

**MILL CITY
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, November 8, 2022**

Council President Trout opened the meeting at 6:30 PM with the flag salute. Councilors present were Brett Katlong, Dawn Plotts, and Steve Winn. Janet Zeyen-Hall and Tim Kirsch were excused. Staff members in attendance were City Recorder, Stacie Cook, Public Works Supervisor Russ Foltz, City Clerk Tree Fredrickson and City Attorney Jim McGehee.

Citizens in attendance were Ann Carey, Lt. Brian Hardy, LCSO, Roel Lundquist, Gary Olson, and Jason Saari.

DECLARATIONS OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: Council President Trout 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 Katlong moved and was seconded by **Councilor Plotts**, to approve items a; Approval of Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting of October 25, 2022, b; Approval of Accounts Payable, c; Approval of Monthly Revenues & Expenditures Report, October 2022, and d; Authorization to Close City Hall on Friday, November 25, 2022 as an Unpaid Holiday. Mrs. Fredrickson polled the Council, the motion passed unanimously, (4:0).

LINN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT: Lt. Brian Hardy gave the Linn County Sheriff's Office report for October, stating that there have been a number of issues with dogs recently.

Councilor Winn noted the numerous hang up calls and asked if this was an ongoing issue. Lt. Hardy said that this happens frequently with kids playing with a cell phone or an accidental dialing and hang up.

Councilor Katlong asked about a child abuse report from last month and if this case is still ongoing. Lt. Hardy said that believes this case has been resolved, however, he will look into it and report back to Council at the next meeting.

Councilor Plotts asked about the numbers for newly hired employees. Lt. Hardy said that the agency has hired 14 new deputies with four going solo by the end of December.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Pump Report: The unmetered water loss is back to normal.

Mill City Falls Park Update: Public Works Supervisor Russ Foltz said that all of the lights on NE Wall St. are working. There are two lights still out on SW Broadway St. that are a warranty issue for Linn County. The retaining wall at the park is finished.

Sewer Line – Hwy 22: Mr. Foltz said that there is another sewer line failure due to corrosion under Highway 22 north of the old Annie's Antiques building. This will be difficult to repair as there is no access to this line. A new manhole will need to be set and a new sewer line bored under the highway. Repairing this line is a high priority as the sewer tanks on it are having to be pumped every week to keep from overflowing. The estimated cost is \$50,000. Mr. Foltz is waiting for bids to come in before moving forward.

SW Cedar St./SW 3rd Ave. Crosswalk & Signs: Mr. Foltz said that the City received a request to place crosswalk signs and markings from the east corner of SW 3rd Ave. to the high school.

TVing: Mr. Foltz said that the NE quadrant of town is having TV work done to try to locate and repair any I & I issues. While doing the work, two clean-outs have been located under the asphalt that will need to be uncovered or replaced.

Councilor Plotts requested the crosswalk lines be repainted behind the 7-Eleven on NW Alder St.

Councilor Katlong requested staff replace the American flag at City Hall as it has become faded.

CITIZEN COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Roel Lundquist, SW Linn Blvd., said three hanging lights on the railroad bridge have been on during the daylight hours. Mr. Foltz said that the photo cell has been fixed and the lights will now only come on during the evening hours. All street lights will be functioning properly before the project is signed over to the City.

Mr. Lundquist requested an update on the Reid House property, asking if the City plans to retain the property and the money or request the \$1 Million for parks and beautification? Mr. Lundquist noted his concern that the timeline for this decision be met. Mrs. Cook said the only timeline the City had was the five year time frame for using the first \$500,000 for remodeling.

City Attorney, Jim McGehee, said the City is working on this but he does not want to speak on the matter outside of executive session.

PUBLIC HEARING: None Scheduled.

PRESENTATIONS: None Scheduled.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance No 4XX(11): Mrs. Cook said that Ordinance No. 4XX(11) was read for first reading by title only at the October 25 meeting. Based on the conversation at the last meeting, optional referral to the City Attorney was added to the Ordinance. A second reading and enactment need to be completed in order to finalize the adoption process.

