

# City of Beaverton

## **Minutes of City Council Meeting**

**March 18, 2024**

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

Roll Call:

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

Absent: None

Staff Members Present: City Manager Shannon Sirpilla, Brad Davis, Jodie Klamer, Pat Stanley, Janelle Keen

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Motion by Frei, second by List to approve minutes from Regular Meeting February 12, 2024 and Special Meeting February 21, 2024 as written. All voting aye, motion carried.

Public comments: Zach Bates, Gladwin County Conservation District Community Outreach and Conservation Educator, introduced himself and presented information on building a network of community gardens. He offered help with any other outdoor or recreational ideas that anyone else has in mind.

Business Agenda Items:

- A. Motion by Danielak, second by Harper to accept committee appointments for 2024 with correction to Richard Shapic's name. All voting aye, motion carried
- B. Motion by Reader, second by Frei to table consideration of Fire Department budget until after their meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup> so there is more information on Fire Chief Phil Andrist's wages and benefits. All voting aye, motion carried
- C. Motion by Harper, second by Danielak to approve Resolution 2024-4: Designation of Street Administrator. All voting aye, motion carried

Reports:

- A. County Commissioner's Report/Karen Moore: Community Garden plots can be purchased for \$20/each, the County has grant monies coming in, if you have questions about Four Lakes Task Force, please ask Karen for accurate

information, there is now security on the County Building, the Council of Local Government will meet at the County Building on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, there is a petition circulating from the Citizens of Local Choice, this petition is not to stop wind and solar energy but to bring those decisions back to the local communities, at this time the State has control of the decision for wind and solar energy, they are trying to get it on the November ballot

- B. DPW Report/Pat Stanley: Written report provided, City Manager Sirpilla will review the budget to see if we have the funds to replace the pump at the lagoon, Supervisor Stanley gave information on the 3 quotes that were submitted
- C. Police Report/Chief Brad Davis: Written report provided. Davis stated that there are residents parking campers on their property and people are living in them, the ordinances do not mention living in campers on personal property, Davis has notified the health department regarding the dumping of sewage on the ground which is illegal, those issues have been taken care of, he suggested a new ordinance to address living in campers on personal property in the City
- D. Mayor's Report: The flowers and hanging baskets have been ordered for this spring/summer, he is working on finding some students from the school that would help dig out old soil from the urns and replace with new soil
- E. City Manager Report/Shannon Sirpilla: Written report submitted, Sirpilla reviewed items on her written report, Reader inquired if there were still some things that needed to be worked on with the sale of property to Dollar General, Attorney Mike Figliomeni worked on adding the access easement to the deed, new addresses did not have to be obtained, building permit has been purchased, after Nau and Keen sign the documents they will be submitted for closing, the CCR report will be going out to all residents along with a current newsletter, the DPW will be digging holes around the City in some areas to identify where water lines are, delinquent tax payments will now have to be paid at the County Treasurers office due to the February 29, 2024 due date
- F. Library Use Date Report: Written Report Provided, Frei added that the library use was way up this year with new programs and many new library cards are being issued

#### Ways & Means:

Motion by Frei, second by Harper to approve bills and tax disbursements for February 2024 in the amount of \$560,998.36. All voting aye, motion carried.

#### Committee Reports:

- A. Fire Board – Written report provided, next meeting is April 1st
- B. Fair Board – Gerace stated that they do two fundraisers each year, the snowmobile races were cancelled which reduced startup funds, the second fundraiser are the gate placards which are \$250/each, she would like to possibly have canoe races to raise more funds
- C. Parks and Recreation – Reader said Calhoun Campground needs a new golf cart, they have approximately \$5,000 for purchase of one, campground is opening May 1<sup>st</sup> this year

- D. Police Committee – No report
- E. Personnel Committee – No report, a 6-month review will be set up for City Manager
- F. Downtown Development Authority – they approved reimbursing Kim Shea of Sugarbeet Blooms & Bridal \$366.35 for paint purchased to paint inside of building, Lou Stornello of T&J Auto stated he purchased an opener for one of the garage doors and the other one will need replaced soon, the DDA is narrowing down the date for the annual golf outing

Communications: No comments

Adjournment: Motion by Frei, second by Harper to adjourn meeting at 6:35pm. All voting aye, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janelle Keen  
City Clerk