

# City of Beaverton

## Minutes of City Council Meeting

**July 17, 2023**

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

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Tim Danielak

Staff also present: Chief Brad Davis, Tracey Connely, Pat Stanley, Scott Govitz

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.

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

Public comments: Dave Pettersch, Gladwin County Road Commission, verbally presented information on the road and bridge millage that will be on the August 8<sup>th</sup> ballot. It's the longest running county road millage in the state. It will raise approximately 2.3 million dollars. Those funds are used for match money for Gladwin County township grants. He asked for support on this millage. The road commission will be working on approximately 180 miles of roads in the next 6 years.

Motion by Reader, second by Frei to adopt the regular meeting minutes June 12, 2023 and special June 19, 2023. All voting aye, motion carried

Public Hearing: CDBG Grant Submission-Motion by Reader, second by Harper to open the public hearing at 6:04pm. All voting aye, public hearing opened.

Govitz gave a presentation on the CDBG grant project which addresses flooding and draining issues in the area of Tonkin Street with planning and infrastructure. This includes Tonkin Street reconstruction, a storm sewer, new street along with curb and gutter which will open up buildable lots. Also, in the plan is constructing a street from the end of Tonkin to the end of Saginaw and through to Brown Street. This project also concentrates on the Beaverton dam. The gate system in place now is manually operated when there is a power grid failure. This proposal would allow automation of the gate system. We are also looking for this grant to match a 1.5 million dollar grant that the City already has in hand that calls for clean up of portions of

Ross Lake as far as the weeds, sediment and fallen trees. Another undertaking would be the drain crossing at Brown Street in conjunction with the County Road Commission. Another part of this grant would be a housing study to bring additional housing to the City. FEMA grant is being worked on and needs a \$100,000 match for repair of the dam from the 2020 flood.

-Frei: Will there be enough water and sewer capacity if they open up the housing project?

Govitz stated that we are looking at grants that are available to deal with the water and sewer capacity.

-Gerace: Does industry pay more for water service than residents? Yes, cost is based on meter size.

-List: Is the end of Tonkin and Saginaw St. private property? Govitz stated that it's all private property. It is already plotted for the street to go through from Tonkin to Saginaw St.

-Karen Blatt: The Helping Hands Mission is helping 41 homeless situations in the City. The City does have an issue with housing.

-Reader: Does the City own the right-of-way? Yes

-Frei: A resident on Tonkin Street has had several issues with flooding at her home.

Motion by Harper, second by Frei to close public meeting at 6:36pm. All voting aye, public meeting closed.

#### Business Agenda Items:

- A. Motion by Harper, second by Reader to approve submission of CDBG Grant. All voting aye, motion carried
- B. Motion by Reader second by Frei to adopt Resolution 2023-17: Mosquito Abatement Language for November 7, 2023 ballot. List aye, Frei aye, Harper aye, Reader aye, Gerace aye. All voting aye, resolution adopted
- C. Motion by Reader, second by List to adopt Resolution 2023-18: Public Safety Protection Millage for November 7, 2023 ballot. List aye, Frei aye, Harper aye, Reader aye, Gerace aye. All voting aye, resolution adopted
- D. Motion by Reader, second by Harper to adopt Resolution 2023-19: Submission of CDBG fund application with the Policy and Procedure documents that must be in place under the HUD/CDBG guidelines. (Items G-M on your agenda). List aye, Frei aye, Harper aye, Reader aye, Gerace aye. All voting aye, resolution adopted
- E. Motion by Reader, second by Harper to approve contract between City of Beaverton and Fleis and Vandenbrink to provide engineering services for MDNR grant project. This grant is to improve the corner of Knox/Porter and M-18. All voting aye, motion carried
- F. Motion by Frei, second by Harper to add Christine Gerace to the DDA Committee. All voting aye, motion carried
- G. Motion by Reader, second by Harper to accept Anti-Fraud, Waste and Abuse/Subrecipient Capacity/Conflict of Interest Policy. All voting aye, motion carried

