

# City of Beaverton

## **Minutes of City Council Meeting**

**January 8, 2024**

Meeting called to order by Mayor James Case at 6:02PM

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Jennifer Harper

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.

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

Public comments: Rev. Karen Blatt stated that the Lions have installed a drop box for eyeglasses at the Community Center. Pam Nash, 405 Doane St., inquired about the vacant house across the street. The house is slated for demolition. Christine Gerace stated that the Gladwin County Community Builders will hold a preliminary meeting January 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm, with snacks provided, to review needs in Gladwin County. Meeting will be held at the K of C Hall on M-18 in Gladwin. This group will be addressing all the needs of Gladwin County that we don't have at present. Ex: housing, childcare, game nights, etc. They will advertise on Facebook and will do mailings also. Rev. Blatt stated the first legislative breakfast will be Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am at the K of C Hall in Gladwin. Five County representatives will be speaking. These breakfasts are sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Cost is \$20 for each time you attend or you can purchase the series.

Motion by Reader, second by Danielak to adopt the minutes from the regular meeting December 18, 2023. All voting aye, motion carried

Public Hearing: Trail of Two Cities SPARKS Grant Program

Motion by Reader, second by Frei to open public hearing at 6:11pm. All voting aye, motion carried

- Trail of Two Cities SPARKS Grant program is 100 % funded. No match required from the City.

- There are three options for connecting the trail through the City

- Surveys were passed out to get the attendees input about which trail through the City is preferred. The survey is also available online.

Motion by Danielak, second by Reader to close public hearing at 6:24pm. All voting aye, motion carried

#### Business Agenda Items:

- A. Motion by Reader, second by Danielak to approve current BOR members including: Bob Frei, Deb McCartney, Paula King and Richard Shapic as an alternate. All voting aye, motion carried.
- B. Motion by Reader, second by Frei to approve DDA members for 2024 including: Lou Stornello, Renee Lang, Christinge Gerace, Kelly Wyrembelski, Jason Blades, Kurt Grove and Cindy Trumble. All voting aye, motion carried. One more member is needed. They need to be a resident in the City of Beaverton.
- C. Motion by Danielak, second by Frei to approve FY 2023 audit report. City Manager Sirpilla will review deficit totals and will present them at the next meeting in February. All voting aye, motion carried.
- D. Motion by List, second by Frei to approve Tax Collection Agreement with Beaverton School. All voting aye, motion carried.

#### Reports:

- A. County Commissioner's Report/Karen Moore: No report given
- B. DPW Report/Pat Stanley: Written report provided.  
Motion by Reader, second by Frei to approve quote from Beaverton Security in the amount of \$7,600 to replace discharge line for new water treatment plant. All voting aye, motion carried.
- C. Police Report/Chief Brad Davis: Written report provided. 131 W. Brown has received 10 citations for blight, court date for chicken situation has been postponed until February.
- D. Mayor's Report/James Case: Has met with Shannon, will have report for next meeting
- E. City Manager Report/Shannon Sirpilla: Written report provided, will have December bank reconciliation at next meeting, MSHDA CHILL grant application will be submitted. Sirpilla is currently working on the narrative to submit the application. This would provide 6 homes with updates up to \$10,000 each.
- F. Engineer's Report: No Report provided
- G. Library Use Date Report: No report provided

#### Ways & Means:

Motion by Danielak, second by Harper to approve bills and tax disbursements for December 2023 in the amount of \$115,443.55. All voting aye, motion carried.

#### Committee Reports:

- A. Fire Board – Written report provided
- B. Fair Board – Gerace went to meeting, she was only one to show up
- C. Parks and Recreation – Meeting scheduled for tomorrow, Joe Nash will look at species of trees at Calhoun Campground, Frei stated there are several dead trees at Ross Lake Park that need to be taken down
- D. Police Committee – No report

- E. Personnel Committee – No report
- F. Downtown Development Authority – No report

Communications: Frei inquired if the City could do something for Bob and Jared Fruchey for their contributions to Ross Lake Park Christmas decorations.

Adjournment: Motion by Danielak, second by Gerace to adjourn meeting at 6:58pm. All voting aye, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janelle Keen  
City Clerk