
City of Falls City
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2019 6:00 PM

Meeting Location: 320 N Main Street, Falls City, Oregon 97344

Council Present: Lori Jean Sickles, Jennifer Drill via Conference call, Tony Meier, Cliff Lauder, Dennis Sickles, David Radke

Staff Present: Mac Corthell, City Manager; Jamie Ward, Assistant City Clerk

1. Call to Order

Mayor Gordon called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Roll Call

Asst. Clerk Ward took roll call.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Gordon led the pledge.

4. Motion to adopt the entire Agenda

A motion was made by Councilor Meier and seconded by Councilor Radke to adopt the entire agenda with changes to the next City Council Meeting date. Motion carried 6-0-0. Ayes: Lori Jean Sickles, Jennifer Drill, Tony Meier, Cliff Lauder, Dennis Sickles, David Radke

5. Announcements

- a. City Manager Corthell gave a Certificate of Appreciation and noted a job well done to Lloyd Collins, and Polk Cemetery Savors Volunteers for immense dedication to cleaning up the I.O.O.F Lower Cemetery.
- b. Falls City completes Paving Overlays of fifth (5) and Boundary St. Corthell reiterated again what an incredible company Santiam paving is to work with.
- c. Corthell was excited to announce that Falls City has been awarded a RARE applicant and he will start in early September. William Sullivan is a graduate of New York University, spent a year with the peace core in Samoa, and has aspirations to be a City Manager. Mr. Sullivan will make his first visit to Falls City August 20, 2019. Corthell welcomes everyone to come and say hello. A welcome event will be hosted by the City of Falls City in September but no date has been determined. Corthell also stated the City may hold a garage sale of surplus items that same day.
- d. Falls City Pride will be on August 17, 2019. Mayor Gordon stated that the event information is posted on the Falls City Pride Facebook page and also mentioned that the event is getting a lot of attention. Governor Kate Brown and Senator Jeff Merkley prerecorded a video. Our State Rep. David Gombert will be in town and Polk County Commissioner Craig Pope wrote a welcome message that will be read aloud. Mayor Gordon stated that we have everyone from Municipal to the Federal level giving a shout out to Falls City. He stated that he feels it will be a great time and everyone is welcome.

- e. The next City Council Work Session meeting has been rescheduled from Monday August 26, 2019 to Tuesday August 27, 2019. Sean O'Day, Executive Director of Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments will be here to talk about System Development Charges. The next regular Council Meeting is September 9, 2019.

6. Community & Government Organizations

- a. Falls City Public Works
None
- b. Polk County Sheriff's Report
None
- c. Falls City Fire Report
None

7. Reports

- a. Mayors Report
None

- b. Council Report

David Radke- Addressed the issue of dead branches at the Fay Wilson Memorial park. Don Poe, Public Works Superintendent responded that Public Works is aware of the issue.

Dennis Sickles- Wanted to remind everyone that school is starting soon and encourages everyone to take in a game or two this year to show community support.

Jennifer Drill- Brought to Council attention she has had several citizens approach her about dead trees on Parry Rd. She was wondering if the City takes care of that. Poe responded that they have in the past but due to our city code it is the home owner's responsibility. Corthell explained a brief overview on property law, stating that when home owners give up right of ways they do not give up ownership of the property, they just give up one (1) percent of that property, which leaves them responsible for the foliage on that land. Mayor Gordon stated that we could possible put that on the agenda when we don't have so much going on and review that ordinance to gain some clarity on that issue.

Lori Jean Sickles- Stated she saw a cougar running up fifth St. around 11:30-midnight. Corthell stated that we have received another report about one roaming around in day light, He wants to make fish and wild life aware of the issue.

- c. Manager's Report

Corthell used his time to talk about how great of a job Public Works has been doing. They have had a busy summer working on the paving project, water main breaks, three new services, a new fire hydrant, a city wide leak survey, and looking at a main expansion up Parry Rd. These will help us get another part of our water master plan checked off. They have been doing a lot of work at a very good pace.

