

FALLS CITY CITY COUNCIL		TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023	
The Falls City City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 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			
Staff Present: City Manager AJ Foscoli, City Recorder Jeremy Teal			
AGENDA		ACTION	
Announcements, Appointments, Appreciations & Proclamations		Mayor Bailey read a proclamation for Breast Cancer Awareness Month for October 2023.	
Transitional Shelter Program Presentation		<p>DJ Vincent gave a brief presentation regarding the Church at the Park transitional shelter program throughout Polk and Marion County.</p> <p>Due to the delicate nature of the topic the City Staff has decided to not include the abbreviated statements and questions trying to be made. There were many pertinent statements made and questions asked. The staff encourages everyone to listen to the audio for a full account of the evening's proceedings.</p> <p>https://youtu.be/UTCf75FW II</p> <p>This link has been added to the City of Falls City website and Facebook page.</p>	
Public Comment		<p>Mayor Bailey opened the public comments at 7:42 pm</p> <p>Mel Priday, 146 Sheldon, complimented the city public works for cleaning the ditches and doing a god job to allow drainage.</p> <p>Tracy Young, 68 prospect, asked if the Council agendas could be posted in more locations.</p> <p>Chris Martin, 112 Bridge, noted the presentation stated no outside people would be brought to Falls City, but if a 20-bed facility was added and it was only half full with Falls City residents that it was reasonable to think they wouldn't leave the half empty, they would bring people in to fill the spots. He mentioned that the stats have a 65% success rate after 90 days and 35% wash out.</p>	

Linda Axford, 990 Parry, noted that having no police was an issue in Falls City. She stated they would come from outside the city and bring more drugs, more crime, and more violence with no law enforcement in place. She mentioned she worked at the food bank and could barely meet the needs of the community. She stated there were many things to address before any presentation should have happened.

Jim Miner, 68 Prospect, noted there were burned-out houses around town and nothing was being done about it. Mayor Bailey noted the dangerous building ordinance was just passed and it was a major concern and the City would be addressing it.

Tonja Geddes, 256 Pine, noted the trash and stuff on Pine Street with 2 trailers with windows busted out was dangerous for motorists. She asked if anything could be done. Councilor Meier stated it needed to be determined if the situation was on city property or landowner property.

Butch Stamps, 256 Pine, noted he had his house broken into and items stolen from his property and the Deputies have done nothing to help except take the report.

Kay Dixon, 213 Fairview, reported the stats regarding homeless people substance abuse was 68% with 38% abusing alcohol, 28% abusing drugs, and 1/3 having mental illness. She noted this small community could be hurt with a homeless shelter.



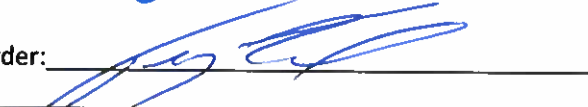
Mayor Bailey stated that if the project would cost the city, then it would not happen.

Jeremy Schultz, Dallas, noted he was a peer support specialist in a different town and county in Oregon. He mentioned that Church at the Park wouldn't need to bring anyone to Falls City, but that word of mouth and the communication process that homeless rely on with each other would get the word out and they would all come

	<p>to Falls City for the services. He stated there was a need, but there was a better way.</p> <p>Tina Thompson, 197 Fair Oaks, noted that she helped a homeless man in Salem going through the dumpster looking for socks. She mentioned she gave him some socks and that a year and a half later he tracked her down and was knocking on her door. She stated she had tweakers coming by her house on Fair Oaks daily and the trailers were causing a serious traffic issue.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey noted the trailers were an expensive and hard to get rid of issue the city deals with daily. He mentioned it could be thousands to remove a trailer.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey thanked everyone for coming and their input. He noted that the best way to solve a problem was to have people help us. He mentioned that IF anything moved forward there would be a lot to talk about before anything happened.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey read a letter from the Falls City School District regarding the homeless encampment on Fair Oaks.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey closed the public comments at 8:07 pm</p>
<p>Consent Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) September 11, 2023 Minutes b) September 25, 2023 Minutes 	<p>It was moved by Councilor D Sickles 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>
<p>Reports or Comments from Mayor and Council Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Mayor's Report b) Councilor Comments 	<p>Mayor Bailey noted that Saturday, Sept 30 was the RDI visioning meeting and around 20 people attended. He mentioned the next meeting would be Saturday, October 28 at noon to 3 pm. He reported the Skate park had the designs finalized and he was pursuing grants.</p> <p>There were no comments.</p>

