggestions for uses of the remaining funds.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

City Administrator Lonnie Rainville shared about a revision to the lead and copper rule put out by the Environmental Protection Agency in 2021. This rule mandates that all public water systems must do an inventory of the piping around the city. This rule applies to both main lines and customer side water lines. The information will have to be put together into a spreadsheet. Public Works is preparing a plan to do a survey to gather the information needed by October 16, 2024. The pipes that need to be identified are placed into four categories galvanized steal requiring replacement, non-lead, lead status unknown, and lead. The first phase is an inventory and the second phase will be possibly replacement. The EPA will be putting out additional information on what the replacement will look like. The Mayor asked how an audit will be completed on the customer side.

Finance Officer Lesley Hiscocks shared about new requirements set by the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB). GASB 87 requires auditing records of all leases involving non-financial assest and GASB 96 adds new auditing standards for all subscription services that the City departments have. We are working with the auditor to work on a way to comply with the new requirements.

The end of this month we will be going live with the web based version of the financial software program Springbrook and the RV Park has transitioned to the web based Firefly program. Both transitions are expected to be smooth.

The Councilors asked for a little more clarification on the new GASB requirements.

MAYOR AND COUNCILOR – COMMITTEE REPORTS and COUNCILOR COMMENTS

Councilor Diana Larson shared the Library has two new children’s programs started on Saturdays. She also shared about a joint event with the Library and Adapt on Saturday June 10th. Councilor Robert Chaney shared about the Airport BBQ, they sold out of all the meat that was purchased. He also noted that the flower baskets are up and that Robert Chaney Jr. is volunteering to do the watering. Councilor Susan Harris asked about the tall grass and if the Police Department is getting a head start on noticing properties. Chief Brewster shared that they are working on getting the notices out so that the grass can be taken care of during June. Susan also mentioned the need for line repainting at Third and Morrison. Mayor Matthew Hald shared that the SU Booster Club is having their dinner and auction in Millsite Park on Saturday.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Matthew Hald adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council for May 16, 2023 at 6:20 P.M.

Matthew Hald, Mayor

Attest:

Joanna Bilbrey
City Recorder