Councilor D. Sickles asked a question regarding the leak detection survey that was done. He mentioned that there was a leak detected on one of his rental properties and he received a letter. His question for Don is; is there a way to find out where that leak is or do you just have to figure out on your own? Poe replied that he could contact Dan's Leak detection and they will look for the leak for a fee. They will guarantee you they can find a leak or you will not be charged. Councilor D. Sickles was appreciative of the help and notification. Corthell stated that the City had around 15 residential houses that detected a leak on the property owner's side and that it also could possibly be a meter issue. Poe stated that on the City's behalf that the information he got was that the SR2's are the original meters, and that they could be malfunctioning causing leaks due to age. Councilor D. Sickles stated that his water bill was around fifty-four dollars (\$54.00) and his rental property's water bill was eighty three dollars (\$83.00) so there is a leak there but he doesn't know how significant. It came to Council attention that a few pages were missing from the packet including the Leak report. That will be included in the next meeting packet.

Councilor Lauder asked if there were any major leaks detected. Poe responded that there were three significant leaks; the most challenging is on 1st St. and North Main. It was thought to be on the side of the road but as more investigation was done, it was actually about thirty (30) feet into the road. Don stated PW is going to have to do some planning to address that one. Mitchell St. and Bridge St. leaks were repaired. Poe noted that the one Bridge St. was leaking about ten (10) to fifteen (15) gallons per minute. Councilor Lauder asked when they test for leaks they can tell if it's a small or big leak. Poe stated yes, that it was from experience.

8. Public Communications

None

9. Consent Agenda

A motion made by Councilor D. Sickles and Seconded by Councilor Meier to adopt the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0-0. Ayes: Lori Jean Sickles, Jennifer Drill, Tony Meier, Cliff Lauder, Dennis Sickles, David Radke

10. Public Comments

Joe Smith of Falls City made City Council aware about multiple people speeding on Ellis St. He stated that it didn't matter what time of day it was, people were going 50 or 60 miles per hour through a residential area and he is concerned someone is going to get injured as a result. Mr. Smith stated that he would like to see speed bumps put in or possibly having the Sherriff patrol the area on a regular basis. Another Falls City resident Lilli Boettcher stated that it was happening on Cameron St. also. City Councilor David Radke indicated that it was a regular occurrence on South Main St. Mayor Gordon directed city staff to create a staff report for the next Public Works meeting so they can be aware of the issue and also come up with some suggestions for a solution.

11. Citizen Committees

Women's Vote Centennial- Corthell wanted to let everyone know that the Women's Vote Centennial Celebration is in 2020 and the City is searching for a champion to take this on. If there is not anyone to take lead, City Hall will hold an exhibit and anyone interested in sharing memorable history are welcome to display it at there.

12. New Business

a. Noise Permit for 2019.08.17 Richardson

A motion was made by Councilor D. Sickles and seconded by Councilor Meier that the City of Falls City grant noise permit 20190817 Richardson, subject to the standards and conditions contained. Motion carried 6-0-0. Ayes: Lori Jean Sickles, Jennifer Drill, Tony Meier, Cliff Lauder, Dennis Sickles, David Radke

b. Resolution 22-2019 Noise Permit Policy

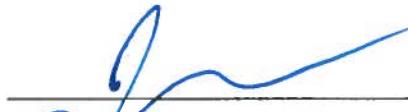
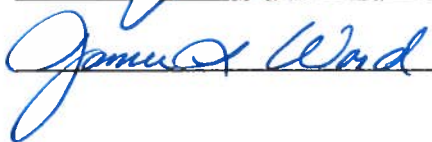
Corthell discussed the Staff Report. The most notable changes between this and the original resolution are the fee schedule. A Class A permit is twenty (\$20.00) dollars and a Class B permit is forty (\$40.00) dollars per season. A Class B permit would be permitted for a three month time frame and there are four seasons per year. Existing business are not excluded from applying for noise permits. Council discussed multiple arrangements regarding local business having to pay four separate fees but untimely decided to adopt the resolution as it was written. (Exhibits Resolution 22-2019 with attachments)

A motion was made by Councilor Drill and seconded by Councilor Radke that the City of Falls City adopt RESOLUTION 22-2019 A RESOLUTION CREATING A POLICY & PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING A NOISE PERMIT. Motion carried 5-0-1-0. Ayes: Jennifer Drill, Tony Meier, Cliff Lauder, Dennis Sickles, David Radke. Abstain: Lori Jean Sickles

13. Adjourn

A motion made by Councilor Lauder and Seconded by Councilor Meier to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0-0. Ayes: Lori Jean Sickles, Jennifer Drill, Tony Meier, Cliff Lauder, Dennis Sickles, David Radke

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Attested:  _____ Mayor, Jeremy Gordon
 _____ City Clerk, Jamie Ward