- H. Motion by Harper, second by Frei to accept Statement of Assurance Policy. All voting aye, motion carried
  - I. Motion by Frei, second by Harper to accept Anti-Displacement and Relocation Plan policy. All voting aye, motion carried
  - J. Motion by Frei, second by Reader to accept Local Citizen Participation Plan. All voting aye, motion carried
  - K. Motion by Harper, second by Reader to accept Cross-cutting Federal Compliance (and Civil Rights Housing Laws, Labor Standards and Section 3). All voting aye, motion carried
  - L. Motion by Harper, second by Frei to accept the Procurement Plan policy. All voting aye, motion carried
  - M. Motion by Harper, second by Reader to accept Project Operations and Maintenance Plan. All voting aye, motion carried
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- A. County Commissioner's Report/Karen Moore- Moore stated her support for the CDBG project along with the county road commission millage, conservation district, MSU Extension and the law enforcement millages. Scott Govitz and Matt Lang have worked with Point Broadband to obtain the Robin State Grant. They will announce on August 5<sup>th</sup> that they have received the grant funds. At that point, Govitz, Lang, Moore and Mark Justin will meet with Point Broadband for the next steps on this project. Gerace: There's a meeting next Tuesday at the high school about this internet service.
  - B. DPW Report/Pat Stanley: Written Report Provided. Frei expressed thanked Pat Stanley, DPW Supervisor, for the DPW report that was included in the council packet. Motion by Gerace, second by Frei to purchase two grills for Ross Lake Park if Julie Shearer confirms it's in the budget. Nau will present it to the Parks Committee. We also need to check with Shearer about ordering water meters. They are a year out on orders.
  - C. Police Report/Chief Brad Davis-Written report provided. Chief Davis stated that Officer Westphal's last day with the City would be July 18<sup>th</sup>. Frei thanked Chief Davis and the PD for all the work they did during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. Davis said the holiday went very well. Frei stated that the marine patrol was out on the Lake over the 4<sup>th</sup>. They will be patrolling every other Saturday.
  - D. Mayor's Report/Ray Nau – No Report
  - E. - City Manager's Report-Govitz thanked the entire staff for their work during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. The Business Association is discussing plans for next year including fireworks, the Miss Beaverton pageant etc.
    - Some of the streets need sealcoating. Govitz, Stanley and Dave Pettersch will meet to look at and review which streets we can sealcoat with the money we have budgeted.
    - We will be applying for a SPARKS grant for approximately one million dollars for

the Trail of Two Cities project.

- The broadband investment is approximately 34 million dollars and will cover approximately 94% of residents. Kathy Metner had a significant role in obtaining that grant.

- The water treatment plant is close to being completed. There is a shortfall on this project. He will get back to the council with more information when it's available.

- There is also a shortfall on the hydro dam project. It's back online and Govitz thanked Pat Stanley for figuring out the process. We did receive a call from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. They were very impressed with Stanley's answers during their phone call and his knowledge about the process. Although it's working, there is still some work that needs to be done and we still owe money up and above what the insurance paid on the work that was completed.

F. Engineer's Report – No Report

G. Library Use Date Report - Written report provided and in packet, Frei commented that the library is very proud, they had over 500 more users than they've ever had before in the month of June. They have a lot of programs that people are interested in.

#### Ways & Means

Motion by Frei, second by Reader to approve bills for June 2023 in the amount of \$99,855.03.

All voting aye, motion carried.

#### Committee Reports:

A. Fire Board-Minutes provided and in packet, Frei stated that the fire board had 3 special meetings about buying a truck from Harrison and selling a truck they already have. It would pretty much be a wash with the exception of buying new tires.

B. Fair Board – Gerace reported that the fair went really well this year

C. Parks and Recreation-Calhoun Campground is doing well, Ginny is doing a great job running the campground, we still have not received the furniture for the cabin

D. Police Committee – A meeting will be set up soon

E. Personnel Committee – No report

F. Downtown Development Authority – Govitz stated that the DNR grant is being worked on, the DDA is providing the match for that

Communications: Frei requested that Nau pass on information to the organizers of the Firecracker 5K. This is the first time Frei's daughter has run in it. She was very impressed with the politeness of the people and organization of the event. She runs several 5K's around the Minneapolis area and for a small town it's the best one she's ever seen. Govitz requested that

the resident present at the meeting sign in with their name and email address so we know they were present when the information on the CDBG grant was presented.

Adjournment: Motion by Frei, second by Harper to adjourn meeting at 7:03 PM, All voting aye, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janelle Keen  
City Clerk