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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 22, 2022

This meeting was held In-Person and available via Zoom.

Council Present: Councilors Troy Donohue, Mike Wagner, Diane Hyde, Mayor Lloyd Valentine

Council Absent: Jessica Ritchie-excused

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

Public Present in-person: Gary Rychard, Bob Johnston, Shanna Hall, Ed Diehl

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): none declared

Presentations: Ed Diehl provided information on re-districting and his campaign for the position.

Consent Agenda: Council Meeting Minutes January 25, 2022 and Bills Paid January 26, 2022 – February 22, 2022. *Councilor Hyde motioned to approve – Councilor Donohue second – all in favor – none opposed – approved.*

Public Comment: Gary Rychard expressed his concern for the increase in crime in Lyons and would like to know how they can help alleviate the problem. Councilor Hyde responds that there are Neighborhood Watch groups and NextDoor groups in Lyons. It was suggested to increase hours. The Linn County Sheriff's Office is short-handed. Residents need to do what they can to protect themselves. Community needs to work together to figure this out. Whenever someone sees something, they need to call the police. Linn County Crime Prevention Officer could come to provide education and organize - if people would come. Hyde provides some information on an upcoming training opportunity April – June on Wednesday evenings at the Linn County Sheriff's Office. Mayor Valentine invites them to attend the April meeting when the Linn County officer will be in attendance to give their quarterly report. Rychard is interested in response times in comparison to other cities.

Sheriff's Report: Report is provided.

Public Hearings: none

Unfinished Business:

- Freres Park Update – Reviewed anticipated costs to-date, which is anticipated to cost between \$80,000 and \$100,000. Items to be included in project were listed. *Wagner motions to authorize moving forward with the project – Donohue seconded – All in favor – none opposed – approved.* Preferred shelter material is wood. Prefer that the picnic tables not be moveable – either concrete or coated metal anchored to concrete floor. Rely on vendor on the best indestructibility. No need to move the tables.
- Fish Quote – The quote from Santiam Valley Aquaculture was reviewed. The quote includes bass, bluegill, and pumpkinseed. *Wagner motioned to approve – Hyde seconded – all in favor – none opposed – approved.*
- Salem Seal Coating project was modified, at the advice of our attorney, due to public contracting rules. Some of the streets will be done this year. Then the other streets can be done the following year. Will identify locations where “broken asphalt” is and have it repaired.

New Business:

- Budget Committee Appointment – Amy Watts has applied for the vacant budget committee position. *Wagner motioned to appoint – Hyde seconded – all in favor – none opposed - approved.*
- Budget Requests Form – will be provided to Harris and Berkey. This is also opportunity for the council to provide recommendations. Donohue would like to determine if street lighting is adequate.
- Resolution 569-2022 Employee Handbook Update – The handbook was reviewed by CIS. Some changes were needed to meet ARP requirements. Some items were updated to reflect current legal wording and requirements. Some sections were condensed. Some items were removed due to “administrative”. The forms were removed and will be provided to employees when they are needed, so that they complete the most current form. Council would like more time to review. *Donohue motioned to table – Hyde seconded – all in favor – none opposed - tabled to next meeting.*

Correspondence:

- Oregon Government Ethics Annual Statement Reminder – council was reminded to complete the annual report when they receive the email notification. A fine may be issued if it is not completed on time.
- NSSD Board letter to Governor Brown regarding the pandemic impacts to our schools & communities. Wagner provides information regarding the letter.

Librarian Report: Librarian Harris provided her monthly report. The library board meeting was cancelled. The library board recommends that council re-appoint Meg Hebing to the board for another term. *Wagner motions to re-appoint – Hyde seconded – all in favor – none opposed - approved.* Hyde participating in CCRLS workshops via Zoom. The vehicles have been returned that were stolen from the library area. Wagner asks if the people using the computers have no resources at home. She affirms. Wagner asks Harris what she thinks the library will look like in ten years – she doesn’t expect much to change.

City Manager Report: CM Valentine gives report. Update on library website. Obtaining quotes for security cameras. Quelled rumors regarding librarian replacement. Confirmed City-wide Clean-up date for May 7th. Confirmed Summer Sun Sale for August 20th. Council not interested

in a hard-stop time for council meetings or a second meeting for the month. The decision will be made when the situation arises.

Complaints were reviewed. Wagner assisted with tow of RV. Received an email from LCSO regarding their cooperation in issuing citations. The property owner at the corner of 5th Street and Fir Street called to provide an update on the damaged fence. The responsible party's insurance adjuster still has not been out to see the damage. He will work with his own insurance, if needed. He has been obtaining quotes to repair the fence. Once he signs a contract it will still be a few months before the work is done – he expects it to be repaired in May.

Planning Commission Report: The planning commission met February 16th to review a plat map for the partition on 19th Street. They were reminded of the ethics survey that they are required to complete by April 15th. An explanation of the use of Zoom was provided. The meeting minutes are included. Dave Kinney is working with Linn County for the possibility of including their foreclosure property with the Hafner property annexation. Still waiting for Hafner to complete and submit an additional application.

Financial Reports: No questions were asked.

Commissioner Report/Councilor Questions/Comments:

- Cemetery: none
- Transportation/Parks: none
- Police/Safety: Hyde would like to know how best to respond to citizens safety concerns. Some discussion regarding Neighborhood Watch in our area. Report of a group of concerned citizens patrolling that are not part of a Neighborhood Watch group. Concerns were noted regarding Neighborhood Watch members spotlighting houses. It is noted that a lot of crime is happening during daylight hours not just during the night. People need to do what they can to protect their property and report incidents to law enforcement. Hyde will be attending Linn County training program (*Citizen Academy*) starting in March.
 - The Arbor Day Foundation and the Santiam Canyon Wildfire Relief organization will be giving away trees to wildfire victims on Saturday & Sunday. She will be helping with the distribution on Sunday. She's promoting the community garden.
- Library: none
- Building Improvements: none

Requests – Councilor Requests/Future Agenda Items/Announcements: Wagner asks if we need to recruit for new council members. Donohue is “on the fence”. Valentine still thinking about it.

Next Meeting: The next regular City Council Meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

Adjourned @ 8:20 pm

Transcribed by Micki Valentine
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