

City of Siletz

Regular City Council Meeting

Monday, April 12, 2021 at 7:00pm

The Siletz City Council met and convened on Monday, April 12, 2021 and Mayor Worman called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Siletz City Hall. Via www.gotomeeting.com (Covid19) 7:00pm

ROLL CALL

Present were Mayor Willie Worman, Councilors, Susan Trachsel and Leslie Button by Zoom.
Councilor Jennifer Whitehead - Excused
Councilor Tim Shank – Absent- resignation

Also present were Tracey Viar, City Recorder, Sheila Jordan, Deputy City Recorder, Allen Middaugh, Public Works Supervisor, Darin Viar, Public Works, Sergeant Karl Vertner and Deputy Bruce McGuire, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office and Mark Cumiskey, Community Member.

MINUTES

Councilor S. Trachsel moved to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2021 Regular City Council and Councilor L. Button seconded. Minutes approved.

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S -UPDATE

Deputy McGuire let the Mayor and Council know that Sergeant Vertner will be promoted to Lieutenant Vertner on May 3, 2021 and he will be over the patrol division. Lieutenant Brian Cameron will be retiring at the beginning of May as well. Deputy McGuire discussed changing his patrol hours, to better serve the Siletz Community and this will allow some over-lap coverage between the East County AM/PM Deputies

FIRE DEPARTMENT-UPDATE

Mayor Worman read the update from Fire Chief Brandon Hamilton.

-We've been busy getting things stabilized as an organization and preparing to move forward into the future.

-We have had some interest in new membership from some residents in the district, which is exciting.

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- We are beginning to see some of our seasoned/long standing volunteers becoming active again. This is awesome to see and I have been told that people have been taking the “wait and see” approach since the leadership change.
- The board of directors is in the beginning discussions of what the process will look like for appointing a permanent fire chief. I am expecting a more firm direction at the next board meeting.
- I have been actively working on the upcoming budget and writing grant requests as they come available.
- Overall things are looking up and progressing well. We are well on our way to being a healthy/thriving organization again.

LIBRARY UPDATE

No update from the Library, but the operating hours will remain Tuesday – Friday from 10am – 4pm, per the Siletz Valley Community News, sponsored by the Siletz Valley Grange, dated April 28, 2021.

PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATE

Mill Creek project~

Mayor Worman has been having talks with CTSI about the Mill Creek “Green Thumb” project and they are going good. Some of the important take a ways so far are,

- Historical signage about the history of Siletz and the Siletz Tribe.
- The Tribe would like to be present when digging occurs for the project. (Burials, artifacts, etc.)
- Mayor Worman also asked that we reach out to the Community and ask for “Letters of Support” for this project.

Sports Complex~

A future walk through will be done with all the interested entities to make sure the different projects won’t interfere with each other or over-lap. The Basketball Court grant funding will become available after July 1, 2021. Councilor Button stated that construction supplies are skyrocketing right now and summer/fall building might be more cost effective.

Debby Fawver asked about holding the annual July 4th Siletz Community Celebration at the city park Hee Hee Illahee this year. Council approved having the annual 4th of July Celebration.

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Councilor S. Trachsel gave the update and provided a power-point handout to the Mayor, Council and others in attendance. At the time of this meeting Lincoln County had 63 cases reported in April and the County moved into High Risk. As of Monday, April 19, 2021, everyone age 16 or older is eligible for the vaccination. During this period, Lincoln County had the highest vaccination rate in the State. (Great job Lincoln County) You can go to the Lincoln County website for a listing of all the clinics doing vaccinations or you can go to GetVaccinated.Oregon.gov.

UPDATE SEWER PROJECT MEETING WITH GRANT WRITER RACHAEL MADDOCK-HUGHES, CITY ENGINEERS AND OTHER AGENCIES

Mayor Worman updated the Council on the discussions being held between the City of Siletz and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians. Our Facilitator's names are Karmen Fore and Peter Harkema from Oregon Solutions.

In the second meeting with Karmen and Peter, one of the main focuses was discussing what are the top priorities for the City and the Tribe when it comes to sitting down and starting the talks with the Tribe on executing a new contract. It is the Mayor's belief the mediation talks are going good and will continue.

VACANT CITY COUNCIL SEAT

Councilor Tim Shank turned in his resignation to Mayor Worman on March 12, 2021 and it was accepted at this meeting.

The City will begin accepting "Letters of Interest" for the vacant seat until April 30, 2021 at 4:00pm.

