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## CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 2026

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

**Council Absent:** Eric Gjonnes-excused

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

**Public Present:** none

**Opened w/pledge:** @ 6:31 pm by Mayor Mike Wagner

**Roll Call:** Taken

**Announcements (Additions to Agenda/Conflict of Interest/Ex-Parte/Bias):** Councilor Ritchie declares conflict of interest with the Scholarship Selection agenda item.

**Presentations:** none

**Public Comment:** none

**Sheriff's Report:** Report provided & reviewed. Reviewed E-bike Guide provided by Sgt Frambes.

**Consent Agenda:** Council Meeting Minutes March 24, 2026; Bills Paid March 24, 2026 – April 21, 2026. *Councilor Ritchie motioned to approve – Hyde second – Wagner, Thrasher, Hyde & Ritchie in favor – none opposed – Gjonnes absent – approved.*

**Public Hearings:** none

### Unfinished Business:

- **Safe Routes to School Update** – Contacted Civil West – haven't progressed. Suggestion from Berman/ODOT to mark the sidewalk from Fir Street to the school crosswalk to guide the students.
- **Budget Talks** – Payroll items were reviewed. Minimum wage will go up 3.3% beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. All payroll items will increase due to wage increases. Reviewed the Oregon Public Library Statistics report. Health benefits will increase – expecting 15% increase. *Councilor Ritchie motions to approve a 3.3% increase for all positions – Thrasher second – Hyde, Wagner, Thrasher, & Ritchie in favor – none opposed – Gjonnes absent – approved.*
- **Library Windows Replacement Project** – Attorney prepared the contract for Architectural Glass. Due to it being a public improvement project, BOLI Prevailing

Wage Rates will apply. The AG proposal meets those. An asbestos test was required because it is commercial structure. Environmental Resources Inc (ERI) found asbestos in the basement around the windows. AG is not licensed for asbestos. ERI has provided a quote for the abatement. ERI also tested for lead paint, which was found in the paint. AG is licensed to work with lead paint. AG has provided an adjusted proposal to deduct the cost of removal of the basement windows. The project is expected to begin in June.

- **Resolution 632-2026** Approving Environmental Resources Inc Proposal – *Councilor Hyde motioned to approve the proposal from Environmental Resources Inc in the amount of \$12,505.00 – Thrasher second – Wagner, Ritchie, Thrasher, & Hyde in favor – none opposed – Gjonnes absent – approved.*

#### **New Business:**

- **Scholarship Selection** – Three scholarship applicants met the criteria. One applicant did not meet the residency requirement. *Councilor Thrasher motions to approve all three applicants for \$500 each – Hyde second – Wagner, Hyde, & Thrasher in favor – Ritchie abstained due to conflict of interest – none opposed – Gjonnes absent – approved.*

#### **Correspondence:**

- none

**Library Director Report:** Library Director, Michele Ray, provides the library report. Provides clarification regarding CCRLS libraries. The Tiny Art Show went well with many patrons participating. Michele is looking for ideas for similar projects. Michael Myers & crew hid Easter eggs around the library. It was a fun event and brought in new faces to the library. She will attend the Mike Long Youth Benefit Golf Tournament awards presentation ceremony to receive the \$1,500 grant award.

**City Manager Report:** CM Valentine provides report. Two trees came down, during the windstorm, in Freres Park. Contacted the Lindemann family regarding the stormwater drainage at Lyons Memorial Park. Roadside spraying will occur based on weather conditions. PW works directly with the contractor and notifies residents while putting up signs. One burial scheduled. Cleaning along cemetery fenceline in preparation of fence replacement. Ballasts out in light fixture at the library – electrician has been contacted. Middle Housing information provided. Citywide Clean-up Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Ritchie will volunteer. Discussed tasks for volunteers. For the May 19<sup>th</sup> election, City Hall will be accepting ballots beginning April 27<sup>th</sup> through May 19<sup>th</sup>. Election candidate packets will be ready June 1<sup>st</sup> for the November 3<sup>rd</sup> election. The mayor's position and two councilor positions will be on the ballot. Terms expiring are Wagner, Ritchie, and Thrasher. Pickup packets at City Hall. Budget Committee meeting is May 12<sup>th</sup>. The attorney provided suggestions for the Library Collection Development policy. Council consensus is to add an appeal process to City Council, similar to the 3-tiered process used by the Planning Commission. Citywide Clean-up May 9<sup>th</sup>. Discussed volunteer tasks. Councilor Ritchie suggested volunteers be stationed at dumpsters to assist with off-loading vehicles and giving directions. Complaints reviewed.

**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 – Streetsweeper on 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Would like to see it more often.
- Councilor Amy Thrasher, Cemetery – Nothing more to add.
- Councilor Eric Gjonnes, Parks & Recreation – Not present.

**Budget Question:** Councilor Ritchie asks if there will be park projects included in the budget. It is planned to include improvements to the current trail, add fill dirt around tree roots, and add bark chips. Until the donated property is deeded to us, the new trail is on hold. There is still a piece of land between where the current trail ends and the point where the new property begins. It will need to be reviewed to see if there is enough room for the trail.

**Executive Session:** none

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

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, May 12, 2026 Budget Committee Meeting at 6:30 pm.  
Tuesday, May 26, 2026 Regular Council Meeting at 6:30 pm.

Adjourned @ 8:02 pm

Summarized by CM Valentine