



FALLS CITY CITY COUNCIL	MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022
<p>The Falls City City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 8, 2022 at 6:03 p.m. in the Community Center located at 320 N. Main Street</p>	
<p>Council Members Present: Council President Amy Houghtaling, Councilor Nick Backus, Councilor Martha Jirovec, Councilor Tony Meier, Councilor Dennis Sickles, Councilor Lori Jean Sickles</p>	
<p>Staff Present: City Manager AJ Foscoli, City Recorder Jeremy Teal</p>	
AGENDA	ACTION
<p>Announcements, Appointments, Appreciations & Proclamations</p>	<p>Mayor Bailey welcomed Councilor Backus to his first in person Council meeting.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey thanked the City of Falls City, the Pride Committee, Thrives, the Park & Rec Committee, the residents of Falls City, the Polk County Sheriff deputies, Commissioner Gordon and Councilor Jirovec, the business owners and all the guests for an amazing weekend. He thanked Chelsea Teal for 1st Pride Wedding ever and all the pancake breakfast helpers.</p> <p>Councilor Jirovec noted the park host was doing a great job with all the events and park business in general.</p>
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>Tracy Young, 68 Prospect, asked if the code enforcement hours could be increased more than 10 hours and put it on the ballot. She reported issues on Prospect Street including theft, a new homeless person, a roofing contractor had 10 gallons of diesel and all the hydraulic oil drained from his boom, and cars stolen all in the last six weeks. She noted there are houses that are burnt, a homeless camp outside of town, and lots of action downtown at 2 a.m., trespassing on school property, people getting cited and released for the dope in their pocket. She mentioned that when code enforcement drives by it makes a big difference.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey read the supportive comments on Facebook regarding the Pride event over the weekend.</p>
<p>Sheriff Presentation</p>	<p>Sheriff Garton gave a brief presentation regarding Intentional use of deadly physical force response plan.</p>

	<p>It was moved by Council President Houghtaling to approve the Intentional Use of Deadly Physical Force Response Plan. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Meier and carried with a roll call vote of 6-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, Sickles, LJ Sickles, and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.</p>
<p>Public Hearing</p> <p>Mayor Bailey opened the public hearing at 6:27 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 6:31 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 funds.</p> <p>There were none.</p> <p>There were none.</p> <p>It was moved by Council President Houghtaling to adopt Resolution 06-2022. A resolution authorizing the City Manager to close the Community Development Block Grant package to fund construction of a new city wastewater facility. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Backus and carried with a roll call vote of 6-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, Sickles, LJ Sickles, and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.</p>
<p>Consent Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) July 11, 2022 Minutes b) August 1, 2022 Minutes c) Park Reservation d) Street Closure 	<p>It was moved by Councilor D Sickles to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the street closure addition. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor LJ Sickles and CARRIED with a vote of 6-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, Sickles, LJ 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 the Pride festival was amazing and Falls City had people from all over the state visit for the festival. He thanked all the volunteers for their hard work. He noted the</p>

<p>b) Councilor Comments</p>	<p>Skate Park Pancake feed raised nearly \$2000 with Synergize Auto donating \$800 for the contract submittal and an additional \$500 anonymous donation. He shared the Skate Ramp Company Rep would be in Falls City of August 9 to view the park site.</p> <p>Councilor Jirovec asked if the renters at the LCB had an afterhours contact from the city for emergency issues. Mr. Foscoli stated that a contact had been given to the tenants of the LCB. She then asked if there any news about the coffee shop. Mr. Teal noted that the got building permits were approved and the engineering plans had been submitted and should move quickly.</p> <p>Councilor Dennis Sickles stated there had been an increase in crime in the city and the community had a problem and doesn't want to pay for what it needed, a police officer. He noted that the city needed a bond or a blessing to make that happen.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling state that Pride was great, fun, positive and a lot of love. She thanked everyone involved.</p> <p>Councilor LJ Sickles noted that Pride was a great weekend.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey noted that all the calls to city hall were all positive about Pride.</p>
<p>c) Public Works Committee</p>	<p>Councilor Meier noted there was a septic issue on Main Street, but the City Manager handled it.</p>
<p>Reports from City Manager & Staff</p> <p>a) Falls City Fire Report</p> <p>b) Sheriff Report</p> <p>c) Falls City Code Enforcement</p>	<p>There were no comments.</p> <p>There were no comments.</p> <p>Councilor Jirovec asked about the regime with repeat offenders and if the Code Officer was more about education or handing out citations. Mr. Foscoli stated he was educated repeat offenders and sending out thank you letters to people complying.</p>

