

**MILL CITY
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, October 25, 2022**

City Recorder Stacie Cook stated that both Mayor Kirsch and Council President Tony Trout would not be at the meeting and requested a motion to appoint a Chair for the meeting.

Councilor Plotts moved, and was seconded by **Councilor Zeyen-Hall**, to Appoint Councilor Katlong as Chair for the October 25, 2022 Council Meeting. The motion passed unanimously, (3:1) with Councilor Katlong voting nay.

Councilor Katlong opened the meeting at 6:30 PM with the flag salute. Councilors present were Janet Zeyen-Hall, Dawn Plotts, and Steve Winn. Tim Kirsch and Tony Trout were excused. Staff members in attendance were City Recorder Stacie Cook and City Clerk Tree Fredrickson.

Citizens in Attendance were Ann Carey, Roel Lundquist, Gary Olson, and Jason Saari.

DECLARATIONS OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: Chair Katlong stated that anyone who felt they may have a potential conflict with anything on tonight's agenda may say so at this time or at any time during tonight's meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Zeyen-Hall moved and was seconded by **Councilor Plotts**, to approve items a; Approval of Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting of October 11, 2022, and b; Approval of Accounts Payable. Mrs. Fredrickson polled the Council. The motion passed unanimously, (4:0).

CITIZEN COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Roel Lundquist, SW Linn Blvd, requested an update on the status of the Reid House property. Councilor Winn said that he, Gene Drescher and Shelby Ward will be working to clear the site in the next two weeks at no cost to the city.

Mr. Lundquist asked when the lights on SW Broadway St. and the Historic Railroad Bridge will be fixed. Mrs. Cook said she and Mayor Kirsch have asked Project Manager Daineal Malone on when to expect the lights to be fixed. A response has not been received.

Gary Olson, SW Spring St., said that there is a large plant overhanging the sidewalk on NW Alder St. This is a hazard as pedestrians are forced into the road in order to get past it.

Mr. Olson also noted there is a lot of trash behind 7-Eleven and Dollar General and suggested both have an employee inspect the area after garbage pickup to ensure there is no leftover garbage as it can blow across the street and down into the river.

ORDINANCE NO. 4XX(11) – DANGEROUS AND DERELICT BUILDING CODE: Ordinance No. 4XX(11) – Dangerous and Derelict Building, was provided for review. The language has not changed except for removal of all references to the Dangerous & Derelict Building Committee. This allows for the review process to go more quickly when a potential violation has been submitted.

Councilor Zeyen-Hall moved and was seconded by **Councilor Winn**, to Read Ordinance No. 4XX(11) for First Reading by Title Only. The motion passed unanimously, (4:0).

Mrs. Cook read the Ordinance by Title Only.

SE 2nd AVE. PARKING: Councilor Katlong said that he requested this item be placed on the agenda for discussion because there are multiple vehicles on SE 2nd Ave. that are not tagged or

have not moved for quite some time. Some vehicles are also parked beyond the “no parking beyond this point” signs, which are faded and need to be replaced.

Council Chair Katlong said that he travels this street at least once a day and is concerned with the safety of the children that live on this block, suggesting that parking be allowed only on one side of the street.

Mrs. Cook said that if Council is going to look at parking issues along SE 2nd Ave. there are a number of other streets that people will likely want considered. Mrs. Cook suggested that a conversation with the City Attorney take place before any changes are made.

MEASURE 114: A letter released by the Baker City Mayor and Council regarding Measure 114, encouraging citizens to vote no on Measure 114 was provided for review. Mrs. Cook said that she spoke with Mayor Kirsch about Mill City releasing a similar letter and he was in favor of doing so.

Chair Katlong said that he is in favor of the City Council drafting a similar letter as he is a strong supporter of Second Amendment rights.

Mrs. Cook said that if the Council would like to release a letter a motion should be made indicating the decision and it should be contingent upon the City Attorney’s approval.

Councilor Zeyen-Hall moved, and was seconded by **Councilor Winn**, to Draft a Letter of Encouraging a No Vote on Measure 114, Contingent on City Attorney’s Approval. The motion passed unanimously, (4:0).

OREGON MAYOR’S ASSOCIATION (OMA) PARTNERSHIP TO SOLVE STATEWIDE HOMELESSNESS: A memo from the Oregon Mayor’s Association requesting partnership from each city in the state was provided for review. Mrs. Cook explained that, if approved, the partnership would be between the State of Oregon and each of its 241 cities. OMA will present the plan during the 2023 Legislative session.

Councilor Winn asked who will be funding this program. Mrs. Cook said that OMA is proposing that the state fund the program; however, it is a conceptual plan and may be denied by the state.

Mrs. Cook supporting this proposal now does not require that the City participate should it be approved. The requirements for the program can be reviewed and the City can choose to forego the funding.

Council consensus to support OMA’s proposal.

MISC. CITY RECORDER ITEMS:

Vacation: November 10-18, 2022: Mrs. Cook will out of the office on vacation from November 10-18, 2022.

Mill City Falls Park/Parking Lot Planting: Mrs. Cook thanked the Canyon Catalysts for their efforts in assisting with the landscaping at Mill City Falls Park and the adjacent parking lot. Because the season for planting is ending, staff contacted Hart PM to help get the plants in the ground. The crew will begin planting on Monday, October 24. Further assistance from Hart PM will be made as day-to-day.

Railroad Bridge Historic Sign Fence Panel: Mrs. Cook said that the fencing panels that were installed on the Historic Railroad Bridge end at the interpretive sign that is between the bridge and the overlook. The intent was to use the sign as the ‘connector’ between these two areas. The area below the sign leaves a wide-open space where someone can accidentally fall down the hillside. In an effort to fix this hazard, a panel has been ordered to be placed below the sign.

The company making the fence panels for the Mill City Falls Park retaining wall will be fabricating the panel for the sign at a cost of \$1,800. The panel may take up to six weeks for completion.

PFAS Multidistrict Litigation: The City received a letter from OAWU advising they have teamed with National Rural Water Association regarding a PFAS cost recovery program. PFAS are widely used chemicals, which are long-lasting with components that break down very slowly over time.

OAWU and National Rural Water Association have retained a law firm to file a cost recovery action to provide water and wastewater systems the opportunity to recover current or future expenses for testing, treatment and remediations of PFAS contamination.

Mrs. Cook said the City has the option to join the cost recovery program litigation at no cost to the City. In order to benefit from this lawsuit, cities must be registered prior to any settlement or judgement. No timeframe has been provided for potential settlement but cities are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible.

Mrs. Cook provided this information to the City Attorney for review but has not received a response.

Consensus to hold discussion to next meeting.

Chair Katlong asked if there are any active Neighborhood Watch programs in Mill City. Councilor Plotts has spoken with Linn County's Neighborhood Watch coordinator and he agreed to come and speak about the Neighborhood Watch program.

Mrs. Carey asked if the actuators have been ordered yet. Chair Katlong said that actuators have been ordered. However, it is beyond the city's control as to when they will arrive. An electrician is ready to go when the actuators arrive.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43PM.

Prepared by:

Approved by:

Stacie Cook, MMC
City Recorder

Tim Kirsch
Mayor