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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 28, 2026

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

Council Absent:

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

Public Present:

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

Roll Call: Taken

Announcements (Additions to Agenda/Conflict of Interest/Ex-Parte/Bias): Add Resolution 639-2026 Approve OnPoint Fencing Proposal – *Councilor Ritchie motioned to approve (adding to the agenda) – Hyde second – Thrasher, Gjonnes, Wagner, Hyde, Ritchie in favor – none opposed – approved.*

Presentations: none

Public Comment: none

Sheriff's Report: Reviewed response from Linn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) Sgt. Steve Frambes regarding contract hours. Time spent at the school's open house were not part of the contract hours. The LCSO contract was available for review. Monthly report provided for review.

Consent Agenda: Council Meeting Minutes June 23, 2026; Bills Paid June 23, 2026 – July 28, 2026. *Councilor Thrasher motioned to approve – Hyde second – Ritchie, Gjonnes, Wagner, Hyde, & Thrasher in favor – none opposed – approved.*

Public Hearings: none

Unfinished Business:

- **Safe Routes to School Update** – Duane Liner with ODOT has suggested that Civil West use the catch basin on Cedar Street for stormwater drainage. Civil West has looked at it and is in the process of hiring a company to scope it to be sure it can be used. The SRTS rep. would like bids before they approve repairing the stormwater retention facility in the park.
- **Library Windows Replacement Project** – Final report provided. The project was completed on time. PW is in the process of painting the trim and making repairs to finish up. The library was able to open as planned on Tuesday, July 21st. The library personnel

did a great job preparing for the project and modifying their work schedules. Mayor Wagner, Councilor Ritchie, assisted with the final inspection. Job well done by all!

- **Election Reminder** – Reminded Council the candidate filing period is open for the November 3rd election. Anyone who wants to run for a position must stop in City Hall to pick up a packet. The mayor and two councilor positions are open for election. Incumbents must submit their paperwork by August 11th; others need to submit by August 18.
- **NSSD Tennis Court** – Councilor Ritchie reached out to Lee Loving, NSSD Superintendent regarding improving the tennis court. He will get back to her with the information from their employees. She would like to see some bids. She suggested this be a partnership with other entities such as Freres.
- **Cemetery Update** – Linn County Environmental Health said they have tested the soil in several different areas and was not able to identify a suitable location for a septic system due to the high water table. In reference to the property across the street, south of the cemetery. The high water table is also not suitable for a cemetery.
- **Resolution 639-2026** Approving OnPoint Fencing Proposal – The resolution and proposal reviewed. This proposal best suites our needs, which includes brush removal and fence replacement. Only the north and east sides will be replaced. The neighboring property owner has taken down the large trees along the fence line. *Councilor Hyde motions to approve the OnPoint Fencing proposal in the amount of \$39,941, with a not-to-exceed amount of \$44,000.00 – Gjonnes second – Wagner, Thrasher, Ritchie, Gjonnes, & Hyde in favor – none opposed – approved.*

New Business:

- **LOC Legislative Priorities** – The League of Oregon Cities is requesting that council select five topics from their survey, that they would like LOC to pursue in the upcoming legislative session. Five topics were selected and will be submitted.

Correspondence:

- none

Library Director Report: Library Director, Michele Ray, provides the library report. The new windows look great and thanks everyone. She has received positive comments. They were able to continue with the Summer Reading Program and Storytime in the park during the closure.

City Manager Report: CM Valentine provides report. Provided list and photos of street repairs needed. One burial and one headstone placed. PW employees finishing up window project – trim paint, touch-up paint etc. Two new building permits issued, one replacement home on Ash St and the other is on 19th Street. LGIP interest rate remains unchanged at 4%. The Summer Sun Sale is coming up on August 15th. The audit is in progress. Due to the Safe Routes to School project our expenditures were over \$1 million, which triggers a full audit rather than an AUP. The auditors will be here in-office Monday, August 3rd. 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 – Would like to discuss ideas she has for ADA improvements at the library, at the next meeting. She will obtain photos to share. She asked about the Children's area flooring.
- Councilor Diane Hyde, Transportation – Noted that ODOT swept 5th Street twice. Main Street not done. (Main Street is a Linn County Road.)
- Councilor Amy Thrasher, Cemetery – Nothing more to add.
- Councilor Eric Gjonnes, Parks & Recreation – Would like to work on the trail project as soon as we're able to.

Executive Session: none

Requests – Councilor Requests/Future Agenda Items/Announcements:

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 25, 2026 Regular Council Meeting at 6:30 pm.

Adjourned @ 7:36 pm

Summarized by CM Valentine