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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2024

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

Council Absent:

Employees Present: PW Richard Berkey, CM Micki Valentine

Public Present: Carson Kuenzi, Sean Hyatt, and Brent Lawrence

Opened w/pledge: @ 6:30 pm

Roll Call: Taken

Announcements (Additions to Agenda/Conflict of Interest/Ex-Parte/Bias): none

Presentations: Carson Kuenzi, Pacific Sanitation regarding fee increases. Serving approximately 400 residential customers with most using the recycle cars. Their disposal site is Coffin Butte. *Councilor Wagner motions to approve the rate increase – Councilor Thrasher seconds – all in favor – none opposed – motion carried.*

Councilor Pro Tem, Jessica Ritchie presents Mayor Lloyd Valentine a certificate of appreciation for 10 years of service on the council, serving as a councilor and mayor.

Public Comment: none

Sheriff's Report: Report was reviewed. Councilor Hyde reports seeing the Sheriff at the coffee shop, possibly Coffee with a Cop community outreach event.

Consent Agenda: Council Meeting Minutes October 22, 2024 and Bills Paid October 23, 2024 – November 19, 2024. *Councilor Hyde motioned to approve – Councilor Thrasher second – all in favor – none opposed – approved.*

Public Comment: none

Public Hearings: none

Unfinished Business:

- **Park Project** – The swing set was installed yesterday. The park will remain closed until the end of the week to allow for the concrete to cure. The Freres pavilion sign has been installed.
- **FEMA Floodplain Changes** – We are working with the attorney to assist us with these changes. FEMA is making significant changes to the floodplain regulations, which

requires us to make changes to our land use code. The council has the choice of banning all development within the 100-year floodplain, allow on a permit-by-permit basis, or update the current code with a new Model Ordinance provided by FEMA. The permit-by-permit choice would require a habitat assessment that would be significant cost to the property owner which would likely discourage any changes or development. *Councilor Wagner motioned to initiate an amendment to the Lyons Municipal Coe and direct staff to move forward with the adoption of a tailored version of the updated 2024 FEMA Model Ordinance – Councilor Ritchie second – all in favor – none opposed – motion passed.*

New Business:

- **Pole Banners** – Applications have been submitted to ODOT, Linn County Road Department, and to Pacific Power to install 25 holiday banners along 5th Street and Main Street. The banners have not been purchased yet, waiting for approvals. The approximate cost for the banners and brackets is \$3,875.00. Pacific Power will install at no charge, as a community service project. The intention is that the brackets will be mounted permanently so that seasonal banners may be switched-out through the year.

Correspondence:

- none

Library Director Report: The library report is provided.

City Manager Report: CM Valentine reports there was some graffiti found on a couple picnic tables which was removed. The amount of trash has reduced significantly. Linn County Parks has been awarded a grant to improve John Neal Park including improvements to the trails and bridges. Linn County Road Department delivered the street signs. It will likely be spring/summer before we can get them installed. There was one cremains burial. The ramp light at the library is still not working but we have been notified that it will be fixed this week. There were two mechanical permits issued. Working with North Santiam School District on an IT Service IGA. Reminder of upcoming dinner and CM vacation in December. Two complaints were reviewed – one complaint was of tree branches overhanging the roadway on Fir Street and the other were bushes and branches overhanging the sidewalk along multiple properties on 5th Street. Property owners were notified. The property owner at the corner of Juniper Lane has cut theirs back already.

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:

- none

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 17, 2024 @ 6:30 pm Regular Council Meeting – Lyons City Hall

Adjourned @ 7:35 pm

Summarized by CM Valentine