

FALLS CITY CITY COUNCIL		MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023
The Falls City City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 10, 2023 at 6:00 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 and Councilor Lori Jean Sickles arrived at 7:01 pm		
Staff Present: City Manager AJ Foscoli, City Recorder Jeremy Teal		
AGENDA		ACTION
Announcements, Appointments, Appreciations & Proclamations		There were none.
Public Comment		<p>Mayor Bailey opened the Public Comments at 6:01 p.m.</p> <p>Tracy Young, 68 Prospect St. Ms. Young noted she had been researching junk yards and scrap yards and found the owners need a dismantlers license to do so. She stated she called the DMV and they were working on 234 Prospect.</p> <p>Chris Martin, 112 Bridge St. Mr. Martin stated that nothing at the mill lot had developed over the last year, and he suggested creating a parking area for a fee and wondered what the next step would be. He noted he marked out an area appropriate for that, but part of the mill lot was not suitable for parking as it was part of a former mill pond.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling stated that historically the mill lot had always been available for overnight parking depending on the situation. She asked what the safety issues were.</p> <p>The Council discussed the issue of the mill lot and referred the subject to the Public Works Committee.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey asked Ms. Young for more information regarding the dismantler's license. Ms. Young stated the license was through DMV and the contact person was Deena Delarosa. She noted that Ms. Delarosa would send a link to a form where a person could fill in the information and attach photos.</p>

	<p>Commissioner Gordon asked Mr. Foscoli what the next steps were from the feasibility study to get the entire city on sewer.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli explained that the city was currently working to complete the first phase and was unsure where the next steps would come in. He thanked the county for study and had shared the price tag to include the entire city with sewer would run about 34 million.</p> <p>Commissioner Gordon noted it was wise to follow up and suggested getting meetings setup to phase in over time. He stated he didn't want the city to lose site of the next phase and other methods of payment and financing for it.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey closed the Public Comments at 6:22 p.m.</p>
<p>Consent Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) March 13, 2023 Minutes b) OLCC Applications 7 Star Convenience Store c) Park Board Applications Peirson Reservation Smith Reservation d) Budget Committee Applications Chris Walls Jeremy Gordon Leanne Merrill e) Street Closure Happy Dance 	<p>Councilor Jirovec asked about charging for park usage.</p> <p>The Council discussed the issue and referred it to the Parks & recreation Committee to research.</p> <p>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 5-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, D Sickles, and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.</p>
<p>Reports or Comments from Mayor and Council Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Mayor's Report 	<p>Mayor Bailey reported that on April 13 in Hillsboro that US senators and their representatives would be attending a conference for mayors to discuss their own cities and our concerns. He noted on April 20 would be the Homeless Prevention meeting. He mentioned the Falls City partners meeting would be April 25 at 5:00-6:30 p.m. at the Community Center, and on April 28 would be the Polk County breakfast. He advised that the skate park design survey went well with an 8.34 approval. He noted recommendations would be taken and added to the design and then go out again for another vote. He stated there had been very positive</p>

b) Councilor Comments

comments regarding the design and the overall skate park.

Council President Houghtaling reported she had been attending homelessness meetings and the Happy Dance would be Saturday, May 20.

Councilor Jirovec noted there would need to be some supplementals moving forward and we needed to be aggressive and ready for next year. She stated she was willing to spend time and help. She mentioned she would be willing to be the budget officer.

Mayor Bailey mentioned the Council had selected a budget officer, but if the Council wanted to change officers, they could do that.

Councilor D Sickles recommended getting in touch with Councilor Jirovec and setup meetings to fix the budget so the City can avoid issues with the state.

Councilor Jirovec suggested getting a contract with a bookkeeper to help with journal entries and help with the city.

Council President Houghtaling mentioned the Councilor Jirovec's recommendation was to update quickbooks and maybe check with other small cities to see what they use. Mr. Foscoli noted it had not been purchased yet.

It was moved by Council President Houghtaling to direct the City Manager to purchase the online Quickbooks. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Meier and carried with a vote of 5-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, D Sickles, LJ Sickles and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.


Councilor Meier stated the Budget Officer was appointed at the last meeting. Mayor Bailey noted that Mr. Foscoli would not be removed from it but would check with Councilor Jirovec for accuracy.

<p>c) Public Works Committee</p>	<p>It was moved by Council President Houghtaling to change the Budget Officer to Councilor Jirovec. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Backus and carried with a vote of 4-1 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, LJ Sickles and Council President Houghtaling voting YES and Councilor D Sickles voting NO.</p> <p>Councilor Jirovec reported she attended the Oregon Preparedness Conference and found a lot of resources and possible grants available to Falls City especially for fire related projects. She noted she thought a Neighborhood Night Out would be a good summer event to help the community meet their neighbors.</p> <p>Councilor Meier reported that the committee discussed the sewer pumping issue and Main Street Parking. He noted the solution for the pumping was to charge \$7.09 a month for 60 and that would allow the city to have the money to deal with pumping tanks. He stated the parking was decided that there would be no parking from Ellis Street to out of town.</p> <p>Councilor Jirovec asked about parking permits per house. Councilor Meier stated that permits would be discussed in the next meeting.</p> <p>Councilor Jirovec asked if the apartments were paying for water and sewer correctly. Councilor Meier stated that all apartments were paying a separate water and sewer fee.</p>
<p>Reports from City Manager & Staff</p> <p>a) Falls City Fire Report</p> <p>b) Polk County Sheriff Report</p> <p>c) Falls City Public Works Report</p> <p>d) City Manager Report</p>	<p>There were no comments.</p> <p>Councilor Jirovec asked if it would be possible to show a bar graph with the top 5 offenses in Falls City. Mr. Teal noted he would ask the Sheriff.</p> <p>There were no comments.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli gave his report regarding the wastewater project out for bid, LCB, Code enforcement with a citizen stepping up and Polk County hiring a new Community Service Officer, towing, speed signs, safe routes to school</p>

	<p>project, community center roof leak, and excessive domestic sewer pumping.</p>
<p>Good of the Order</p>	<p>Mayor Bailey thanked Councilor LJ Sickles and the Boondocks for the easter egg hunt.</p> <p>Councilor LJ Sickles reported that it was a great and successful easter egg hunt and thanked all the volunteers.</p> <p>Councilor Meier and Council President Houghtaling thanked Councilor LJ Sickles for the great event.</p> <p>Councilor D Sickles asked if the valves on the football field were ready to install. Mr. Foscoli noted that the upgrade to fixing the problem was above ground valves to help alleviate the traffic of bad stuff.</p> <p>Councilor Jirovec shared the visioning meetings would be June 25 and July 15 from noon to 3 p.m. at the Community center with RDI facilitating the meeting.</p> <p>Councilor D Sickles noted the community cleanup was after Labor Day after the falls park is closed for the season. Councilor Jirovec stated the if Solve was contacted about the event they would provide bags and gloves. She mentioned the Saturday after Labor Day would September 9.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey asked when the City Clean Up would be. Mt. Teal noted Saturday, June 3.</p>

<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.</p>
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Read and approved this 2 day of May 2023.

Mayor: 

ATTEST:

City Recorder: 