

<b>FALLS CITY CITY COUNCIL</b>		<b>MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023</b>
The Falls City City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center located at 320 N. Main Street		
<b>Council Members Present:</b> Council President Amy Houghtaling, Councilor Nick Backus, Councilor Martha Jirovec, Councilor Tony Meier, Councilor Dennis Sickles and Councilor Lori Jean Sickles		
<b>Staff Present:</b> City Manager AJ Foscoli, City Recorder Jeremy Teal		
<b>AGENDA</b>		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>Announcements, Appointments, Appreciations &amp; Proclamations</b>		There were none.
<b>Public Comment</b>		<p>Mayor Bailey opened the Public Comments at 6:01 p.m.</p> <p>Kirk Bathke, 2208 Elmwood Dr, Dallas, gave a brief update on the Backroads Coffee Shop. He noted they were making forward progress and would hopefully be open soon. He stated the coffee shop was an investment in the community and family, and collaborative partnering throughout the whole project.</p> <p>Councilor Jirovec asked what the next steps would be. Mr. Bathke noted big round sign would go up after paint and framing inspection would be next week. He mentioned that electrical was on deck in 1-2 weeks, then insulation, drywall, and then site prep and driveway work.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey closed the Public Comments at 6:11 p.m.</p>
<b>Public Hearing</b> <b>2023 CDBG Block Grant from Business Oregon</b>  Mayor Bailey opened the public hearing at 6:12 p.m.  Mayor Bailey closed the public hearing at 6:18 p.m.		Mayor Bailey read the Public Notice in its entirety into the record, which will be attached to these minutes herein.
<b>Consent Agenda</b> a) June 5, 2023 Minutes b) June 20, 2023 Minutes		It was moved by Council President Houghtaling to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Backus and CARRIED with a vote of 6-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, D Sickles, LJ

	Sickles and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.
<p><b>Reports or Comments from Mayor and Council Members</b></p> <p>a) Mayor's Report</p> <p>b) Councilor Comments</p> <p>c) Park Board Report</p> <p>d) Public Works Report</p>	<p>Mayor Bailey had no comments.</p> <p>Councilor LJ Sickles reported that the Summer Celebration was a huge success. She noted there were a lot of volunteers helping with all the activities throughout the event and the whole event was encouraging to the town.</p> <p>Councilor D Sickles reported that Dusty Rose Hansen asked about renovating the ballpark and starting a youth sports league. He mentioned that Mrs. Hansen would like to look for a grant to help with the field and possibly get some dirt from the wastewater project for the field. She also commented that she would like to head a committee for the field. Councilor D Sickles noted the field was a historical location where semi pro baseball was played. He asked Mr. Foscoli if dirt would be available from the wastewater project.</p> <p>There was a lengthy discussion regarding the signs at the park and the falls. It was decided to return the details regarding the signs to the Park Board and to bring the final versions to the Council for approval.</p> <p>Councilor D Sickles asked for recommendations to fix the chain link fence at the falls. Mayor Bailey mentioned he would email his OMA mayors email string and ask for advice. Mr. Martin noted the webinar spells it out clearly that signs are critical to warn people.</p> <p>Councilor D Sickles suggested contacting the city attorney since the insurance companies don't want to do anything.</p> <p>Councilor Meier mentioned the Safe Routes to School project wasn't needed any longer due to the grade school having their own gym.</p>

	<p>Mr. Foscoli noted there would be an open house this Thursday to look at the new design that is within the budget.</p> <p>Councilor D Sickles stated traveling from the elementary to high school was not an issue anymore.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli indicated the new designs would allow the City to reapply to ODOT and possibly receive \$250,000 for the project. Councilor D Sickles asked if the project was starting from scratch.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli noted sidewalks were easier to build and the stairs and could be tied in to make it easier for city to afford. He mentioned the open house would from 4-6 pm at the Fire Hall.</p>
<p><b>Reports from City Manager &amp; Staff</b></p> <p>a) Fire Report</p> <p>b) Public Works Reports</p> <p>c) City Manager's Report</p>	<p>Mayor Bailey indicated that fire season was upon Falls City and there should be no backyard burning.</p> <p>Councilor Meier asked if the fire chief had the authority to site anyone for burning. Mr. Foscoli stated he would confirm that.</p> <p>There were no comments.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli gave his report regarding the wastewater project, LCB, Code enforcement interested in helping as Falls City liaison, towing, safe routes to school project, community center roof leak, and excessive domestic sewer pumping.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli noted that all the dirt from the wastewater project would be used to build the berms for the lagoons.</p> <p>He reported the Strider pre-construction meeting went great and the project would be 300 construction days from start to finish. He mentioned the High school work wouldn't start until the football field is done. He reported the UV system would be decommissioned and the parking lot would be compromised for about 1 week. He stated the work is scheduled to take place July 24-August 3.</p>

