

FALLS CITY CITY COUNCIL		MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023
The Falls City City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 9, 2023 at 6:01 p.m. in the Community Center located at 320 N. Main Street		
Council Members Present: Council President Amy Houghtaling, Councilor Nick Backus, Councilor Martha Jirovec, Councilor Tony Meier, Councilor Dennis Sickles, Councilor Lori Jean Sickles		
Staff Present: City Manager AJ Foscoli, City Recorder Jeremy Teal		
AGENDA	ACTION	
Swearing In Ceremony	Mr. Teal swore in Councilors Backus, Meier, and LJ Sickles. He also swore in Mayor Bailey.	
Election of Council President	<p>Councilor LJ Sickles nominated Amy Houghtaling.</p> <p>It was moved by Councilor LJ Sickles to appoint Amy Houghtaling as Council President. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Backus and CARRIED with a vote of 5-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, D Sickles, and LJ Sickles voting YES.</p>	
Announcements, Appointments, Appreciations & Proclamations	Mayor Bailey thanked everyone involved in the 2022 Thanksgiving Dinner.	
Public Comment	<p>Mayor Bailey opened the Public Comments at 6:09 p.m.</p> <p>Jeremy Gordon, 180 Dayton, advised that the Polk County annual point in time count regarding homelessness would be taking place on Tuesday 24, Wednesday 25 & Saturday 28th. He advised that the main event would be on Tuesday, January 24 at the EBC Church in Dallas. He noted the event would offer haircuts, personal services and other amenities to help. He mentioned there would be transportation throughout the County to help everyone attend the event. He noted the shuttle buses would drop off and pick up at the Mountain Gospel Church in Falls City.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling noted there was no schedule for the shuttle yet. She noted there were volunteer and donation opportunities for the event.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey closed the Public Comments at 6:15 p.m.</p>	

Fire Chief Brush Truck Discussion

Mr. Foscoli gave a brief staff report regarding brush truck. He noted Chief Young and Mr. Gilbert have worked tirelessly to acquire the information.

Councilor Jirovec explained that the annual payment for the new truck payment would be 1/3 of the entire budget.

Council President Houghtaling stated that the levy money would cover annual payment. Mr. Foscoli noted that the Fire budget was at a \$30,000 deficit due to SW Polk parting ways.

Councilor Meier asked if the truck was necessary. He noted he was not happy with fire levy because it said nothing about the new truck, but just said equipment.




Councilor Jirovec explained that the Fire Department and the Levy were two different accounts in the City budget. She noted there were overages. Council President Houghtaling indicated that it was due to the lack of taxes that have come in on the levy.

Council President Houghtaling asked if the remaining Bootleg Fire money was earmarked for anything. Mr. Teal answered no. She then asked when the ARPA money needed to be spent. Mr. Foscoli responded by December of 2024.

Councilor Jirovec asked about out of state fires and Falls City responding. Mr. Gilbert explained that 2 people could go at a time to an out of state fire. He noted that the Department would make \$6000 for each person and the truck would earn \$14,000 for a 14 day trip. Councilor Meier stated that doesn't cover the wear and tear on equipment, so it isn't even a \$1000 a day.

Mr. Gilbert reported that he and Chief spent 6-7 hours to acquire the list of quotes. He noted that the Department was calling in a lot of favors to get this truck built.

It was moved by Dennis Sickles to approve the purchase of the brush truck. The motion was duly

	<p>permission to work on the landscape. Mr. Foscoli noted that any improvement the grounds was fine.</p>
<p>Reports from City Manager & Staff</p> <p>a) Falls City Fire Report b) Polk County Sheriff Report</p> <p>c) Falls City Public Works Report d) City Manager</p>	<p>There were no comments.</p> <p>Councilor Jirovec asked about the Polk county code help. Mr. Foscoli noted the former code guy was a sheriff Sgt. with the county and we can go directly to him for help.</p> <p>There were no comments.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli gave his report regarding the wastewater project, LCB, Code enforcement, towing, speed test, emergency routes to school, air filtration grant and the Community center roof leak, brush truck, and the mobile broadband deployment.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli advised that the funding was moving forward quickly. He noted that Thursday the state revolving fund to a permanent state with either DEQ or USDA.</p>
<p>Executive Session ORS 192.600.2.a: The governing body of a public body may hold an executive session to consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent.</p>	<p>Mayor Bailey opened the Executive Session at 7:23 p.m.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey closed the Executive Session at 8:08 p.m.</p>
<p>Good of the Order</p>	<p>Mr. Gilbert reported the Falls City Fire Department Toys for Tots in coordination with Walmart for 9 years and delivered 9 bags of toys this year. He noted Santa delivered toys to Pre-K thru seniors so everyone got something for Christmas. He reported that the Fire Department delivered to 53 houses in 1 night with 2 Santas and made 169 kids. He noted 79 families received Christmas Cheer boxes in Falls City.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey thanked the Falls City Fire Department for their community work.</p>
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.</p>
<p>Read and approved this <u>13</u> day of <u>February</u> 2023.</p> <p>Mayor: <u></u></p> <p>ATTEST: <u></u></p> <p>City Recorder: <u></u></p>	