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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 28, 2024

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

Council Absent:

Employees Present: PW Richard Berkey, CM Micki Valentine

Public Present: Lee Loving – NSSD Superintendent, Hannah Bach & Adam Bach

Opened w/pledge: @ 6:31 pm

Roll Call: Taken

Announcements (Additions to Agenda/Conflict of Interest/Ex-Parte/Bias):

- Councilor Wagner declared possible conflict of interest for Safe Routes to School as he is a school board member.

Presentations:

- Mayor Valentine presents Hannah Bach with the City of Lyons 2024 Scholarship award.
- North Santiam School District (NSSD) Superintendent, Lee Loving, presents the school district's preliminary plan to provide a School Resource Officer (SRO) to the schools including Mari-Linn School. He is working with Captain Fountain, with the Linn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) for their assistance in serving Mari-Linn. LCSO may consider re-instituting their SRO program after they are fully staffed and if funding allows. Loving answers questions. Stayton Police will provide an officer at the high school with a random schedule.

Public Comment: none

Sheriff's Report: The report was provided and reviewed.

Consent Agenda: Council Meeting Minutes April 23, 2024, and Bills Paid April 24, 2024 – May 28, 2024. *Councilor Hyde motioned to approve – Councilor Ritchie second – All in favor – none opposed – approved.*

Public Hearings: none

Unfinished Business:

- **Safe Routes to School** – A meeting was held on May 17 with Civil West, Jenna Berman-ODOT, NSSD Lee Loving, Mike Wagner, Dave Kinney, and Micki Valentine. A plan was reviewed and modified. Civil West will make adjustments to their plan and Berman

will consult with ODOT engineers to ensure the proposed plan will meet ODOT requirements. A plan to handle the stormwater run-off still needs to be determined.

- **Computer Update** – The two computers and monitors have been replaced. Things are working again. Lost the data for the electronic readerboard and the Access data records. The information will have to be re-entered into the programs.
- **Ordinance 248-2024 Repeal/Replace Chapter 1.20 Initiative & Referendum** – This ordinance replaces the Initiative & Referendum code. The code had outdated language and procedures. With the adoption of this ordinance, Initiative & Referendums will follow state election law. *Wagner motions to approve – Hyde seconds – all in favor – non opposed – passed.*
- **Ordinance 249-2024 Alternative Abatement Procedures for Inoperable Motor Vehicles** – The Linn County Sheriff's Office requested that the City update the code for removal of inoperable vehicles left on city streets. This ordinance updates Chapter 8.10 Nuisances. The ordinance is updated referring to ORS Chapter 819 which allows LCSO to follow state rules in removing abandoned vehicles after 24 hours. *Ritchie motions to approve – Thrasher seconds – all in favor – non opposed – passed.*

New Business:

- **CIS Property Insurance Renewal** – CIS, our insurance carrier, has provided the renewal information. There is a 22% increase over last year. Previous estimate was a 10% increase. Will need to adjust the 2024-25 budget. Council directed to see what the cost would be if we increased the deductible.

Correspondence:

- none

Library Director Report: The report was available for review. CM Valentine reported that the ramp has been installed and the Linn County building inspector will do the final inspection tomorrow.

City Manager Report: CM Valentine gave the report. Playground equipment was inspected with no issues found. The flag was replaced at the cemetery and flags placed at Veteran headstones for the Memorial Day weekend. Two mechanical permits were issued. Citywide Clean-up was held on Saturday May 11. Many people took opportunity to use it. Some items were left after closing. We have not received a report from Pacific Sanitation yet. The office was open for election day from 7am – 8pm. Berkey kept the office open on Monday during normal business hours for ballot drop-offs. Complaints were reviewed.

CM Valentine reports a correction to the 2024-25 Budget on page 2 City Services - Park Projects line item. The amount should have been 75,000 rather than 50,000. Due to the computer glitches and work-arounds, page 2 was printed with the incorrect amount. The error was caught before publication of the LB-1. The LB-1 needs to balance and will be posted in The Canyon Weekly newspaper.

Planning Commission Report: Nothing to report.

Financial Reports: No questions were asked.

Commissioner Report/Councilor Questions/Comments:

- Mayor Valentine, Cemetery – No comments to add.
- Councilor Ritchie, Library – No comments to add.
- Councilor Wagner, Building Improvements – No comments to add.
- Councilor Hyde, Police/Safety – No comments to add.
- Councilor Thrasher, Transportation, Parks & Recreation – No comments to add.

Executive Session: None

Requests – Councilor Requests/Future Agenda Items/Announcements:

- Hyde reports that she attended the Gates Council meeting and presented gift certificates.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 @ 6:30 pm Regular Council Meeting – Lyons City Hall

Adjourned @ 7:34 pm

Summarized by CM Valentine