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## CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 27, 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 Troy Donohue, Mike Wagner, Jessica Ritchie, Diane Hyde

**Council Present via Zoom:** None

**Council Absent:** None

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

**Public Present in-person:** LCSO Sgt. Beth Miller; Dick Voltin Lyons-Mehama Water District

**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):**

Wagner & Hyde declare they both know the family of one of scholarship applicants but have no financial interest. Ritchie declares conflict of interest on the scholarship item and will abstain from that discussion and vote.

**Presentation:** Dick Voltin, board member of Lyons-Mehama Water District presents information regarding the upcoming bond measure on the election ballot. He is looking for community support and council support. He stated that it is a crisis situation.

**Consent Agenda:** Minutes March 23, 2021 and Bills Paid March 23, 2021 – April 27, 2021.

*Councilor Wagner motioned to approve – Councilor Donohue second – motion carried with all in favor – none opposed.*

**Sheriff's Report:** Sgt Beth Miller from Linn County Sheriff's Office provides the quarterly report.

**Correspondence:** City/County Insurance Services (CIS) sent a notice of Non-Renewal of Workers' Compensation. They will no longer carry it. All accounts will be transferred to SAIF.

## **New Business**

- **Mehama Ball Park** – The Mehama Ball Park requested a donation to fund their program. We have donated \$500 in the past. *Wagner motioned to approve a \$500 donation – Hyde second – all in favor – non opposed – motion passed.*
- **Engineering Request for Quotes** – Council briefly reviewed submissions. Wagner requests more time to review and would like to make the decision at the next council meeting. No action taken.
- **American Rescue Plan** – The city is eligible to receive \$262,946 with half being distributed this year and the other half next year. The money must be used per Federal guidelines. Eligible projects include water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure. Waiting for details to be released.

## **Unfinished Business**

- **Resolution 557-2021 Adopt Modified Cash Basis of Accounting** – Correction to Resolution 557-2021 to Modified Cash Basis of Accounting. *Wagner motioned to adopt – Ritchie second – all in favor – none opposed.*
- **Council Rules & Updates per Charter Amendment** – Council reviewed the changes recommended by the attorney. Tabled for clarification of one item.
- **Scholarship Selection** – Applications and essays reviewed. *Wagner motioned to award all applicants with a \$500 scholarship each – Donohue second – Donohue, Wagner, Hyde, Valentine in favor – Ritchie abstained.*
- **Library Building Review** – council reviewed the previous study for options for a new library and ADA issues.
- **Budget** – Council discussed park improvements with paths and new play equipment. Discussed issues with the shop.

**Librarian Report** – Harris provides her report. Ruth Case has resigned her position on the library board. They have one position vacant. Brenda requests reappointment of Amy Shield. *Donohue motions to appoint Amy Shield to the library board – Ritchie seconds – all in favor – none opposed.*

## **City Manager Report**

- **Public Works:** Richard and Darrell are busy with mowing, weed control etc. Richard restriped the parking lot.
- **Cemetery:** One urn burial and one headstone placement.
- **Parks:** Stump grinding done and chips will be spread under bushes. The swing set was repaired at Freres Park. Homeless camper found in park and told to move on and complied.
- **Library:** MyITPro is providing IT services since our previous provider is no longer operating. They were unable to repair Brenda's computer so it had to be replaced.
- **Streets:** ODOT cleaned the catch basins on 5<sup>th</sup> Street. They will be paving the intersection at the corner of Hwy 226 and Main Street near the Corner Market around the middle of May. They will be detouring traffic down Front Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Street. It will be a one-day project. The Juniper Street stump grinding was completed and the property owner is using the chips.
- **Office:** There were no building permits issued and 2 mechanical/building permits were issued. Have requested a refund for the monument. We will have to come up with a new design and funds to complete it. We have received one quote for the installation of a light

in the amount of \$1480. Waiting for additional quotes. Welcome Sign is complete. If we wish to add bark dust/chips we will do it. MyITPro service will cover three computers – two at city hall and one at the library. The cost is \$45 a month for all three. Participated in a meeting for the Safe Routes to School Project Identification Program with Alta Planning, ODOT, and Jeri Harbison. The next meeting will be held in August in preparation of the field study to occur in the fall after school has resumed. We've been getting multiple inquiries for partitions and subdivisions but no applications yet. Searching for a new engineer to contract with. Clean-up day is Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup> starts at 9am. Valentines will take vacation from June 30<sup>th</sup> through July 7<sup>th</sup> – back in the office on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Financial Reports** – No questions asked.

**Commissioner Report/Councilor Questions/Comments**

- Cemetery: Valentine had nothing to report.
- Transportation/Parks: Donohue would like to see a sidewalk requirement in new developments.
- Police/Safety: Hyde shared Wildfire Safety information which can be found on the OSU Extension Service website. Lots of information and webinars to assist communities and property owners.
- Library: Ritchie had nothing to add.
- Building Improvements: Wagner shared that there was a fire at Mari-Linn School and the children who reported it received special recognition and an award from the Lyons Fire District. Discussion concerning water issues and how we could assist.

**Additional Information**

M. Valentine participated in a pre-application meeting for a proposed project in Mehama which is within our UGB. They will have some hurdles with water and septic issues.

Next Meetings – Budget Committee Meeting is May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. The next regular Council Meeting is scheduled for May 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Adjourned @ 9:58 pm

Transcribed by Micki Valentine  
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