



Special City Council Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 5:30 pm

Meeting Location

320 N Main St. Falls City, OR 97344 (or Web Application, in writing)

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1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

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The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

Councilor Jennifer Drill was absent.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. Motion to Adopt the Entire Agenda

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A motion was made by Councilor T. Meier and seconded by Councilor D. Sickles to adopt the entire agenda. Motion carried 5-0-0-1. Ayes: Lori Jean Sickles, Tony Meier, Amy Houghtaling, Dennis Sickles, Martha Jirovec.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. DLCD Planning Assistance Grant

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City Manager Foscoli read his agenda report stating previous years, the City of Falls City approached the owners of the Green Haven RV Park regarding their interest in developing nearly 30 acres of industrial land for mixed-use development. Though those conversations never yielded any agreements on new housing projects, in the past year talks have been resumed to ascertain if there was a renewed interest in pursuing such development. In order to undertake any kind of residential construction in that industrially zoned land, the city, with the help of its contract land planner approached the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) in order to ensure that any zone change or use would be approved at the state level. The City of Falls City has been in contact with DLCD in earnest since the beginning of 2021 to explore the possibilities of increasing multifamily housing development within city limits to add to the current mix of housing stock, with a special focus on the Green Haven RV Park.

Falls City, as a low-income community, has a need to provide affordable housing at higher densities than it currently does. Since there are lands within city limits that could be redeveloped to accommodate that need, a study is warranted to identify the viability of redevelopment of industrial lands and the number of new housing units that could be added to the current stock. There is currently a unique opportunity offered by DLCD to small cities without in-house capacity to undertake these kinds of studies. Senate Bill 2001/2003 grant funds are specifically earmarked to assist such municipalities, and due to our ongoing discussions regarding housing development in Falls City, we've been encouraged to apply for these planning assistance funds.

Councilor A. Houghtaling stated that it was very exciting because Polk CDC has looked at Greenhaven before and figured out how to make improvements. This study will help them move forward on how to get other specific grants.

Councilor M. Jirovec asked if there is anyone identified for this study? also are there check in's for the money.

Foscoli answered stating that our contract planner will be the lead on this study as well as the grant contract.

A motion made by Councilor D. Sickles and Seconded by Councilor L. Sickles that the City Council of the City of Falls City adopts Resolution 08-2021 charging the

city manager to apply for 2021-23 PLANNING ASSISTANCE DIRECT GRANT funds to support a housing redevelopment study. Motion carried 5-0-0-1. Ayes: Lori Jean Sickles, Tony Meier, Amy Houghtaling, Dennis Sickles, Martha Jirovec. Nays:

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

5. ADJOURN

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Meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m. No motion was made

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