<p>c) Public Works Report</p> <p>d) Historic Landmark Committee Report</p>	<p>There were no comments.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling noted the CLG did their audit this year and the committee was on track for their four meetings this year.</p>
<p>Reports from City Manager & Staff</p> <p>a) Fire Report</p> <p>b) Public Works Reports</p> <p>c) City Manager's Report</p>	<p>There were no comments.</p> <p>There were no comments.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli gave his report regarding the wastewater project; the wet weather and laying the liners have unfortunately moved the timeline to next spring and filling the liners for testing October 15 to April 15. He noted this would add between 6-9 months to the project due to this setback. He mentioned that the DEQ requirements as part of the project is what slowed down the beginning stages over 6 weeks, pushing Strider to start later than expected. He noted the Football field had peaked before in heavy rains and would like to prevent that from happening again. He indicated he would ask DEQ to discharge into the river at a faster rate to alleviate the field and not affect any more field functions.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli noted the Safe Routes to School was waiting to the end of November for approval. Council President Houghtaling asked that the information be shared with the School District.</p>
<p>Resolutions</p> <p>a) A Resolution 09-2023 – Backflow Fee Repeal</p>	<p>Mr. Foscoli reported this was from the Public Works Committee to repeal the Resolution which had much higher standards than the state. He noted that backflow testing costs had caught up with the service fees and by removing the backflow testing the city could remove the fee for all customers.</p> <p>It was moved by Council President Houghtaling to approve Resolution 09-2023, a resolution detailing fees for water and sewer service and related charges; and water and sewer connection fees; and repealing prior resolutions. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Backus and CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0 with</p>

	<p>Councilor Meier stated he had heard many complaints about the parking and not being able to see to get out of driveways.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling asked to make the motion or to table it. Councilor Meier stated to table it. Councilor D Sickles stated he would like to have the committee look at the water issue and table it for now. Councilor Jirovec suggested surveying the land and move the decision to the December Council meeting after the committee can do the work and invite the residents to come and give input.</p> <p>Mr. Fornier noted he would only park low profile vehicles so drivers could see the signs.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli noted he would be welcome at the Public Works Committee meeting on Thursday, October 19th at 6 pm in the Community Center.</p> <p>Jeremy Gordon, 180 Dayton, noted the storm water master plan needed to be researched and suggested Mr. Foscoli investigate and see if funds and staff support for a stormwater master plan were available.</p> <p>It was moved by Councilor D Sickles to table Ordinance 562-2023 until the December Council Meeting. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Meier 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 Jirovec noted the next RDI visioning meeting was Saturday, October 28 from noon to 3 pm and that the Thanksgiving dinner would be Saturday November 18th in the Community Center.</p> <p>Councilor D Sickles said the meeting was a good opportunity for community to come together though the high turnout was due to some misinformation in Facebook posts. A lot of major problems were mentioned tonight and the</p>

	<p>council will looking at some of those things, especially vehicle parking on right of way.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey said to come support the home football game. Councilor D Sickles mentioned that it was Homecoming week for high school. Volleyball on Thursday, Football on Friday Council President Houghtaling encouraged attendance to the volleyball and football on Wednesday game starting at 7:00pm.</p> <p>Councilor Meier said that motorhomes illegally parked couldn't be towed if someone lives in them, as they are considered their homes. Councilor D Sickles admitted that is an issue.</p>
Adjourn	There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.
<p>Read and approved this <u>6</u> day of <u>November</u> 2023.</p> <p>Mayor: <u></u></p> <p>ATTEST: <u></u></p> <p>City Recorder: <u></u></p>	