<p>d) Falls City Public Works Report</p>	<p>Mayor Bailey asked about the ordinance rewrites. Mr. Foscoli noted the city attorney was involved and taking a little bit longer than expected.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling asked about a curfew ordinance. Mr. Foscoli noted he would look into that.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli reported there were two main breaks and they both had been taken care of. He noted he submitted to Business Oregon to hopefully get Falls City a \$1.6 million grant.</p> <p>Councilor Meier asked about where Public Works was with backflows in the city. Council President Houghtaling stated there was a replacement plan.</p>
<p>e) City Manager</p>	<p>Mr. Foscoli reported that the football field was saturated from wastewater drainage. He noted that the city was working very hard to mitigate the situation and come up with solutions so the field could be used for fall sports. He stated the wastewater treatment plant process was waiting for a biological assessment. He shared that the Code Enforcement Officer was doing a really good job with his minimal hours.</p> <p>Councilor D Sickles stated he had spoken with Public Works Superintendent Jon Creekmore and School Maintenance John Gilbert and the situation was serious. He stated the Football team can't play on the field in its current condition. He mentioned it was a big deal in 1985 to put drain field on football field with no other options. He indicated it was an old system and it had outlived its time. Mr. Foscoli noted that the rains lasting so long hurt the issue and that the city would keep track more frequently all summer to make sure it doesn't happen again. Mayor Bailey stated an open communication with all the concerned parties would be important in the future.</p>
<p>f) Property Access Easement</p>	<p>Mr. Foscoli stated that Ann & Dave Simmons were asking for an easement to access their property with a possibility purchase in the future</p>

<p>g) Electric Vehicle</p>	<p>for the land.</p> <p>Mrs. Simmons noted the ice storm damaged the access to their property and they would like to clean it up. Mr. Simmons noted there used to be a gravel road that is currently buried with vegetation.</p> <p>It was moved by Councilor Jirovec to grant an Easement with Dave & Ann Simmons to restore access to a portion of their property. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Meier and CARRIED with a vote of 6-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, Sickles, LJ Sickles, and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli reported the city might be interested in purchasing the new vehicle for \$24,500. He noted the vehicle had a 100 mile range and a \$2.00 fill up. He indicated the vehicle could be used for Code Enforcement, meter reads, water testing delivery, and just around town business. He mentioned the vehicle had a 50,000 mile warranty and was very cost effective to operate.</p> <p>Councilor Backus asked about maintenance. Mr. Foscoli explained that any electrician could work on the vehicle and a local Jiffy Lube could do the rest. He noted the vehicles were very low maintenance.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli mentioned the vehicle would be purchased with a grant with a \$5,000 match, but that could also be paid by a sub-grant. He noted the vehicle would be cost free to the city.</p> <p>It was moved by Councilor D Sickles to direct the city manager to apply for, receive and administer the Pacific Power Electric Mobility grant. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor LJ Sickles and carried with a vote of 6-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, D Sickles, LJ Sickles, and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.</p>
<p>Good of the Order</p>	<p>Councilor D Sickles noted school sports were starting and there were kids running around town and the teams needs kids. He stated there would be an interest and info meetings at the</p>

	<p>high school for football and volleyball on August 9 at 6 pm.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey reported the Oregon Mayor's Association conference was this week and he was looking for any gift basket donations that would represent Falls City. He also noted that he was contacting Sherwin Williams for paint for crosswalks to get them painted before school starts.</p>
Adjourn	There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.
<p>Read and approved this <u>13</u> day of <u>September</u> 2022.</p> <p>Mayor: <u></u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>City Recorder: <u></u></p>	