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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 23, 2025

Council Present: Councilors: Jessica Ritchie, Amy Thrasher, Diane Hyde, Eric Gjonnes, & Mayor Mike Wagner

Council Absent:

Employees Present: Lib. Dir. Michele Ray, PW Richard Berkey, PW Jerry Faber, CM Micki Valentine

Public Present: Britt Brupbacher, Brenda Harris, Tony Reichling

Opened w/pledge: @ 6:30 pm by Mayor Mike Wagner

Roll Call: Taken

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

- none declared

Presentations: none

Public Comment: no comments made

Sheriff's Report: Report was reviewed. Councilor Ritchie concerned about cite & release. Would like to know when someone from their office will be attending the council meeting.

Consent Agenda: Council Meeting Minutes August 26, 2025 and Bills Paid August 27, 2025 – September 23, 2025. *Councilor Thrasher motioned to approve – Councilor Hyde second – Wagner, Gjonnes, Ritchie, Hyde, & Thrasher in favor – none opposed - approved.*

Public Hearings: none

Unfinished Business:

- **Safe Routes to School Update** – Update report provided. Paving & striping is done. The flashing beacons are installed but not active yet. The two street lights still need to be installed by Pacific Power. The extension to Cedar is still on hold – waiting for bills to confirm there are enough funds. We have been requested to do a change-order to the agreement to include the words “and improvements”. This will allow the grant to cover additional items like paving, striping, and additional sidewalk that wasn’t included in the original agreement. Councilor Ritchie would like to see the bill from NS Paving before approving. *Councilor Hyde motioned to approve Resolution 617-2025 SRTS Grant Amendment 3 – Thrasher second – Gjonnes, Wagner, Hyde, Thrasher in favor – Ritchie opposed – approved.* It was noted that one of the poles doesn’t have the push button –

will check on it. Mayor Wagner reassures that the school intends to keep their crosswalk person to assist with crossing. We received the SRTS reimbursement check yesterday.

- **Commissionerships** – The proposed Commissionership description was reviewed. It was condensed to one page and replaces the individual descriptions. *Councilor Hyde motions to approve – Gjonnes second – Ritchie, Wagner, Thrasher, Gjonnes, and Hyde in favor – none opposed – approved.*

New Business:

- **Radar Speed Signs** – Contacted Linn County Road Department about the possibility of placing two signs on Main Street. Cost would be \$4,500 each for them to purchase and install. We would need a permit and would be required to maintain. They are not in favor because the signs get ignored after a couple weeks and are expensive to maintain. They prefer the portable ones.
- **Appoint Library Board Member** – The library board recommends appointing Britt Brupbacher to the vacant library board position. *Councilor Ritchie motions to approve – Gjonnes second – Wagner, Hyde, Thrasher, Gjonnes, and Ritchie in favor – none opposed – approved.*
- **Library Circulation Policy** – The library board recommends that council approve the revised Library Circulation Policy. CCRLS has reviewed it. *Councilor Ritchie motions to approve – Hyde second – Gjonnes, Wagner, Thrasher, Hyde, and Ritchie in favor – none opposed – approved.*
- **Resolution 616-2025 Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan** – FEMA has given approval of the draft. The City needs to adopt it then it will be resubmitted to FEMA for final adoption. *Councilor Ritchie motions to adopt Resolution 616-2025 – Thrasher second – Gjonnes, Wagner, Hyde, Thrasher, and Ritchie in favor – none opposed – approved.* It is noted that on page LY-10 Table LY-4, the item for Dam Failure is “n/a”. Councilors are concerned this is not correct. Most likely too late to change it now but will address it at the next revision. Gjonnes asks about costs associated with this – there is none, other than staff time.

Correspondence:

- none

Library Director Report: Library Director, Michele Ray, provides the report. The Friends will sponsor Storytime and provide supplies, such as pillow mats and stickers. Storytime is scheduled to begin January 15th. She will be the reader, to gain the experience. Meg will assist. Councilor Ritchie recommends Cathy Griswold.

City Manager Report: CM Valentine provides report. PW trimmed the trees at the library and cleaned out the gutters. The dead tree at Freres Park will be removed by R & R Tree Service on October 6th. Siegmund will place boulders along the north end of Freres Park. DogiPot basket added at Lyons Memorial Park. Also, the sign will be replaced to include leash and cleanup after your pet. An educational flyer has been posted on the bulletin boards. All resting in peace at the cemetery. At the library, a safety meeting with walk-through was completed. It was noted that there are several cracked windows. The stored shelves, in the basement, take up a lot of room. Noted to keep path to basement exit door clear and employees need to be familiar with how the door opens. There was one manufactured home building permit & additional one for the garage. Audit is in progress. Election Day will be Tuesday, November 4th. The office will be open from

7am to 8pm. The appreciation dinner is scheduled for November 5th. City Manager's vacation scheduled for November 26 – 30th. Complaints reviewed. All tall grass complaints have been resolved. PW will maintain the blackberry bushes in the ROW on 25th Street. Councilor Gjonnes asks about placing a sign on the north end of the park. We will work on it.

Planning Commission Report: The Planning Commission will meet on September 30th. Two items on the agenda for a property line adjustment and an extension of time for the hardship.

Financial Reports: Reports were available for review, no questions or comments were made.

Commissioner Report/Councilor Questions/Comments:

- Mayor Mike Wagner, Building Improvements, Utility, Police/Safety – Mayor Wagner comments that work is being done on the bike ramp on the north end of the new sidewalk and commented on the no parking area. The engineer will take a look at the no parking section after the work is done to see if anything is needed.
- Councilor Jessica Ritchie, Library – Asks about the portapot contract. We have not changed anything yet but will do a new official request for quotes.
- Councilor Diane Hyde, Transportation – Would like research into obtaining a mobile speed trailer. Streets look good.
- Councilor Amy Thrasher, Cemetery – All is good.
- Councilor Eric Gjonnes, Parks & Recreation – Would like to see a leash sign be placed at the north end of the Freres Park. Interested in putting in a trail around the west side of the pond. Asked about creating a dog park, possibly at the south end of Freres Park. Concern raised about liability and violation of TMDL and water quality laws. The stream runs around the ponds and eventually dumps into the Santiam River.

Executive Session: none

Requests – Councilor Requests/Future Agenda Items/Announcements:

- Noted: Councilor Gjonnes requested the trail around the west side of the pond be placed on the agenda.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 Regular Council Meeting at 6:30 pm.

Adjourned @ 7:51 pm

Summarized by CM Valentine