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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 23, 2021

Due to COVID-19 restrictions meetings are being held electronically according to the Governor's Executive Order #20-16. This meeting was held In-Person and via Zoom.

Council Present In-Person & Zoom: Mayor Lloyd Valentine,

Council Present In-Person: Councilors Mike Wagner, Jessica Ritchie, Diane Hyde

Council Present via Zoom:

Council Absent: Councilor Troy Donohue

Employees Present: Richard Berkey in-person, Brenda Harris – Zoom,
City Manager Micki Valentine (in-person & Zoom)

Public Present in-person: none

Public Present via Zoom: none

Opened w/pledge: @ 6:30 pm by Mayor Valentine

Roll Call taken

Announcements (Additions to Agenda/Conflict of Interest/Ex-Parte/Bias):

No additions to agenda. No conflict of interest/ex-parte/bias declared.

Consent Agenda: Minutes February 23, 2021 and Bills Paid February 24, 2021 – March 23, 2021. *Councilor Wagner motioned to approve – Councilor Hyde second – motion carried with all in favor – none opposed.*

Sheriff's Report: The Sheriff's report is reviewed. Discussed incidents of concern. Speed trailer at Mari-Linn.

New Business

- **City Wide Clean-up Day** – Is scheduled for May 8th. Councilors Ritchie & Hyde said they will assist. Mayor Valentine may if work schedule allows.
- **Ironwood St / 5th St – OR226 Intersection** – First issue discussed was reduced visibility turning left onto 5th Street due to bushes and curve – ODOT did come out and trim the bushes back. City ordinance is 15 feet from intersection, which the bushes are further from the corner than that. The second issue discussed was a turn lane. ODOT reviewed the intersection for a turn lane. They stated that it could be done however the lanes would be narrow and cause problems for vehicles turning onto Ironwood, especially for large trucks. Council discussed and was concerned because of the visibility issue already there. A person turning right would not be able to see past the vehicle turning left because the left turning vehicle would be pulled forward to see past the bushes. Pedestrian safety was also a concern because of the lack of a sidewalk on Ironwood. No action taken.

- **Oregon Redistricting** – Councilor Wagner wanted to bring this to council’s attention and believes this should be a non-partisan decision and let the people choose. Council is encouraged to review the information and make comments by the deadline.
- **Ordinance 2-2021 Council Rules & Updates per Charter Amendment** – The ordinance was just received today and not available tonight. M. Valentine noted that the revised ordinance did not include the option of paying a fee, as an alternative to filing a candidacy petition that requires the gathering of signatures. Council consensus was to leave it as is.

Unfinished Business

- **Renew Mayors Order #3-2021 Implementing Declaration of Temporary State of Emergency By Imposing Rules Regarding RV Parking** – Council discussed the extension of time (*6 months*) lifting rules to allow RV Parking due to wildfires. The need still exists, council is aware of at least two RVs for this purpose. We may need to monitor better to ensure this is not being misused. No complaints have been received. *Wagner motions to adopt – Ritchie seconds – all in favor – none opposed.*
- **Resolution 557-2021 Re-Adopt Cash Basis of Accounting** – Wagner understood that it should be modified cash basis rather than cash basis. M. Valentine ensured it was cash basis. *Wagner motioned to adopt – Hyde second – all in favor – none opposed.*
- **Planning Commission Appointment** – Mel Hanna has submitted application to be on the planning commission. Her background information shows she would be an asset to the commission. *Hyde motioned to appoint Mel Hanna to the planning commission – Wagner second – all in favor – none opposed.*
- **TMDL** – DEQ Rep. Nancy Gramlich responded to the inquiry regarding ODOT and Linn County and confirmed that Linn County must meet TMDL requirements and ODOT has a different set of guidance they must follow. Recently the State of Oregon updated TMDL rules. We will review these changes at our next TMDL meeting and update our TMDL matrix, if needed.
- **Budget** – Council discussed alternatives for meeting library ADA requirements to allow the summer reading program to take place at the library. Confirmed that we will stick with the 2% annual wage increases and allow for fifty cent over minimum wage for the Library Assistant. Wagner would like a wage comparison, to retain employees.
- **Annual Reviews** – Information provided to council concerning library personnel annual reviews to show the tasks that they do and are deserving of their raises.

Librarian Report – Harris provides her report. (*via Zoom*) She explained the mobile hot spots. They are provided by CCRLS. Ritchie asks about non-resident versus resident children.

City Manager Report

- Public Works
 - Richard has serviced the equipment: weed eaters and mowers, in preparation of the growing season.
- Cemetery
 - Tree issue in a family plot – no response from family – tree was cut down.
 - Two urn burials
- Parks
 - Tree stump in the city park has not been grinded out yet.
 - John Neal Park will re-open April 16th.

- Library
 - Annual reviews for Stella and Brenda
 - Bi-Annual service on the stair chair was completed
- Streets
 - ODOT/Linn County cleaned 5th Street & Main Street
 - Juniper Street tree stump has not been grinded out yet.
 - Linn County placed the speed trailer near Mari-Linn School
 - Richard painted the curbs red along Main Street near 6th Street intersection. Working on curbs by fire station driveway.
- Office
 - Two building permits issued for a shop and a mobile home replacement. The shop is on hold due to the shop being placed across two lots.
 - No mechanical or plumbing permits issued.
 - The flagpole is up – still need lighting. The monument is on hold due to needing to come up with a new design. They are not able to do the original design. We may need to request a refund.
 - All Pro Webworks has provided email for all city officials and employees. They also updated our site for mobility which allows better readability for cell phones.
 - Continue to work with attorney on council rules and homeless (*no camping*) ordinances.
 - Seth Philippi is working on placing river rock & bark chips at the Welcome Sign. Tiffany Smith said they are considering some ideas for a backing – will wait until the landscaping is done.

Financial Reports – No questions asked.

Commissioner Report/Councilor Questions/Comments

- Cemetery: Valentine has nothing to report.
- Transportation/Parks: *Donohue not present*
- Police/Safety: Hyde reviewed the Next Door app with neighbors who will be trying it. She will wait to see how it works for them then report back to council. Hyde had questions concerning the Detroit Dam project that requires lowering the lake level to determine how they will correct spillway gates to better withstand an earthquake event. She would like to know what would happen downstream in the event of gate failure.
- Library: Ritchie has nothing to report.
- Building Improvements: Wagner has nothing to report.

Adjourned @ 8:53 pm

Transcribed by Micki Valentine
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