

City of Siletz

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 9, 2021 at 7:00pm

The Siletz City Council met and convened on Monday, August 9, 2021 and Mayor Worman called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:00pm in the Siletz City Hall. Via www.gotomeeting.com (Covid-19) 7:00pm

ROLL CALL

Present were Mayor, Worman, Councilors, Susan Trachsel, Leslie Fawver, Gail Freer and Jennifer Whitehead.

Also present was Sheila Jordan, Deputy Recorder, Tracey Viar, City Recorder and Allen Middaugh, Darin Viar and Derek Jefferson from Public Works. Deputies Tyler Watkins and Bruce McGuire from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

MINUTES – Will be provided at the Regular Council Meeting on September 13, 2021.

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE- UPDATE

Deputy McGuire introduced the new east county night patrol Deputy, his name is Tyler Watkins and he will be following McGuire on night patrol. McGuire stated that Ferry and Darcy Ave. has had an uptick in activity and traffic. LCSO are keeping close tabs on those areas and McGuire said he has a few people on his radar, but nothing too serious.

FIRE DEPARTMENT- UPDATE

Councilor Gail Freer stated the Fire Department is still moving forward. The Fire Department — has hired a new Fire Chief and RC Mock's last day as Interim Chief is August 10, 2021. They are still recruiting for volunteers. The Reader Board and social media pages are being fixed and updated.

Lincoln County has an outside burn ban in effect for all outside fires and no running gas powered outside tools after 11am daily.

LIBRARY – UPDATE

No Update

PARKS & RECREATION- UPDATE

Councilor Freer has been meeting with the Park Caretakers at Hee Hee Illahee on a weekly basis, if not more. Right now Councilor Freer is working on bringing all the stakeholders for the community parks to the table and to get everyone on the same page and working towards the same goals.

Concerns:

- Possible liabilities – horseshoe pits, bbq grills, gazebo, skateboarding, bicycling, boulders, and car space width. Will check with City insurance on these items.
- Combining the (2) Parks and Rec boards to form (1) Committee
- Access to the supplies and the supply sheds on park property
- Day to day park maintenance
- Finishing the plumbing, gutters and finishing the trim
- Removal of bushes in front of the restrooms for safety concerns
- Removal of yellow posts that are currently unstable
- Bio-friendly weed removal
- How patrons of the park are being approached and treated by the Caretaker
- Fix fence by the upper parking lot that oversees the river

Car Show – The 1st Annual Car Show will be held on August 28, 2021 from 10am-4pm. The plans, maps, cars, bikes, trucks, vendors, prizes, raffles, movies and other activities are coming together.

Basketball Court - Lincoln County Community & Economic Development Grant for the City basketball courts, resolution #693 was amended to show the fiscal year date changed from Fiscal Year 2020-2021 to Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Council G. Freer made the motion to change the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 to Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Councilor L. Fawver seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

PUBLIC WORKS- UPDATE

- Ordered filter media and clarifier grates for the filters at the water plant.
- We plan on doing the work the third week of September as long as the material arrives
- Jet clean EQ basin weekly
- Tuned up pump motor on jetter truck
- Pumped out pre react zone and digester at waste water plant had
- Leo's excavating vacuumed out
- Removed spool and fixed fence at Hee Hee Illahee park

- Starting water plant early due to high use
- USDA inspection at both plants
- Cleaned backwash pond at water plant this took two days
- Siletz Community and surrounding areas are in Stage 2 water curtailment. Notices were posted in public areas and on social media with all restrictions listed.

COVID-19 – UPDATE

Councilor Trachsel stated Delta is the top COVID variant in Lincoln County. New cases and hospitalization are on the rise at an alarming rate. The first 7 days of August had 110 new cases and the whole month of July had 103. The County is starting to see more breakthrough cases in people who are considered fully vaccinated. Governor Brown will be issuing stricter policies on masking up indoors as well as outdoors if social distancing is not possible.

Resolution #697A City Council Resolution Extending Declaration of a Local Emergency & Setting Employees COVID-19 Policy was tabled until consultation with City Attorney.

US Department of Treasury Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds – the process to become verified and update/register entity has started with the Federal Government and City Recorder T. Viar is working on this.

WASTEWATER PROJECT – UPDATE

City Recorder, T. Viar and Mayor Worman had a Zoom call with Karmen Fore and Peter Harkema from Oregon Solutions on July 21, 2021. During the Zoom call, City Recorder T. Viar asked a few tough questions that were not answered and by the end of the call, both Mayor Worman and City Recorder T. Viar felt discouraged. The last few Zoom calls have not been productive in moving the City and the Tribe closer to meeting on the Wastewater Treatment Project. Mayor Worman would like to move forward without mediation, both the City and the Tribe have spent numerous hours spinning their wheels with little or no movement forward.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Correspondence – Russell Murphy, TextMyGov and Park Nelson IV, Insurance would like to present in front of Council.
- b. Mayor Worman gave some feedback about his training and what he learned from the Annual Mayor's Conference in Coos Bay.
- c. Public Comment – No comments.

OLD BUSINESS

- Central Lincoln PUD came out and assessed the light poles the City uses to hang the holiday street decorations and the City received approval to continue with this festive tradition.

- City Recorder, T. Viar was invited to sit on the Sergeant Panel for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. There are (3) Deputies interviewing for the Sergeant position. Sergeant Rene Lopez is moving out of state and this position will be for his departure.

WORK SESSION

Scheduled for September 2, 2021 at 7pm – Siletz City Hall – Discuss City of Siletz & Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians – Sewer and Water Agreement.

BILLS

Councilor G. Freer made motion to pay July 2021 bills in the amount of \$115,276.27 Councilor J. Whitehead seconded the motion and July 2021 bills were approved and signed on August 9, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor L Button moved that the Regular City Council be adjourned at 9:23pm. Councilor J. Whitehead seconded the motion and it was approved.

Approved by the Siletz City Council on this 13 day of September 2021.

Approved and signed by the Mayor on this 13 day of September 2021.

ATTEST:



City Recorder



Mayor