Councilor Katlong moved and was seconded by **Councilor Winn**, to Read Ordinance No. 411 for Second Reading by Title Only. The motion passed unanimously, (4:0).

Mrs. Cook read Ordinance No. 411 by title only.

Councilor Katlong moved and was seconded by **Councilor Plotts**, to Enact Ordinance No. 411 and to Direct Mayor Kirsch to Sign the Ordinance as Enacted. The motion passed unanimously, (4:0).

NEW BUSINESS:

CivicPlus Supplementation Subscription: copy of a Supplemental Subscription Agreement with CivicPlus was provided for review. CivicPlus is now the parent company to Municode, the City's codification company. With this merger, the City is required to enter into the Supplementation Subscription.

An option is available to sign the agreement now or hold off until 2023 under the current agreement with Municode. If the City signs up now for the service, a 20% discount (\$167.60) will be applied.

City Attorney Jim McGehee said that there is a clause concerning a 60-day renewal provision, which will need to be remembered. Mrs. Cook said that Municode has been the City's codification service for many years and does not think this will be an issue. Mr. McGehee concurred.

Councilor Plotts moved and was seconded by **Councilor Winn**, to Approve Supplemental Subscription Agreement with CivicPlus Beginning January 2023 in the amount of \$838.00. The motion passed unanimously, (4:0).

Mrs. Cook said there was a lot of vandalism to the Kimmel Park women's bathroom over the weekend. A possible suspect has been identified and video turned over to the Linn County Sheriff's Office for investigation.

Mrs. Cook said she was approached by Alice Kintner requesting authorization to hold an Ugly Sweater Fun Run in December to benefit the SCSD Parent-Teacher Organization. A map of the fun run was provided for Council review. This should not require any streets to be closed. No concerns were voiced by Council. Mrs. Cook will forward the information to Linn County Sheriff's Office so that they are aware of the event.

Mrs. Cook said a letter from OAWU and the National Rural Water Association regarding a PFAS recovery program was presented at the last meeting. Council deferred a decision about signing up until the issue could be reviewed by Mr. McGehee.

Mr. McGehee said that he has no issue with the City signing up for this program as there is no cost to the city. If this lawsuit is successful, it would provide reimbursement funds if the city is affected.

Council consensus to sign up for the recovery program.

STAFF/COMMISSION REPORTS

City Recorder Report: Council President Trout asked if the SW 2nd Street project is finished. Mrs. Cook said that it is finished but has not been closed out, which needs to be done by December 22, 2022.

With all the new improvements on Wall Street, Councilor Plotts asked about possibly placing security cameras in the area. Mrs. Cook said that staff is looking at getting a better internet connection as the internet is dial-up in this area and hard to connect.

List of On-going Old Business News: A current list of on-going old business items was provided for review.

City Attorney Report: None.

BUSINESS FROM MAYOR & CITY COUNCILORS

Councilor Winn said that he will begin clean up work on the Reid House property as soon as elk season is over.

Councilor Katlong had nothing to report.

Councilor Plotts said that Christmas decorations have been ordered for the lampposts on SW Broadway St. and a large lighted holiday wreath for the Historic Railroad Bridge. The decorations are scheduled to arrive after Thanksgiving. The group is hopeful they will be hung by December 1st. Councilor Plotts thanked the very generous citizen that provided funds for the lamppost decorations.

Ann Carey, SW 1st Ave., asked if the group planned for holiday lights on the railroad bridge. Mrs. Cook said the group only ordered the wreath. No other lights are planned at this time.

Councilor Trout said that the Odd Fellows will be removing the hanging flower pots this week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:14 PM Council President Trout adjourned into Executive Session under ORS192.660(2)(h) - To Consult with Your Attorney Regarding Current Litigation or Litigation That is More Likely Than Not to be Filed and;

ORS192.660(2)(e) – To Conduct Deliberations With Persons You Have Designated to Negotiate Real Property Transactions.

At 7:34 PM Council President Trout reconvened into regular session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Prepared by:

Approved by:

Stacie Cook, MMC
City Recorder

Tim Kirsch
Mayor