FALLS CITY CITY COUNCIL

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023

The Falls City City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 6, 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 recognized the award Falls City Thrives was presented by the Willamette Health Coalition.	
Public Comment	Mayor Bailey opened the public comments at 6:03 pm	
	Boyd Lamprecht, 970 Mitchell, noted the County would be making improvements on Mitchell with the bridge project and would be cutting timber to allow for more space. He mentioned he had made a deal with the County previously and was here to inform the Council and Staff regarding his cutting services of the timber on City property. Wendy Conway, 363 S Main, noted she had an idea to bless the City of Jerusalem with a proclamation. Mr. Lamprecht also offered to cut the dead trees	
	at the lower park for the City. Mayor Bailey closed the public comments at 6:12 pm	
Consent Agenda a) October 10, 2023 Minutes	It was moved by Councilor Meier 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.	
Reports or Comments from Mayor and Council Members		
a) Mayor's Report	Mayor Bailey stated there were many trailers and RVs around town and the City was diligently working to get them taken care of. He noted the next Skate Park meeting would be Monday, November 13.	

b) Councilor Comm	ients :
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Council President Houghtaling reported that the Willamette Health Council board approved to build a medical resource center in Falls City. She noted there would be a doctor, a nurse, a dentist and mental health and that the City wouldn't need to get grants, as it will be entirely paid for and would have a fully funded staff person. She stated the WHC would hold an informational meeting to gather info on what resources were needed. She mentioned that citizens would shape what this becomes. She noted the Thanksgiving Dinner still needed volunteers and money was always the best to purchase what is needed.

Councilor Jirovec noted the Thanksgiving prep work would be on Thursday the 16th. She mentioned that RDI finished their report and would be reporting to Thrives on Thursday. She stated some events would be taking place in January in the LCB and a schedule would be set up through Thrives and volunteers. She advised the City Manager's review would be in December and asked about supplementals and quarterly reports.

Mr. Foscoli noted the supplementals and quarterlies would be in the December agenda.

c) Public Works Report

Councilor Meier stated the decision was unanimous to make North Main Street no parking on both sides.

d) Historic Landmark Committee Report

Council President Houghtaling noted the next meeting would be Wednesday, November 8 at 6 pm. She mentioned the committee was to apply for grants to record oral history of the residents of Falls City. Mr. Teal noted the digital recorder and digital camera were available.

Reports from City Manager & Staff a) Fire Report Mr. Teal reported the Fire Department gave out candy to 85 kids on Halloween. b) Sherriff Report Councilor Jirovec asked if there could be other statistics from other cities in comparison on the report. Council President Houghtaling noted the County wouldn't have that information. c) Public Works Reports There were no comments. d) City Manager's Report Mr. Foscoli gave his report regarding the switch to Glaze Creek due to the amount of rain. He mentioned the turbidity was low but within range and the newly repaired intake box should limit trips to the intake. He noted the wastewater project missed out on laying the liner due to the late start due to DEQ. He reported that the late start would not effect funding, but may impact the football field. He stated he had asked for a revision of the DEQ permit for runoff into the creek. He noted the LCB was full and the code enforcement with Polk County was going to have a vacancy when the current officer becomes a deputy. He stated that he could be appointed as Sheriff and Mr. Teal could be deputized and that the City was being as proactive as it could. He advised that the Safe Routes to School project was rescoped and the project was doable with the grant, but the City was denied a matching grant. He noted that the City may hold off a year and apply for the grant next year. Council President Houghtaling thanked Mr. Teal for his research regarding Mr. Fornier's complaints at the last Council meeting and for posting the agendas all over town as requested. Mr. Foscoli noted the agenda was also posted on Facebook. Councilor LJ Sickles asked if Public Works had investigated the flooding on North Main. Mr. Foscoli noted that the City did investigate and there was no evidence of flooding. Ordinances ORDINANCE 562-2023 - No Parking on North Mr. Foscoli reported the City had done its due Main Street diligence in research and with the Public Works

committee.

Adjourn	grants. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.
	Councilor Jirovec noted that at the RDI meeting a volunteer grant writer applied to help with
	Council D Sickles reported the football team went to state but lost an amazing game and the Volleyball team went to district.
Good of the Order	Mayor Bailey thanked The Boondocks for hosting the RDI meeting.
	Mayor Bailey declared Ordinance 564-2023 to have passed its first reading.
	Councilor D Sickles asked if the reason for No Parking on the south side of North Main was a safety concern. Mr. Foscoli advised that the south side was even more dangerous than the north side.
ORDINANCE 564-2023 – No Parking on North Main Street – South Side	Mr. Foscoli advised that while Public Works Committee considered No Parking on the North side of North Main Street, they decided to add No Parking on the south side on North Main St.
	It was moved by Council President Houghtaling to adopt Ordinance 563-2023. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Backus and carried with a ROLL CALL vote of 6-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, D Sickles, LJ Sickles, and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.
ORDINANCE 563-2023 – Backflow Device Repeal	Mr. Foscoli noted this was the second reading and eliminating the fee would yield a cost saving to City and the residents.
	Teal advised that he did not and that everyone i the affected area was notified by mail. It was moved by Council President Houghtaling to adopt Ordinance 562-2023. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Meier and carried with a ROLL CALL vote of 6-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, D Sickles, LJ Sickles, and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.
	Council President Houghtaling asked if Mr. Fornier attended the Public Works meeting. Mr.

Read and approved this H day of December	2023.
Mayor: Tak ATTEST:	
City Recorder:	