

City of Beaverton

Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting

March 20, 2023

Meeting called to order by Mayor Ray Nau at 6:00 PM

Roll Call:

Present: Nellie List, Nila Frei, Colleen Reader, Jennifer Harper, Tim Danielak, Christine Gerace

Absent:

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.

Christine Gerace joined meeting at 6:05 PM

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Danielak, second by Frei to approve agenda. All voting aye, motion carried.

Public comments: no public comment

Motion by Frei, second by Reader to adopt the regular meeting minutes February 13, 2023, special meeting February 8, 2023 and February 28, 2023. All voting aye, motion carried.

Business Agenda Items:

- A. Motion by Harper, second by Reader to approve second revision of Mosquito Abatement Special Assessment
- B. Motion by Reader, second Harper to approve Treasurer to attend 2023 Basic Institute-Full Conference April 23-28, 2023. All voting aye, motion carried
- C. Motion by Danielak, second by Harper to approve recommendation from Ways & Means Committee to sell unused vacation time for Keen and Gerbe. All voting aye, motion carried.
- D. Motion by Danielak, second Frei to allow to move forward with training assistance from Rowe Engineering for zoning training and zoning assistance as needed in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. Rowe Engineering will train city staff, council and commission on new zoning and map and zoning practices via contract on a time and material basis. They will also serve in the capacity of zoning administration assistance on a time and material basis. All voting aye, motion carried
- E. Motion by Harper, second Reader to contract with Geosyntec to do FEMA Grant Work to not exceed \$10,000. This is a continuation of work that council had authorized to answer various FEMA requests and work related to the FEMA grant, but not covered under the grant to answer FEMA requests. All voting aye, motion carried

- F. Motion by Frei, second Harper to extend contract with Jenifer Acosta, VP Real Estate Development Renovare Development through September 2023. Other properties may be added to her portfolio to represent the city. All voting aye, motion carried

Reports:

- A. County Commissioner's Report/Karen Moore- Gladwin County submitted for a Broadband Grant. Thank you to Scott Govitz and Matt Lang for helping put together the 38 million dollar Broadband Grant for Gladwin County. This is going to bring fiber to the vast majority of residents of the county. This grant is submitted via Point Broadband and Gladwin County if unsuccessful on this State grant federal grant opportunities will follow. Beaverton vs Gladwin baseball team will be playing at the Dow Diamond April 11th, 4:00 PM. The Legislator Breakfast is April 14th. Thunder on the Strip is May 20th.
- B. DPW Report/Pat Stanley– No report
- C. Police Report/Chief Brad Davis – Written reports provided and in packet
- D. Mayor's Report/Ray Nau – No report
- E. City Manager's Report – Scott Govitz thanked Gladwin County for the ARPA Funds
- F. Engineer's Report – No Report
- G. Library Use Data Report – Written reports provided and in packet

Ways & Means

Motion by Reader, second by Harper to approve bills for February 2023 in the amount of \$705,961.43. All voting aye, motion carried

Committee Reports:

- A. Fire Board – Frei discussed that the city needs to review the bylaws. The Beaverton Fireboard will pay \$188 per hour to cover the cost to review the bylaws
- B. Fair Board – No report
- C. Parks & Recreation-Reader reported that the city via a grant from Gladwin County Land Bank and Treasurers office, that the City partnered on, will remove the existing block restroom facility at Ross Lake Park as a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation committee and council. The bathrooms for this summer will be replaced with three porta-potties while a more permanent structure is sought. Beth Overfield will be managing the Farmers Market this summer. BABA is donating \$300 for a permanent sign at the Farmers Market. They are moving forward with the dog park at Calhoun Park. Lauren and Jed Draper will not be returning as Calhoun Camp Directors. Danielak asked about the liability if they have flag football at the park and directed to the Beaverton Activity Center.
- D. Police Committee- No report
- E. Personnel Committee – No report
- F. Downtown Development Authority/City-Received authorization on the MDNR Grant for improvements at the corner of M-18 and Pierson in the amount of \$255,000 with a DDA

match of \$85,000. Planning work will commence. Grand Opening for Sugarbeets Blooms and Bridal (formerly Flower Scents) grand opening was March 20th. The amendment to the new lease contracts with Blooms and T&J Auto are not yet signed and they are seeking advice with their attorneys. Once the leases are signed the DDA will be made whole on rent that it owes monthly to Jim Manning on the land contract and the insurance on the building.

Motion by Danielak, second by Frei to go into closed session at 6:37 PM. All voting aye, motion carried

Motion by Danielak, second by List to resume regular council meeting at 7:09 PM. All voting aye, motion carried

Communications:

Harper and the Mayor will be meeting with the Beaverton School regarding the previous utility bill adjustment. The board tabled the discussion regarding the city plowing and salting the Beaverton School parking lot.

Adjournment: Motion by Danielak, second by Frei to adjourn meeting at 7:18 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Jodie Klamer
City Treasurer