

City of Beaverton

Minutes of City Council Meeting

December 18, 2023

Meeting called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Frei at 6:00 PM

Swearing-in Mayor James Case and Council Members: Jennifer Harper, Nila Frei, and Christine Gerace by City Manager Shannon Sirpilla

Roll Call:

Present: Nellie List, Nila Frei, Colleen Reader, Jennifer Harper, Tim Danielak, Christine Gerace
Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Harper, second by Frei to approve agenda with amendments to include: Item F: Resolution 2023-32 Approval of Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program Signatory and G: Republic Services 5-Year Contract Renewal. Correction on agenda item 8. Ways & Means: Payments of Bills and Tax Disbursements for November 2023 not October and include DPW report at 6:16 PM. All voting aye, motion carried.

Public Comment: Gerace talked about the new program called The Gladwin County Community Builders. They will hold their first meeting February 17th at 2:30 PM at the Knights of Columbus in Gladwin. The meeting will allow citizens to come and discuss what they think is needed in the county. Then the community can work towards applying for grants and other monetary means to fund the targeted needs of Gladwin County.

Motion by Danielak, second by Harper to adopt the minutes for the council meeting November 20, 2023 and the special meeting October 3, 2023 with the correction of striking out Christine name under public comments. All voting aye, motion carried.

Business Agenda Items:

- A. Motion by Harper, second by Gerace to consider Mayor Pro-Tem Frei. All voting aye, motion carried.
- B. Swearing-in of Mayor Pro-Tem Frei by City Manager Shannon Sirpilla
- C. Motion by Danielak, second by Harper to approve Resolution 2023-30 Approval of Hardship Exemptions for 2024. List aye, Danielak aye, Reader aye, Gerace aye, Harper aye, and Frei aye. All voting aye, resolution adopted
- D. Motion by Harper, seconded by Frei to approve Resolution 2023-31 Approval of Federal, State and Local Grant Signatory removal of Scott Govitz and appoint Shannon Sirpilla City Manager List aye, Danielak aye, Reader aye, Gerace aye, Harper aye and Frei aye. All voting aye, resolution adopted

- E. Motion by Harper, seconded Frei to accept the City Council Meeting Dates for 2024. All ayes, motion carried
- F. Motion by Frei, seconded by Haper to approve Resolution 2023-32 Approval of Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program Signatory removal of Scott Govitz and appoint Shannon Sirpilla City Manager. List aye, Danielak aye, Reader aye, Gerace aye, Harper aye and Frei aye. All voting aye, resolution adopted
- G. Motion by Reader, seconded by Harper to renew the Republic Services 5-Year Contract in February 2024 and yearly increase rates to residents. List aye, Danielak aye, Reader aye, Gerace aye, Harper aye and Frei aye. All voting aye, motion carried

Reports:

- A. County Commissioner's Report/Karen Moore: Gladwin County hired an executive secretary, and the County is looking at hiring security for the building. Gladwin County Community Builders invited everyone to the first meeting February 17th at 2:30 PM Knights of Columbus in Gladwin. The Broadband Grant was pulled from Gladwin County. Thank you for passing the county law enforcement mileage. The front counter is now open at the sheriff's department. There are four open positions in the sheriff's department.
- B. DPW Report/Pat Stanley: Written report provided; Stanley needs approval to purchase items for the sewer.
- C. Police Report/Chief Brad Davis-Written report provided, Chief Davis said, Shop with the Hero was a success this year. They had 25 kids.
- D. Mayor's Report/Jim Case- No report
- E. City Manager's Report – Written report provided, Sirpilla is currently working on the narrative for the City audit that details the changes in funds and provides additional documentation to the auditor as requested. The chopper at the sewer lagoon needs to be back into operation by this spring. The cost is just under \$2,500 plus the DPW labor. The sewer lagoon pump needs repaired in the Spring. The sidewalk plow tractor needs a cylinder, and the cost is \$664.00. Jordan will order this part. The well head needs \$995.50 replaced. The city doesn't have a purchasing policy in place yet. R.J. Grove bid for awnings at the DPW is not in the budget at this time.
- F. Engineer's Report – No Report
- G. Library Use Data Report – Written report provided

Ways & Means:

Motion by Frei, seconded by Danielak to approve bills for November 2023 in the amount of \$77,221.54. All voting aye, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- A. Fire Board - October report
- B. Fair Board- Gerace will get copies of the 2024 Fair schedule
- C. Parks and Recreation-Reader stated there is a small group that focused on just the campground that meet on the first Monday of every month. The Parks and Recreation are meeting on the first Tuesday of every month. They are going to have the Conservation District look at the campground for invasive species.

- D. Police Committee-No report
- E. Personal Committee-No report
- F. Downtown Development Authority- The City of Beaverton renewed the contract with Freeman Nursery for the 2024 hanging baskets for \$5,075. The deposit due is \$2,537.50. Freeman Nursery donated \$1,000 toward the purchase of these baskets. Gerace mentioned that there is a vacancy on the DDA board, and it needs to be a resident that lives in the DDA District.

Communications:

Everyone wished Pastor Karen Blatt a Happy 86th Birthday.

Adjournment: Motion by Danielak, second by Harper to adjourn meeting at 7:10 PM. All voting aye, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jodie Klamer
Deputy City Clerk