




FALLS CITY CITY COUNCIL		MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2024	
The Falls City City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 2, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center located at 320 N. Main Street.			
Council Members Present: Council President Amy Houghtaling attended via phone, Councilor Nick Backus, Councilor Martha Jirovec, Councilor Tony Meier, Councilor Dennis Sickles and Councilor Lori Jean Sickles.			
Staff Present: City manager AJ Foscoli and City Recorder Jeremy Teal			
AGENDA		ACTION	
Announcements, Appointments, Appreciations & Proclamations		Mayor Bailey thanked everyone involved in the Thanksgiving dinner and the volunteers that helped with the Veterans BBQ.	
Public Comment		<p>Mayor Bailey opened the public comments at 6:03 p.m.</p> <p>Jim Miner stated the theft in town had increased in the last few months and it needed to be addressed. He noted the new stop sign on S Main and Bridge was a good idea. He asked if there was any progress on the RV on N Main.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli advised that he had contacted the homeowner where the RV was parked, and they agreed to help start a conversation about moving the RV.</p> <p>Tina Thompson noted that Ellis Street was so bad and the council needed to take a field trip. She stated that Bob Young walked away and said he wasn't going to clean up the property.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey closed the public comments at 6:08 p.m.</p>	
FEMA Presentation		<p>Scott Whyte, LOC Planner, gave a brief presentation regarding the FEMA flood plain city choices for building in the future in Falls City. He noted that FEMA adopted the code in 2008, then changed it in 2009 due to a lawsuit, then enacted the Endangered Species Act developing into Flood plain Management. He stated that Option 1 would be a code change but not a difficult implementation. He mentioned Option 2 would be no code change and a strict permit by permit system and Option 3 would not allow any building at all in flood plain. He advised that</p>	

	<p>It was moved by Councilor Backus to approve Option 1 for Flood Plain code adoption for the FEMA Flood Plain Model Code Update. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Meier and CARRIED with a vote of 5-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, LJ Sickles and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.</p>
<p>Consent Agenda a) November 4, 2024 Minutes</p>	<p>It was moved by Councilor Backus to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Meier and CARRIED with a vote of 5-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, LJ Sickles and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.</p>
<p>Reports or Comments from Mayor and Council Members a) Mayor's Report b) Councilor Comments c) Public Works Committee Report</p>	<p>Mayor Bailey read from his Mayor's Report which herein a part of the minutes.</p> <p>Council Jirovec thanked everyone in the community for everything they do behind the scenes. She asked if a cleaning plan for clinic building and the community center could be put in place for the future.</p> <p>There were no comments.</p>
<p>Reports from City Manager & Staff a) City Manager's Report</p>	<p>Mr. Foscoli report regarding the wastewater treatment plant, Community Resource Center 129 visitors, code enforcement, parking permit on N Main next month, the upper park restroom, the upper park trees, the Travel Salem award, and the small cities allotment grant.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli outlined the projects for the ARPA dollars before the end of the year. The City Hall restroom needs repairs, the kitchen updating at the community center, and the computers at City Hall need updated.</p>
<p>Ordinances a) Ord 568-2024: 4 Way Stop</p>	<p>Mr. Foscoli outlined the 4-way stop at South Main, Bridge and Parry. He noted that adding 2 more stops signs and then stripe for crosswalks for safety reasons would hopefully create a safer</p>

	<p>intersection. He mentioned that the total cost for the project was roughly \$500.</p> <p>Mr. Miner asked if there could be a discussion regarding this next month. Mr. Foscoli noted this was the first reading of the ordinance and there could be a discussion next month.</p> <p>Mr. McConnell stated that as a part of the passing of the 4-way stop he added a one year probation period. Mr. Foscoli stated he would bring this back to Council in November 2025 to revisit.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey declared Ordinance 568-2024 to have passed its first reading.</p>
<p>Good of the Order</p>	<p>Councilor Jirovec declared she was done and thanked the Council.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey stated black clothes should be outlawed at night walking on the side of the road.</p> <p>Councilor LJ Sickles noted that Councilor Jirovec was a tremendous asset to the City Council.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey thanked Councilor Jirovec for her years of service.</p> <p>Mr. Teal thanked Councilor Jirovec for all her help and knowledge and wished her the best in the future with her PhD.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli noted that Councilor Jirovec was a great asset to the community and thanked her for her time on the Council.</p>
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.</p>
<p>Read and approved this <u>6</u> day of <u>January</u> 2025.</p> <p>Mayor: <u></u></p> <p>ATTEST: <u></u></p> <p>City Recorder: <u></u></p>	



Mayor's Report, December 2, 2024

Mayor TJ Bailey

Welcome

As November ends I am reminded, once again, that our City is a "City of Volunteers". Volunteers who not only look out for the well-being of our residents but "serve" to meet the needs and recognize those who have served others. November saw the first "Falls City Veteran's Day BBQ", our annual "Community Thanksgiving Dinner" was another huge success, and our Community Resource Center Project continues to provide services and resources to our community members. I am truly honored to be the Mayor of Falls City.

November 11, 2024 BBQ

With the help of community volunteers Joe Schmuker and Bill Cochran, a simple idea came to fruition, honoring those in Falls City who served our country with the first Falls City Veteran's Day BBQ.

In two months, the small committee organized the event to honor our Veterans and families of Veterans while providing a safe and friendly environment for those who served to share stories and receive guidance for resources they may not know they qualify for. It was a great opportunity for Veterans to know they are seen and that we honor the sacrifices they made for our country. During the event, over 20 veterans came and ate with another 30 plus family members attending as well.

I was most impressed with the Veterans who showed up not to eat, but to volunteer their time to make sure people were greeted and fed and to help out in any way imaginable. From this simple BBQ, ideas for building local resources for our Veterans began. Currently in the works is a resource bank to help local Veterans get in contact with volunteers to help with home tasks such as cutting and stacking wood, clearing up yards and gutters as well as a once a month "Coffee with Veterans" to socialize. The small committee is already working on and planning next year's event to reach as many Falls City Veterans as possible. There were several volunteers on the day of the event who showed up to cook, serve, and clean up after the event. It truly was a great day to be the Mayor of Falls City.



Thanksgiving Community Dinner

On November 23, the annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner was held and was, again, a huge success. Under the leadership of Dana Schowalter and dozens of volunteers, over 350 meals were served for dining in and take out. Another 50 plus meals were delivered to residents and local organizations.

Although the dinner was a success, it did not begin on Saturday. On Thursday November 21st, over a dozen volunteers helped peel and cut 150 pounds of regular potatoes and 120 pounds of sweet potatoes . Prior to Thursday, countless volunteers donated and cooked nearly 20 turkeys and delivered them on Saturday. Again, we are a "City of Volunteers".

I would like to sincerely thank each and everyone of you for your continued support, dedication, volunteerism, and commitment to our amazing City.

Veteran's Day



Community Thanksgiving

