

# City of Beaverton

## Minutes of City Council Meeting

**August 21, 2023**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Ray Nau at 7:06 PM

Roll Call:

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

Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.

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

Public comments: Karen Blatt stated that residents need a way to be informed of City activities. She suggested possibly publishing a newsletter.

Motion by Frei, second by Harper to adopt the regular meeting minutes July 17, 2023. All voting aye, motion carried

Business Agenda Items:

- A. Motion by Danielak, second by Frei to increase Calhoun Campground Campspot credit card fees from 2% to a flat fee of \$6.00. All voting aye, motion carried
- B. Motion by Reader, second by Harper to approve 9-day early voting agreement with Gladwin County. All voting aye, motion carried
- C. Motion by Danielak, second by Reader to approve change order #1 from Geosyntec for hydro dam support. All voting aye, motion carried
- D. Motion by Frei, second by Harper to approve recommendation from Parks & Rec committee for Calhoun Campground pertaining to camping charges for extended season. (Nov. 14 thru Nov. 30) All voting aye, motion carried

Reports:

- A. County Commissioner's Report/Karen Moore – The ORVfest was held this past weekend, Moore expressed that the law enforcement millage will be on the November 7<sup>th</sup> ballot, county budget should be ready by October 1, 2023, dredging of Ross Lake is need as it is a beautiful area, events coming up are the

Airport Air Show, Thunder on the Strip September 9th and the Jeep Creep is coming back to our community the last weekend of October

- B. DPW Report/Pat Stanley: Written Report Provided, Blatt stated that hopefully the banners can be found and placed on the light poles
- C. Police Report/Chief Brad Davis-Written report provided. Davis stated that the City needs to adopt a FOIA policy, police services from Gladwin will not be available for the City due to the millage failure and will get worse if the millage doesn't pass in November, the City of Beaverton Public Safety millage renewal will be on the November ballot, we need to find a way to explain the 2 millages on the November ballot due to them looking very similar, Reader inquired on how many hours the sheriffs office would need to give us, Davis stated the time varies depending on the situation, County police services are already being cut, Frei commented that the lack of county police services is disturbing due to the fact that we pay a portion of the millage for the sheriff, an arrest was made on the homicide in the trailer park, Friday the officers did a movie day in conjunction with the Wyrembelski's for kids getting back to school, they had approximately 70 kids along with parents attended, Frei said it was a great idea to show kids that police officers are not scary and can be reached out to
- D. Mayor's Report/Ray Nau – Nau stated he's been working with Ginny at Calhoun Campground, checking in with the DPW and Office every morning, watering flowers. We did hire someone new to water flowers due to our summer helper going back to school,
- E. - City Manager's Report-Govitz reported that the SRF Grant for water and sewer received a higher number of 85% which means there is still a 15% cash gap that would need to be fulfilled to do any of the work if you are chosen to receive those funds, the CDBG, (Community Development Block Grant), that we have diligently been working on will be somewhere in between a 10-15 million dollar request, we are trying to prioritize the major portions of those projects, Govitz is hoping this will fund at least 4 major projects in the City, the Planning Commission met on a new proposed Dollar General store which is under review, there will be another public hearing on that before it comes to council for approval, we received a grant to plant new trees in the community, Consumers Energy wrote another grant for a \$250,000 for community projects including around the beach, around the water park and some downtown improvements, we will be undertaking a million dollar SPARKS grant application shortly and also a Planning grant through the flood grant that is available to our community that might near \$250,000 worth of planning requests, Govitz complimented the part-time help we have hired and hopes to present something at the next Council meeting to talk about the next steps, he also complimented the existing staff that are still working diligently, Reader inquired about the corner of Pearson, Knox and M-18, Govitz stated that we received a DNR grant through the DDA and that the DDA committed the match money for the grant that will improve that corner, the City received the deed to a portion of that property from Jim and Kelly Wyrembelski, thanks was given for donating that property to the City so this

improvement plan can occur, the original project plans came in over budget so they are scaling down the plans to stay in the budget, this grant dates back to 2019 due the City not finalizing the grant, they are doing the land review and survey right now

- F. Engineer's Report – No Report
- G. Library Use Date Report - Written report provided

Ways & Means:

Motion by Frei, second by Gerace to approve bills for July 2023 in the amount of \$729,082.10. All voting aye, motion carried. Govitz stated that the bills are a large amount this month due to making a large payment to the contractors for the water treatment plant, he just received word that Rowe Engineering will be here tomorrow and they will be firing the plant up, hopefully that project which has a EDA grant deadline of September 25th will be completed by then, Gerace inquired as to how the Gladwin water treatment plant is doing, Govitz stated he didn't have any information on that

Committee Reports:

- A. Fire Board - Minutes provided
- B. Fair Board - No report
- C. Parks and Recreation - Reader met today and discussed a lot of things going on at the campground, Ginny has a lot of events planned, they will have more information coming about the fee structure etc., they are discussing having a yard sale at the campground
- D. Police Committee – No report
- E. Personnel Committee – No report
- F. Downtown Development Authority – We may receive some Façade requests by businesses which would dress up another part of town, once the property is sold to the Dollar General there will still be a City owned piece of property that can be put up for sale, the DDA is discussing taking charge of the downtown holiday lights that are on the buildings

Communications: Harper questioned if the letter received from Robert Sabisch was going to be discussed. Discussion did not take place.

Adjournment: Motion by Danielak, second by Reader to adjourn meeting at 7:36pm, all voting aye, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janelle Keen  
City Clerk