

**MILL CITY  
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
Tuesday, May 24, 2022**

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

**Citizens in Attendance** were Roel Lundquist, Gary Olson and Ron Van Vlack.

**DECLARATIONS OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** Mayor Kirsch 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 Plotts stated that she has a potential conflict of interest with item 'c' of the Consent Agenda, as she is a member of the Mill City Christian Church. However, there is no financial gain to her.

**Councilor Zeyen-Hall** moved and was seconded by **Councilor Plotts**, to approve items a; Approval of Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting of May 10, 2022, b; Approval of Accounts Payable, c; Ratification of Planning Commission Approval of Conditional Use Permit for Mill City Christian Church, File No. 2022-03, 400 Block SW Kingwood Ave., d; Ratification of Mayor Kirsch's appointment of Sandy Lyness and Caitlin Purdy to three (3) Year Terms, Expiring June 30, 2025, on the Mill City Planning Commission, and e; Approval of OLCC Liquor License Renewals for the Following Businesses:

- Dollar General Store #17506                      250 NW Santiam Blvd.
- Giovanni's Mountain Pizza                      146 N Santiam Blvd.
- Stop N Save 6                                      250 NW 9<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Mrs. Fredrickson polled the Council. The motion passed unanimously, (4:0).

**CITIZEN COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:** Ron Van Vlack, SE Fairview St., requested permission to finish a wooden staircase that he built down an embankment to the river from his property. The stairs are constructed on MCRFPD property. Mayor Kirsch advised that this is private property and permission must be obtained from the owner.

Mr. Van Vlack indicated that he would be attending a fire board meeting to request approval. Mrs. Cook said that if the Fire Department grants Mr. Van Vlack permission to complete the staircase, the City would require that a land use process be completed, which includes a fee.

Gary Olson, SW Spring St., said that he emailed Mrs. Cook two MOU's, one an intergovernmental agreement with Linn County Sheltering for the high school and the other from the Red Cross to use as examples for MOU's that will be drafted for the Hazard Mitigation process.

**MISC. CITY RECORDER ITEMS:**

*Award of Mill City Falls Park Contract:* The bid opening for the rebid of the Mill City Falls Park project was held on May 12, 2022. Three bids were received. The low bidder was Siegmund Excavation & Construction.

Mrs. Cook said that staff recommends awarding the contract to low bidders Siegmund Excavation & Construction for the base bid of \$533,329.88 and additive bid item #A-1, pavers in the amount of \$82,162.50. This brings the total contract amount to \$615,492.38.

**Mayor Kirsch** moved and was seconded by **Councilor Zeyen-Hall**, to Award Mill City Falls Park Contract Including Base Bid of \$533,329.88 Plus Additive Bid Item #A-1 "Pavers", in the Amount of \$82,162.50, for a Total Contract Amount of \$615,492.38 to Siegmund Excavation & Construction.

Councilor Plotts asked what the size of the pavers will be. Mrs. Cook said that she is not positive but will check.

Mayor Kirsch called for the vote. The motion passed unanimously, (4:0).

Sewer Project Update: Mrs. Cook said that the test pit work, scheduled to begin May 16, 2022, is on hold. Staff is working through some issues with the property owners at this time.

Request for Disaster Presenter – Elizabeth Marino; OSU: Elizabeth Marino, OSU Associate Professor, sent a request to see if anyone would be willing to attend her class, in person or via Zoom, to discuss their experience living through the wildfires. Mrs. Cook will forward the information to anyone who is interested.

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Western Oregon State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan – Letter Submittal: Mayor Kirsch sent a personal letter commenting on the draft environmental impact statement for Western Oregon State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan. A copy of the letter was provided for Council review.

Mayor Kirsch said that he is not in favor of this plan as it will lock up more of Oregon's productive forestlands and greatly impact residents' livelihoods even further, especially at a time when the Canyon is trying to rebuild and recover from the wildfires. Mayor Kirsch was asked if Council as a whole would submit a letter. Council consensus to direct staff to draft a letter, stating the same as Mayor Kirsch's, on behalf of the City and submit as testimony.

Cascadia Exercise Participation: The Cascadia Earthquake exercise through Marion County Emergency Management is set for the week of June 13, 2022. As part of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) compliance, the City is to participate in one exercise per year. This is a good opportunity to do so.

Mrs. Cook asked if there are any interested members of the Council who would like to participate in this exercise, stating that she plans to participate, however, a potential conflict with scheduling may keep her from doing so.

Mayor Kirsch said he will volunteer as an evaluator but is unsure if this will satisfy the requirement. Councilor Zeyen-Hall stated that she may be available to participate.

Detroit Lake Community & Civic Center Grant Opening: The Grand Opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Detroit Lake Community & Civic Center is set for June 4, 2022 from 2 to 6 p.m. If anyone would like to attend, it has been asked that RSVPs be made.

Mayor Kirsch said that he has a large hanging picture to donate and planned to do a brief presentation but is unavailable. Councilor Winn volunteered to present the picture at the ceremony.

Mrs. Cook said that City Attorney Jim McGehee prepared an addendum to the Bio-Solid Pumping contract addressing ACE Septic's notice of increase from .29 cents to .34 cents per gallon. Mrs. Cook read the addendum in full and requested Council approval.

**Mayor Kirsch** moved and was seconded by **Councilor Winn**, to Approve the Bio-Solid Pumping, Hauling, Disposal Addendum Amending Agreement by Increasing Rate Paid From .29 Cents Per Gallon to .34 Cents Per Gallon Between Ace Septic and the City of Mill City. The motion passed unanimously, (4:0).

Mayor Kirsch reported that he attended the Disaster Recovery Action Plan public hearing by Rebuild Oregon at the Gates Community Church. The State has allocated \$422 million in ARPA Disaster Relief funds, with \$40 Million going to a disaster resilience infrastructure program, which communities like Mill City can apply for. Mill City will be asking for \$6 Million for the sewer capacity expansion and water system upgrades.

Mrs. Cook attended an elected official's session and conveyed Mill City's specific needs for infrastructure dollars.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: None held.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46PM.

Prepared by:

Approved by:

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Stacie Cook, MMC  
City Recorder

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Tim Kirsch  
Mayor