	<p>Mr. Foscoli commented that LCB handicap rails were painted, the numbers were up, and the cameras were installed. He advised the speed signs would be installed this week.</p>
<p>Good of the Order</p>	<p>Councilor Backus asked about the outcome of the electric car. Mr. Foscoli reported that the City did not get the grant from Pacific Power.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey stated the Volcanoes Baseball Stadium had invited Polk County and Falls City for a night at the stadium. He mentioned that August 5 would be the skate park pancake fundraiser during PRIDE weekend. He noted the pancake fundraiser would allow us to pay off the design and then start working on grants.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling stated she knew the railing at the LCB was a liability but was that something Thrives could have done. She advised that the City staff was overburdened and priorities need to be set for each project.</p> <p>Councilor Jirovec stated she asked if Thrives could do it. Mr. Foscoli noted that anything Thrives can do at the LCB would be great.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling mentioned that Falls City had a small city staff and they all wear multiple hats. She noted that every project should be brainstormed to see who can handle it.</p> <p>Councilor D Sickles noted he was looking for middle school volleyball coach.</p> <p>Councilor Jirovec asked about the dangerous building ordinance. Mr. Foscoli stated he was continuing to work with the city attorney.</p> <p>Councilor Jirovec asked if there were other ordinances that would possibly need help with to be revise. Mr. Foscoli mentioned he had an outline from Russ and possibly a code workshop in the future.</p>

Councilor Jirovec asked if a new kitchen faucet for the community center sink could be purchased and possibly the dishwasher fixed too. Mayor Bailey reported there had been an uptick at the mill lot with campers, donuts, and theft. He asked the status of barricading the lot. Mr. Foscoli noted he had spoken with Weyerhauser and would setup a meeting to discuss possibilities with the lot.

Adjourn  
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Read and approved this 7 day of August 2023.  
Mayor: T Bailey  
ATTEST:  
City Recorder: [Signature]

**Public Notice and Notice of Public Hearing  
Read to the Record ~ Falls City Public Hearing**

The **City of Falls City** is eligible to apply for a 2023 Community Development Block Grant from Business Oregon. Community Development Block Grant funds come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The grants can be used for public facilities and housing improvements, primarily for persons with low and moderate incomes.

Approximately \$11 million will be awarded to Oregon non-metropolitan cities and counties in 2019. The maximum grant that a city or county can receive is \$400,000.

The City of Falls City is preparing application for a 2023 Community Development Block Grant from the Business Oregon for a Regional Housing Rehabilitation Program that will provide grants to owner-occupied homes in Polk County for the purpose of housing rehabilitation. It is estimated that the proposed project will benefit at least 26 persons, of whom 100% will be low -moderate income.

A public hearing will be held by the Falls City Council at 6:00PM on July 10, 2023 at the Community Center located at 320 N Main Street in Falls City. The purpose of this hearing is for the Falls City Council to obtain citizen views and to respond to questions and comments about: community development and housing needs, especially the needs of low-moderate-income persons, as well as other needs in the community that might be assisted with a Community Development Block Grant project and the proposed project. You may also join the meeting via ZOOM at <https://www.fallscityoregon.gov/city-council> and selecting *Join City Council Meetings via ZOOM* [here](#)

Written comments are also welcome and must be received by noon on July 10, 2023 at City Hall, 299 Mill Street, Falls City, Oregon 97344. You may also email your comments at [info@fallscityoregon.gov](mailto:info@fallscityoregon.gov). Both oral and written comments will be considered by the Falls City Council in deciding whether to apply.

The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Please contact Jeremy Teal at City Hall at 503.787.3631 if you will need any special accommodations to attend or participate in the meeting.

More information about Oregon Community Development Block Grants, the proposed project, and records about Falls City's past use of Community Development Block Grant funds is available for public review at City Hall during regular office hours, which are 8:30AM-4:00PM Monday through Thursday. Advance notice is requested. If special accommodations are needed, please notify Jeremy Teal at City Hall at 503.787.3631 so that appropriate assistance can be provided.

Permanent involuntary displacement of persons or businesses is not anticipated as a result from the proposed project. If displacement becomes necessary, alternatives will be examined to minimize the displacement and provide required/reasonable benefits to those displaced. Any low- and moderate-income housing that is demolished or converted to another use will be replaced.

