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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 19, 2023

Council Present: Councilors: Mike Wagner, Diane Hyde, Amy Watts, Jessica Ritchie & Mayor Lloyd Valentine

Council Absent:

Employees Present: PW Richard Berkey, CM Micki Valentine

Public Present: Pegge McGuire via Zoom, Candice Hampton, Rosemary McBrayer, Cynthia Woodruff, LCSO Lt. Brian Hardy

Opened w/pledge: @ 6:30 pm

Roll Call: Taken

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

Presentations:

- Peggy McGuire made presentation for establishing a Continuum of Care for the Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties. Answers questions from council then leaves the meeting.
- Diane Hyde gives presentation and update on the Community Garden.

Public Comment: none

Sheriff's Report: LCSO Lt. Hardy provides the Sheriff's Report and answers questions regarding homeless and outreach services – SOCC in Mill City provides some resources. He leaves the meeting.

Consent Agenda: Council Meeting Minutes December 5, 2023, and Bills Paid November 29, 2023 – December 19, 2023. *Councilor Ritchie motioned to approve – Councilor Hyde second – All in favor – none opposed – approved.*

Public Hearings: none

Unfinished Business:

- **American Rescue Plan (ARP) Update** – Freres Park Improvements. The permit has been approved by Linn County and construction of the picnic shelter is expected to begin in January.
- **Safe Routes to School – Engineer of Record** – The Intent to Award waiting period has passed, the engineering contract and the task order for the SRTS project were signed effective December 19, 2023. Civil West Engineering is expected to begin work on the SRTS project right away. It was explained to the audience that this project is for a sidewalk in front of Mari-Linn School.

- **Audit Update** – The draft audit is completed. Nothing unusual. Segregation of duties is noted, which is common for small cities. The auditor needs the documents signed then he can finalize the audit. Council does not need the auditor to present the audit to them unless there is something significant he would like to share with council.
- **Resolution 592-2023** – A Resolution in Support of Establishing a Continuum of Care for the Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties Region and Registering with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development in 2024. Discussion. Councilor Hyde motion to approve Resolution 592-2023 (*read full title*) – Councilor Watts seconded – Councilors Hyde, Watts, Wagner, & Mayor Valentine approved – Councilor Ritchie opposed – motion passed.

New Business: none

Correspondence:

- DEQ Public Notice regarding Sierra Cascade Forest Products property showing that the property has been cleaned up and is being considered for certification to finalize the purchase of the former Shaniko Lumber Mill site.

Librarian Report: The Librarian’s report was provided.

City Manager Report: CM Valentine gave report. Public Works - Berkey continues to work on adjusting shelves at the library. The mower battery was replaced. The Oregon Mortuary Board is in the process of completing the inspection that occurs every two years. Everything has been submitted that they requested. One building permit & two mechanical/plumbing permits. Annual meeting for TMDL is being scheduled. Civil West assisted with a TMDL survey. Mayor Valentine announced the Jacobson Family as the winner of the Holiday Lighting contest. The IRS standard mileage rate for 2024 increases to 67 cents per mile. The office will closed from Dec 22 through Dec 28 and will reopen on Friday December 29th. Reviewed complaint of mud on 6th Street – notice sent.

Planning Commission Report: Nothing to report.

Financial Reports: No questions were asked.

Commissioner Report/Councilor Questions/Comments:

- Mayor Valentine, Cemetery – No comments to add.
- Councilor Ritchie, Library – No comments to add..
- Councilor Wagner, Building Improvements – No comments to add.
- Councilor Hyde, Police/Safety – A citizen contacted concerning stolen cans.
- Councilor Watts, Transportation, Parks & Recreation – No comments to add.

Executive Session: None

Requests – Councilor Requests/Future Agenda Items/Announcements: Councilor Watts may be unable to attend the January meeting.

Next Meeting: January 23, 2024 @ 6:30 pm Regular Council Meeting – Lyons City Hall

Adjourned @ 8:05 pm

Summarized by CM Valentine

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