

**FALLS CITY CITY COUNCIL****MONDAY, July 11, 2022**

The Falls City City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center located at 320 N. Main Street

**Council Members Present:**

Council President Amy Houghtaling, Councilor Martha Jirovec, Councilor Tony Meier, Councilor Dennis Sickles, Councilor Lori Jean Sickles arrived at 6:14 p.m.

**Staff Present:**

City Manager AJ Foscoli, City Recorder Jeremy Teal

**AGENDA****ACTION****Announcements, Appointments, Appreciations & Proclamations**

Lori Jean Sickles & Laura Britton

Mayor Bailey recognized Lori Jean Sickles and Laura Britton for their outstanding work on the Summer Celebration.

**Public Comment**

There were no comments

**Fire Levy**

Mr. Foscoli stated the levy had been in effect for the past 5 years and the Fire Department was looking forward to continuing the levy to alleviate costs for operations.

It was moved by Council President Houghtaling to adopt Resolution 04-2022. A Resolution calling for an election on a five-year local option levy for fire and emergency services. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Meier and carried with a roll call vote of 4-0 with Councilors Meier, D Sickles, Jirovec, and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.

**Park District Presentation**



City Manager Brian Latta and Parks & Recreation Manager Jennifer Ward presented a PowerPoint regarding a park district involving Dallas and the surrounding communities.

Mr. Latta stated that Falls City would not be part of the park district because he wouldn't want to force higher taxes on Falls City without the extensive services for parks.

Council President Houghtaling asked if someone from Falls City could be on the elected advisory board. Mr. Latta stated that only members of the district could be on the elected advisory board, but could be a member of the public committee.

<p><b>Public Hearing</b></p> <p>Mayor Bailey opened the public hearing at 6:44 p.m. regarding the CDBG Block Grant.</p> <p>Public Notice read by Mayor Bailey</p> <p>Staff Report</p> <p>Councilor Questions</p> <p>Public Comments</p> <p>Mayor Bailey closed the public hearing at 6:51 p.m.</p>	<p>Mayor Bailey read the Public Notice into the record.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli gave the staff report regarding the corresponding Resolution for the CDBG grant funds.</p> <p>Councilor Sickles asked about all the study results. Mr. Foscoli stated the studies were moving forward with no mitigation.</p> <p>There were none.</p> <p>It was moved by Councilor D Sickles to adopt Resolution 05-2022. A resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for, receive and administer a Community Development Block Grant package to fund construction of a new city wastewater facility. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Jirovec and carried with a roll call vote of 5-0 with Councilors Jirovec, Meier, Sickles, LJ Sickles, and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.</p>
<p><b>Consent Agenda</b></p> <p>a) June 13, 2022 Minutes</p> <p>b) June 27, 2022 Minutes</p>	<p>It was moved by Council President Houghtaling to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor D Sickles and CARRIED with a vote of 5-0 with Councilors Jirovec, Meier, Sickles, LJ Sickles, and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.</p>
<p><b>Reports or Comments from Mayor and Council Members</b></p> <p>a) Mayor's Report</p>	<p>Mayor Bailey reported the Summer Celebration was a huge success. Mayor Bailey recognized Lori Jean Sickles and Laura Britton for their outstanding work on the Summer Celebration. He noted the skate park was moving forward with a skate ramp company coming for a site visit. He asked if the Council would be available for a special meeting to go over codes and ordinances and bring them up to date. He</p>

<p>b) Councilor Comment</p> <p>c) Park &amp; Rec Committee</p> <p>d) Public Works Committee</p>	<p>reported there had been an Increase in the theft of flags from poles and in people's yards. He noted we should be vigilant of the flags for next event.</p> <p>Councilor LJ Sickles thanked Mayor Bailey for cooking at the Summer Celebration.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling asked if the City had a curfew ordinance. Mr. Foscoli said he would look for an ordinance.</p> <p>Councilor D Sickles stated the sports programs were starting up and we need some players.</p> <p>Councilor Jirovec asked about the Luckiamute Community Building use, hours, and maybe an open house and let the community know what services there. She asked if the coffee shop be put in the newsletter to let people know what the coffee shop is.</p> <p>Councilor LJ Sickles said that Laura Britton was in attendance at the Park &amp; Rec meeting.</p> <p>There were no comments.</p>
<p><b>Reports from City Manager &amp; Staff</b></p> <p>a) Falls City Fire Report</p> <p>b) Falls City Code Enforcement</p> <p>c) Falls City Public Works Report</p> <p>d) City Manager</p>	<p>There were no comments.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey noted that Mr. Vandewettering was doing a great job in his short time here. Mr. Foscoli suggested getting ordinances wrapped up to have the teeth to enforce.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli noted the recent water main break was considerably easier to handle with 2 extra sets of hands helping. He noted the City had switched from Gayle Creek to Teal Creek.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling suggested adding the creek switch to the newsletter to help educate people.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli gave his City Manager's Report regarding the Wastewater plant, LCB, Code enforcement towing services right connections to get towed, no major updates on any of the programs.</p>

	<p>Council President Houghtaling asked about the progress of Safe Routes to School project. Mr. Foscoli stated the engineering was almost complete and was very confident everything would work. He noted there were people whose property was in the right of way and would need to move by next year.</p> <p>Councilor Jirovec asked about the progress with the speeders. Mr. Foscoli noted that at the next council meeting he would have a plan for where, what kind, and what won't impact the safe routes plan.</p>
<p>Council Interviews</p>	<p>Nick Backus and Dusty Rose Hanson applied for the open position of City Councilor.</p> <p>The Mayor and Councilors asked each candidate 7 questions regarding the community and being a councilor.</p> <p>During the proceedings one candidate endorsed the other for the position.</p> <p>After all the questions were asked and answered the Council voted unanimously for Mr. Backus.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey swore in Mr. Backus as the new member of the Falls City City Council.</p>
<p>Good of the Order</p>	<p>Councilor Backus thanked they Council for their vote of confidence in him and appointing him to the Council.</p>
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.</p>
<p>Read and approved this <u>8</u> day of <u>August</u> 2022.</p>	
<p>Mayor: <u></u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>City Recorder: <u></u></p>	