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## CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 27, 2026

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

**Council Absent:**

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

**Public Present:** LCSO Lt. Brian Hardy

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

**Roll Call:** Taken

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

- Gjonnes declared potential conflict of interest on the 7<sup>th</sup> Street subdivision review.

**Presentations:** none

**Public Comment:** no comments made

**Sheriff's Report:** Lt. Brian Hardy provided the quarterly report. They have hired new officers and are looking to hire a few more. The jail is increasing the number of beds in the female unit.

**Consent Agenda:** Council Meeting Minutes December 23, 2025; Bills Paid December 24, 2025 – January 27, 2026. *Councilor Hyde motioned to approve – Thrasher second – Ritchie, Wagner, Gjonnes, Thrasher & Hyde in favor – none opposed – approved.*

**Public Hearings:** none

### Unfinished Business:

- **Safe Routes to School Update** – North Santiam Paving has completed the ODOT corrections. Pacific Power is preparing to install two new light poles near the crosswalk. The cost is \$9,074. Civil West is beginning the redesign plan for the extension from Dogwood to Cedar Street.

### New Business:

- **Appointments** – *Councilor Ritchie motions to appoint Mel Hanna to the Planning Commission and Ginger Griffith to the Budget Committee – Thrasher second – Wagner, Gjonnes, Hyde, Thrasher & Ritchie in favor – none opposed – approved.*
- **Budget Preparation** – The Oregon Department of Revenue will hold their budget training in Albany on March 17<sup>th</sup>. The budget calendar has been updated.

- **Wilderness Meadows Subdivision & Park Dedication** – The Staff Report was reviewed. *Councilor Hyde motioned to approve the park dedication, with no cost to the City, other than filing fees – Ritchie second – Thrasher, Wagner, Ritchie, & Hyde approve – Gjonnes declared potential conflict of interest & abstained – approved.*
- **Resolution 624-2025 Library Accessibility Policy** – City Manager provides a review of the policy. The only change is the addition of contacting library personnel first. *Councilor Gjonnes motions to approve – Hyde second – Wagner, Thrasher, Ritchie, Hyde & Gjonnes in favor – none opposed – approved.*
- **TMDL Annual Review** – CM Valentine attended the annual DEQ TMDL and provided the annual report to DEQ. The report is provided to council for review. Focus this upcoming year is temperature.
- **Agreed Upon Procedures (AUP) - Audit Review** – A copy of the report from our auditor is provided. No concerns were found.
- **Resolution 625-2026 Best Heating Library Mini-split Replacement** – Best Heating was unable to repair the south mini-split unit. A new unit will cost \$8,530. *Councilor Thrasher motioned to approve – Ritchie second – Hyde, Gjonnes, Wagner, Ritchie, & Thrasher in favor – none opposed – approved.*
- **Resolution 626-2026 Pacific Power Agreement & Payment** – The cost to install two new light poles at the crosswalk in front of Mari-Linn School will be \$9,074. *Councilor Ritchie motioned to approve – Thrasher second – Gjonnes, Wagner, Hyde, Thrasher, & Ritchie in favor – none opposed – approved.*

#### **Correspondence:**

- none

**Library Director Report:** Library Director, Michele Ray, provides the library report. She noted that Storytime is doing well. She reported that the library was awarded a \$2,000 grant, instead of the \$1,000 that she had applied for, from the State Library. The funds will be used to purchase books for the adult non-fiction section. The Checkouts graph was explained. For the month of February, they have setup a Valentine card craft station.

**City Manager Report:** CM Valentine provides report. PW Lead has returned. Lots for storm debris cleaned up. Walked the west side of park for possible trail extension with Councilor Eric Gjonnes and Planner Dave Kinney. Portapot vandalism at City Hall parking lot – found missing part several days later in the park. ODOT swept 5<sup>th</sup> Street on 1/9 and 1/14. 13<sup>th</sup> St storm drainage culvert – repaired by Siegmund – cost to repair \$3,028. In the cemetery a tree top broke off causing damage. Removal of tree, damaged bushes, and moving of wood cost was \$6,000. Still need to level the ground & repair driveway. We have received two quotes and still waiting on one more to replace the fencing on the north and east sides of the cemetery. Complaints were reviewed. Councilor Thrasher walked the cemetery to see the storm damage and the fencing. The shelving, a mirror, and a whiteboard have been sold. Stepping stones were removed due to tripping hazard. The tree causing this has been removed, which has grown too large for the space. There was one building permit issued for a carport. The LGIP interest dropped to 4.10%. Effective January 1, 2026 the mileage rate increased to 72.5 cents per mile. Crawford Electric will provide a quote to add exterior lighting at City Hall. The other companies contacted have not responded. Our attorney will be working on updating the Subdivision Code, to bring it up-to-date.

**Planning Commission Report:** Planning Commission December 17<sup>th</sup> minutes provided. The next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2026.

**Financial Reports:** Reports were available for review. No questions or comments.

**Mayor/Council – Questions, Comments, Commissioner Reports:**

- Mayor Mike Wagner, Building Impr., Utility, Police/Safety – Nothing more to add.
- Councilor Jessica Ritchie, Library – Nothing more to add.
- Councilor Diane Hyde, Transportation – Appreciates ODOT sweeping the street.
- Councilor Amy Thrasher, Cemetery – Nothing more to add.
- Councilor Eric Gjonnes, Parks & Recreation – Nothing more to add.

**Executive Session:** none

**Requests – Councilor Requests/Future Agenda Items/Announcements:** none

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, February 24, 2026 Regular Council Meeting at 6:30 pm.

Adjourned @ 7:37 pm

Summarized by CM Valentine