



CITY OF LYONS

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 25, 2017

Council Present: Mayor Troy Donohue, Councilor Jessica Ritchie, Councilor Mike Wagner, Councilor Mark Orr, Councilor Lloyd Valentine

Council Absent: none

Employees Present: Richard Berkey – Public Works, Carol Hendricks – Assistant City Recorder, Brenda Harris – Librarian

Public Present: Barbara Orr, John Dalen from CIS, Lori Newsome from CIS, Barbara Orr, Karen Kennard, Lieutenant Duncan, Bob Johnston, Sherry Bensema

Opened w/pledge @ 6:30pm by Mayor Troy Donohue

Conflict of Interest/Ex-parte/Bias: none

Consent Agenda

The report provided is bills paid June 22nd, 2017 – July 19th, 2017 and the minutes are from June 27th, 2017 the regular council meeting and May 30th, 2017 the budget committee meeting.

Jessica motions to accept the consent agenda which includes the minutes and bills paid – Lloyd seconds – motion carried with all in favor – no nays.

Presentations: John Dalen from CIS Health Insurance informs council that current plan is being phased out. He presents and explains about the new plans, the copays, and deductibles. Council discusses plans, costs, and options with him. Jessica confirms that decision needs to be made tonight for new plan. Currently only one employee on the insurance and Mark asks if anticipating adding other employees in the next year – not at this time. Troy confirms that council is voting on 2018 insurance. Troy asks for any questions and discussion continues.

Council would like them to come back in January and discuss other options. Mr. Dalen says to just change the medical and leave the other benefits the same. Troy asks for motion to accept Copay Plan A; keeping the dental benefit, vision benefit, and alternative care rider the same.

Jessica motions to accept Copay A, current dental rider, current vision, and current alternative care rider – Mike seconds – motion carried with all in favor – no nays.

Public Comment: none

Liaison Report

- Sheriff's report is reviewed. Lt. Duncan asks for questions about the eclipse. Linn Co. has plans with Oregon State Police, Marion Co. and ODOT. They will have 4 extra deputies for the day of the eclipse. Their biggest concern is being able to get from place to place and respond to calls. They may be unable to respond to simpler calls right away because of traffic. The Emergency Operations Center will be open. Search and Rescue and the Forest Service are staging in certain areas. Estimates on visitors are from 100,000 to 500,000 in the valley. Stock up on supplies and fuel before that weekend as

stores may run out. ODOT expects people will be stopping in the middle of the road. Linn Co. suggests people be smart and anticipate not getting anywhere. There is a possibility of cell phones being overwhelmed. Prepare for the worst and hope for the best. Troy asks for questions and thanks Lt. Duncan. (*Duncan, Johnston, Bensema leave*)

Correspondence

- WAVE rate increase letter – services will increase by \$1.96 that starts Aug. 5th, 2017.

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- CIS Health Insurance – see above – has been voted on.

Library Report

- Brenda gives the library report. Mark clarifies if the \$500 donated by the city is just for Mari-Linn students – Brenda confirms. Council discusses hiring and training the new assistant librarian. Troy would like a special meeting for council to look over the paperwork of the chosen candidate and ask questions. The special meeting will be Aug. 8th, 2017 at 6:30 and notifications will be out by Aug. 1st. Offer applicant to be present but not mandatory.

Staff Report

- Public Works – Busy mowing, trimming brush and trees. They have been maintaining equipment, trail around the pond, and have placed the “no camping” signs at park. Jessica will contact and check with Namitz’s about placing logs at the park.
- Cemetery – All the unmarked unknown grave sites have been marked. Have been working on getting the new property surveyed and the fence.
- Library – The ramp has been painted and the summer reading program is underway. Hiring for the Assistant Librarian position.
- Office – We issued 2 mechanical/plumbing permits. The planning commission approved the property line adjustment and has a minor partition hearing on Aug. 1st. City wide cleanup was a success with a lot hauled off. Jessica suggests checking licenses for residents of Lyons next year. Troy would like ID required when we post the city wide cleanup. Notices are being sent out for tall grass and weeds. There has been land clearing on 7th Street and an inquiry letter was sent. Micki attended an eclipse meeting, met with CIS representative, and attend a CIS benefits meeting. The Mayor’s Barbecue will be Aug. 26th, 2017 at 3:00 pm for city employees and volunteers.
- Complaints – none

Commissioners Report

- Transportation & Parks – none
- Police – Mark says Bend Police Dept. is anticipating a major ordeal (phones shutting down & running out of gas) and stores may close for the eclipse. Mike would like to post on the reader board to prepare for the eclipse – get extra food, water, and gas. Karen Kennard informed council about the meeting she attended for the eclipse. She voiced her concerns. Council discusses the eclipse. Troy thanked Karen for her information. Lyons City Hall will be closed Aug. 21st, 2017 the day of the eclipse.

- Safety & Cemetery – none
- Library – none
- Building & Planning – none

Councilor Requests/Future Agenda Requests/Announcements

- Solar Sun Sale is Aug. 19th, 2017

Next Meeting – The August council meeting scheduled for August 22nd is changed to Aug. 29th, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

Adjourned 8:05 pm

Transcribed by Carol Hendricks, Assistant City Recorder

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