Councilor S. Trachsel asked that more informative questions be added to the "Letters of Interest", these questions should be tailored to the Council Commission seat the Community Member is applying for (example: Parks and Rec Commission)

CODE ENFORCEMENT & CITY COURT SYSTEM- DISCUSSION

City Recorder T. Viar will reach out and set up a meeting with Chief Pace from the Toledo Police Department, to discuss how Toledo does their code enforcement, what company they use, which court the citations would be cited in to and the possibilities of sharing resources. T. Viar will report back to Council after the meeting.

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**GOVERNMENT COVID-19 RELIEF PACKAGE MONIES – Casey Miller, Public Information Officer,
Lincoln County, Oregon**

Casey Miller is working on getting guidance from the government on the monies the City of Siletz will receive from the COVID-19 Relief Package. The City is slated to receive \$266,004.00. There is not a definite date on when these funds will be released and what will be allowable expenses. There will be monthly updates on where the process is for this funding.

CORRESPONDENCE

The City received an email from Jori Messner; she is the new district representative for US Congressman Kurt Schrader. One of Ms. Messner's important priorities is making herself accessible to our City Representatives. Mayor Worman will reach out to Ms. Messner for formal introductions and discuss issues within the City/Community and how their office will be able to help with that in the future.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Mark Edwards with west tech here to inspect WTP

We need to replace filter media, clarifier grates, HMI, power supply, input cards, etc. We are getting estimates

Filter media normally last 5-7 years ours is 21 years old.

WTP air compressor #2 tripped breaker. New contacts installed in the motor

Leo's excavating patched upper parking lot at Hee Hee Illahee

We had a low level alarm at the river pump station screens were dirty could not wade to screens. Darin took his kayak out to get screens clean enough to run. We are now able to wade out and clean.

WWTP influent pump station alarm. Cleaned floats

About once a week we have to remove non potable pump assembly at WWTP to clean due to plugging from algae growth

Changed out switch for low control air, but still having trouble with low control air alarm

Repaired sewer main on Egbert, broken at service lateral

Darin passed his water treatment 1 test

Kenneth Tanner's last day of work was 4-6-21

Pumped septic at Hee Hee Illahee

Allen completed 3 day zoom school for recertification

The Mayor asked that the same Utility II/III Position application run again to fill the vacant position. D. Eshleman will be asked to update the website with the current information.

OTHER

Mayor Worman received a message from Councilor J. Whitehead that some of the City's signs have been vandalized. A Middaugh and D. Viar will drive around Siletz in the AM to look for the signs and Mayor Worman will reach out to Councilor J. Whitehead to get a definite location.

Mayor Worman received some correspondence from businesses in the county, that counterfeit money in small denominations was being used to make purchases.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

Business Permits- the City received a request from Mark Cummisky requesting to operate (2) businesses under (1) permit due to 2020 being extremely hard financially for business owners and the economy. After doing some research and communicating with S. Jordan, T. Viar sent Mr. Cummisky a denial letter due to past practices of needing (1) permit for each business and per City of Siletz Ordinance No. 123, pg. 2, section 6. Each Business and/or combination. Mark Cummisky came in front of City Council to appeal the denial of (2) businesses under (1) business license. After extensive discussion, it was decided that Mr. Cummisky would be required to have (2) business permits if he chooses to operate both businesses. T. Viar will inform Mr. Cummisky of the Council's decision in a letter.

Business/Church signs located on the Mini Mart property- T. Viar reached out to the owners of the signs, one sign has been removed and the church sign was under review from the Council and ultimately it was decided the church sign would need to be removed. T. Viar will reach out to the church and asked them to remove it.

Nuisance Properties- S. Jordan gave a brief statement about the (2) properties in question. The owner of both properties has been in contact with the City of Siletz and the complaints are being addressed. It is taken a lot longer than expected due to COVID-19 restrictions.

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Ball field Improvements- A. Middaugh will inventory the fencing and supplies that have been stored and see what is usable and what will need replaced. Mayor Worman will check in with Wazzy Case about setting up the posts and fencing.

Year-Long Calendar of Events- the City Council after talking and deliberating decided it would be more beneficial to have the Community of Siletz help establish a committee to start year-long calendar of events for Siletz. Some of the ideas are movie nights, summer concerts, National Night Out and Trunk or Treat, etc.

WORKSESSION

May 4, 2021 – 7pm – “Letters of Interest” for City Council Vacancy

BILLS

Councilor L. Button made motion to pay March 2021 bills in the amount of \$59,517.09 Councilor J. Whitehead seconded the motion and March 2021 bills were approved and signed on April 12, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT


Councilor L. Button moved that the regular meeting of the Siletz City Council be adjourned at 9:55 pm. Councilor S. Trachsel seconded the motion and it was approved.

Approved by the Siletz City Council on this 10th day of may, 2021.

Signed and approved by the Mayor on this 10th day of may, 2021.

ATTEST:


CITY RECORDER


MAYOR