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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 24, 2026

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

Council Absent:

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

Public Present: none

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: none

Sheriff's Report: Report provided & reviewed.

Consent Agenda: Council Meeting Minutes February 24, 2026; Bills Paid February 25, 2026 – March 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** – Held a meeting with Civil West, Dave Kinney, and Jenna Berman to discuss the next phase. Three options were considered on how to proceed. Council would like the cost of these options before deciding on extending the sidewalk beyond Cedar Street to the end of the park. During the walk of the site the group discussed the stormwater drainage at the Thrasher driveway. Council would like the cost of a geotechnical study, and the cost to replace the drywell.
- **Budget Talks** – Wages will be discussed at the next council meeting. Michele explained what a computer carrel is. Anticipating the need to purchase a new mower. Our current health insurance coverage information was provided. Regence rate is expected to rise 14%. CIS also offers Surest and Kaiser Permanente. Employees preference is to switch to Kaiser. *Councilor Ritchie motioned to approve changing health insurance carrier to Kaiser Permanente at renewal – Thrasher second – Gjonnes, Wagner, Hyde, Thrasher, Ritchie in favor – none – opposed – approved.*

- **Subdivision Ordinance** – Attorney confirmed that the City does not have to adopt the “middle-housing” rules. This is notification that we will move forward with it as originally prepared. The next step is for the Planning Commission to review and approve.
- **Resolution 631-2026 Fee Schedule Update** – The fee schedule has been updated as previously discussed. *Councilor Gjonnes motioned to adopt the fee schedule as presented – Ritchie second – Thrasher, Wagner, Hyde, Ritchie, & Gjonnes in favor – none opposed – approved.*

New Business:

- **Resolution 629-2026 Emergency Action Plan for Lyons Public Library** – The plan was reviewed. Councilor Gjonnes questioned the wording regarding employee being responsible to perform the evacuation. Will send the plan to CIS for their review. Tabled.
- **Resolution 630-2026 Approving Contractor for Library Window Replacement** – The quotes from Architectural Glass and Lee Built were reviewed. City will have an asbestos and lead paint test completed. Discussed options. *Councilor Ritchie motioned to approve Architectural Glass proposal for aluminum framed windows – in the amount of \$59,427 for window replacement and lead abatement \$13,240, if needed – Thrasher second – Hyde, Gjonnes, Wagner, Thrasher, and Ritchie in favor – none opposed – approved.*
- **Library – Ultrex Water Dispenser** – Information reviewed from Ultrex for supplying a water dispenser on a lease basis. For the cold & hot water model the cost is \$75 per month. The cost of installation is \$100. They will maintain it and provide replacement filters. Reviewed option of purchasing outright from Grainger. Concern about no drainage and water spilling onto the wood floor. Not approved.
- **Ultrex IT Information** – Reviewed information. Council would like to see additional quotes from other businesses.

Correspondence:

- Received a message regarding legislative approval of reducing the match portion of grants offered by the State. The correspondent was hopeful that Lyons could pursue a sewer system for the City. She would be interested in developing in Lyons, if there were a sewer system.

Library Director Report: Library Director, Michele Ray, provides the library report. She thanks council for their support of the library. She reports that the Tiny Art show is a hit.

City Manager Report: CM Valentine provides report. Provided info about vandalism in the portapot. Discussed tree removal at 7th & Birch. Discussed the cemetery fence project with neighboring property owners. One neighbor will take down trees along the fenceline that abuts their property. Will apply for a cemetery grant to help cover the cost of either the fence project or tree removal project. Key Concepts has replaced the push bar and door closer at the library, which is working much better. There were two building permits for shops. The LGIP interest rate remains the same. The exterior lights are in and have been adjusted. Will be attending the Cemetery Conference on April 9th. Reviewed the complaint list. Resident asked if City Council would consider declaring Memorial Day weekend a “no backyard burn day”. Council feels the decision is outside of City jurisdiction.

Planning Commission Report: Nothing to report.

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 – Was interviewed on KYAC radio and provided info on SRTS sidewalk construction, seed library, and Santiam Community Gardens offerings.
- 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: Due to lack of a quorum for the April 28th meeting, it has been re-scheduled for:
Tuesday, April 21, 2026 Regular Council Meeting at 6:30 pm.

Adjourned @ 8:54 pm

Summarized by CM Valentine