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## CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 24, 2026

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

**Council Absent:**

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

**Public Present:** Dan Farrington

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

**Roll Call:** Taken

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

**Presentations:** none

**Public Comment:** Dan Farrington is running for the House District 17 position that is being vacated by Ed Diehl. He provided his background information and provided business cards.

**Sheriff's Report:** Report provided & reviewed.

**Consent Agenda:** Council Meeting Minutes January 27, 2026; Bills Paid January 28, 2026 – February 24, 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** – Civil West working on redesign of the block between Dogwood and Cedar Street. Jenna Berman with ODOT called for status of project. Request to paint crosswalk stripes at Fir Street was deferred to allow time for students to become educated regarding the use of the new school crosswalk. She would like a meeting to discuss the redesign. Reimbursement has been received. Pacific Power installed the street lights at the crosswalk.
- **Budget Talks** – Discussed projects that will be included in the budget. Question about remodeling library restrooms and the windows/doors project. Not remodeling restrooms due to ADA requirements. Requests for Quotes is underway for replacing windows and doors. Cemetery tree project includes tree removal for fence replacement and other overgrown trees in the cemetery. Will provide wage information after the Minimum Wage has been announced. CCRLS has changed their population for Lyons. They are using the service area rather than the City population. Lyons library service area includes

Mill City, Gates, Detroit, and Idanha. It also includes the area outside of the Lyons city limits, which includes Mehama and North Fork.

- **Freres Park Trail** – The Planning Commission approved the Wilderness Subdivision. Once that is final and maps are recorded, the City can work on the trail project. Information regarding Keizer’s trail project and “boardwalk” was provided.

#### **New Business:**

- **Audit Contract Renewal** – Koontz, Blasquez has provided the contract renewal document. There is a price adjustment. The 3-year contract allows City to choose AUP or regular audit each year. Cost of audit increased to \$7,300 and AUP is 6,200. *Ritchie motioned to approve the contract as presented – Hyde second – Gjonnes, Wagner, Thrasher, Hyde, and Ritchie in favor – none opposed – approved.*
- **Resolution 627-2026 Amend Library Homebound Services Policy** – Reviewed the Library Homebound Services Policy. Library Director to review details of each request and determine if the library can meet the request. Due to safety reasons, delivery would only be to the front door of the residence. Confirmed that mileage would be paid. *Ritchie motions to adopt Resolution 627-2026 Amending the Library Homebound Services policy – Thrasher second – Hyde, Wagner, Gjonnes, Thrasher, and Ritchie in favor – none opposed – approved.*
- **Resolution 628-2026 Amend Employee Handbook** – The Employee Handbook updates were reviewed. BOLI SB1108 passed and is effective January 1, 2026 which provides for 4 hours annually of sick time for donating blood. BOLI SB906 also became effective January 1, 2026 which requires an explanation of the employee’s paystub, be provided to new hires. *Thrasher motioned to approve Resolution 628-2026 amending the Employee Handbook – Hyde second – Ritchie, Wagner, Gjonnes, Hyde, and Thrasher in favor – none opposed – approved.*
- **Ordinance 253-2026 Amending 18.30.130(D) Temp. Hardship Review Period** – Mayor Wagner read the title of the ordinance. This ordinance corrects inconsistencies with the term biannual and what is practiced. Previous records indicate that the intent of the Temporary Hardship review was for every two years not twice a year. The fee schedule lists the review as annual. This ordinance corrects the terminology to say “biennial” and approves updating the fee schedule to every two years. *Ritchie motions to adopt Ordinance 253-2026 An Ordinance Amending Title 18.30 Supplementary Provisions of the Lyons Municipal Code – Gjonnes second – Wagner, Hyde, Thrasher, Gjonnes, and Ritchie in favor – none opposed – adopted.*
- **Fee Schedule Review & Add Temporary RV Fee** – The Fee Schedule was reviewed. Temporary RV Fee Initial and Renewal is recommended to be added. Discussed increasing Business License fee.

#### **Correspondence:**

- Lyons Corner Market is in the process of being sold.

**Library Director Report:** Library Director, Michele Ray, provides the library report. Storytime is going well. The felt board was a success. Seed Library is being utilized and doing well. The library has received a LSTA grant which will be used to purchase non-fiction books.

**City Manager Report:** CM Valentine provides report. In the parks vault & porta-pots vandalized. Graffiti found and cleaned-up in the park. The pothole on Gray Pine was repaired

Salem Sealcoating. The stop sign at 13<sup>th</sup> & Dogwood was knocked over and has been repaired. The tree at 7<sup>th</sup> and Birch, located within the right-of-way, is overgrown. The roots are causing cracks in the pavement and obstructing vision at the corner. Limbs are overhanging the fence, which the property owner has not maintained. Council is ok with removal of the tree. In the cemetery, Groundbreaking Construction will level out the damaged ground and repair the driveway. Capital Monument has been contacted for leveling the headstones. Replacement of the fence will require removal of bushes and three trees. Two fence quotes received. To prevent further tree damage in the cemetery, seven additional trees should be removed. Sold one plot. Best Heating has replaced the min-split. Reviewed surplus items removal. The replacement door handle was installed on Feb 10. We are receiving inquiries regarding the window replacement project. An option to include replacing the back and front doors was include with the RFQ. Wagner provides recommendation for a locksmith. One new home and one manufactured home permits were obtained. The LGIP interest decreased to 4.00%. Crawford Electric will be installing the exterior lights, estimated to cost \$2,198. CM has jury duty the week of March 16-20. Complaints were reviewed.

**Planning Commission Report:** February 3, 2026 minutes and staff report provided.

**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 – Nothing more to add.
- 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, March 24, 2026 Regular Council Meeting at 6:30 pm.

Adjourned @ 8:48 pm

Summarized by CM Valentine