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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 4, 2022 (*postponed Sept. 27th mtg*)

Council Present: Councilors Troy Donohue, Jessica Ritchie, Mike Wagner, Mayor Lloyd Valentine

Council Absent: Councilor Diane Hyde

Employees Present: Librarian Roxy Wilcox, PW Richard Berkey, PW Jerry Faber, & CM Micki Valentine

Public Present: LCSO – Lt. Brian Hardy

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

Roll Call taken & introductions

Announcements (Additions to Agenda/Conflict of Interest/Ex-Parte/Bias): none

Presentations: none

Public Comment: none

Sheriff's Report: The Sheriff's report for September was provided by Lt. Hardy. Explained updated report format. Deputy Preston Mayer has been assigned to Lyons. The August report was provided in packet. New deputies hired.

Consent Agenda: Council Meeting Minutes August 23, 2022, and Bills Paid August 23, 2022 – October 4, 2022. *Councilor Ritchie motioned to approve – Councilor Wagner second – all in favor – none opposed – approved.*

Public Hearings: none

Unfinished Business:

- American Rescue Plan – The vault toilet is on order. Water District project may be near our project. May need to place bolsters or boulders near vault. We have received the final distribution of funds. The balance uncommitted is \$150,564.24. ARP program reducing employees – may be difficult to get assistance, if needed. Possible projects may include replace furnace/AC and a backup generator at City Hall. Solar panels is a possible idea.
- The city code concerning sidewalks and the Street & Storm Drain Design Standards were provided to review sidewalk requirements. It was noted that the design standards are old and may need to be updated.

- Reviewed quotes for bark at Freres Park (next to large parking lot). *Councilor Wagner motioned to approve Bark Boys quote for red fir for \$4,720.00 – Councilor Donohue second – all in favor – none opposed – approved.*

New Business:

- TMDL Report – Matt Wadlington with Civil West Engineering prepared the TMDL update for Mercury that was required by DEQ. The report was provided. The annual review will be coming up in a few months.
- Intersection Complaints – We received several complaints regarding vehicles not stopping for pedestrians when trying to cross Main Street at the 6th Street intersection, near the Lyons Corner Market. ODOT, Linn County Road Department, and the Linn County Sheriff were notified of the complaints. Linn County Road Department will be out in a few weeks to paint striping. ODOT will not improve the intersection – encouraged us to keep applying for grants. The Sheriff agreed to do a “focused patrol” but also stated that traffic does not have to stop until a pedestrian steps into the street. Increased foot-traffic could be from the new business that recently opened.

Correspondence:

- Received a letter from Conifer Canyon Resources that their business is closing.
- Astound Broadband/WAVE notice of rate increase received.

Librarian Report: Librarian Roxy Wilcox provides the August library report. Bibs is explained. Some councilors prefer that the statistic report not be read and would prefer to know how things are going and what new programs might be happening. They would like to know how many people use the library and where do they come from. Wilcox said other libraries use a “people-counter” and it would be difficult to determine where they come from. Council would like to hear reasons for keeping the library. Some councilors struggled with the move of the library to its current location, especially with the ADA issues. Wilcox is concerned by those comments. They would like to see new ideas. One idea considered was using the St. Patrick’s Hall for the Summer Reading Program. Wilcox would like to work on increasing the circulation and cleaning up the library.

City Manager Report: CM Valentine gives report. Jerry Faber has been hired for the seasonal position. Cedar chips have been spread under the play equipment at both parks. The porta-pot was graffitied, which Berkey was able clean-up. Video footage was forwarded to Linn County Sheriff’s Office. The suspects were identified, and contact was made. The cedar tree at the cemetery was cut down. The wood was offered free to the public – it was removed within a week or two. The open house for Brenda’s retirement and welcoming Roxy went well. The library board decorated and provided snacks. Mayor Valentine gave a nice speech. LGIP interest rate is up. The honorary monument is in place. Suggested a dedication – possibly the November meeting or that Saturday. The audit is in progress. Safety meeting was held at the library with a walk-through. (*Minutes provided.*) Paid Leave Oregon goes into effect January 1st. Employees will pay 60% of 1% of their wage into the program. As a “small employer – less than 25 employees” we have the choice to pay the other 40% or not. If the employer chooses to pay, they will become eligible for grants to go towards the hiring process. Council is not interested in paying the 40%. Reminder of the upcoming election on November 8th. CM Valentine will be taking vacation December 19-23. Council agreed to move the December meeting to combine with the Special meeting on January 3rd. Complaints list provided – no questions.

Planning Commission Report: Hafner - PC hearing continued to October 18th.

Financial Reports: No questions were asked.

Commissioner Report/Councilor Questions/Comments:

- Cemetery: None
- Transportation/Parks: None
- Police/Safety: absent
- Library: None
- Building Improvements: None

Executive Session: none

Requests – Councilor Requests/Future Agenda Items/Announcements: None

Next Meeting: October 25, 2022, at 6:30 pm.

Adjourned @ 7:42 pm

Summarized by CM Micki Valentine