

City of Siletz

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 13, 2021 at 7:00pm

The Siletz City Council met and convened on Monday, September 13, 2021 and Mayor Worman called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:01pm 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 Tracey Viar, City Recorder, Darin Viar, Public Works, Deputy Bruce McGuire, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office and Mary Kay, Friends of the Library

Presenters – Jenny Demarris, LCSO Emergency Management Coordinator
Russell Murphy, TextMyGov.org

Public Comment – Siletz Community Members Debbie Fawver & John Mosier

MINUTES –

July 12, 2021 – Regular City Council Meeting

August 9, 2021 – Work Session Meeting

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Councilor G. Freer made motion to approve the minutes from July 12, 2021, August 9, 2021 (WS) and August 9, 2021 (RCC), Councilor J. Whitehead seconded the motion and all (3) sets of minutes were approved.

TEXT MY GOV –

Russell Murphy from TextMyGov did a presentation for the Mayor and City Councilors. This is a way to better communicate with the Siletz Community; TextMyGov uses smart texting technology to communicate with citizens 24/7. Local government agencies can answer question, send links to their website, and provide details on garbage pickup, utility payment, city news, events, office hours, department locations and more.

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LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE- UPDATE

Deputy McGuire discussed the traffic study that was done on Buford Ave. There were a high percentage of speeders and the LCSO will be patrolling around the school more frequently. He also stated the verbiage on the school signs would need to be changed. Search and Rescue had training up by Logsdon and attracted quite curiosity about what was going on out there.

LINCOLN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – DISCUSSION

Jenny Demarris, from the LCSO did a presentation to the Council on the upcoming Cascadia Rising Exercise. The path forward, Jenny discussed Local Participants, initial planning meetings with concepts and objectives, identify pre-exercise training, drills, outreach events, develop days of exercise and create documents, forms and resources.

FIRE DEPARTMENT- UPDATE

Our new Fire Chief is Dave Lapof. He is working to get everything back in order and running smooth. The Fire Department could always use more volunteers. The Department has experienced a high volume of fire and medical calls in the last month.

LIBRARY – UPDATE

Mary Kay stated the library hours and curbside service is still available. They aren't limiting the number of people in the library, but are requiring social distancing and masks. City Council approved allowing the Friends of the Library to use the City's field during the city wide grange sale to set up a couple covered booths for the Library's fundraising event.

PARKS & RECREATION- UPDATE

Councilor Freer is working on meeting with Debbie Fawver to go over previous years Parks and Recs documentation and banking procedures. Councilor Freer will keep reporting back to Council with updates.

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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 vac 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

COVID-19 – UPDATE

Councilor S. Trachsel stated they are offering free testing at the clinics and we could be seeing a plateau soon. The booster shots were approved and the roll-out of those shots is still being discussed. Pfizer will be available for children 5-11 years of age in November with 6 months – 4 year olds by January 2022.

WASTEWATER PROJECT – UPDATE

No update. City Council will be moving forward with the Tribe and reviewing the Draft Agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Correspondence- the Grange updated the new date for the City wide garage sale to September 25, 2021 and maps are available at the Siletz Valley Grange.
- b. Other – Technology update – City Recorder will reach out to Wave Broadband, COG and CenturyLink about upgrading and updating the City's office equipment/supplies.
- c. Public Comment-

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Debbie Fawver – Is our only Parks and Recs person to date. She has been handling all the duties of the committee. Debbie would like to be invited to participate in all the parks and recs meetings and would like to continue to be a part of this committee.

John Mosier – discussed what has been going on down at the City Park. He had some concerns about the city park and the Caretakers. John listed off (3) things he wished to talk about with the Council, but it was hard to hear what was being said over Goto.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Worman updated the City Councilors on the meeting with the Lincoln County Commissioners. The (3) topics that were discussed this year were 1) COVID – new restrictions & policies at the County level, 2) Policing and 3) possibly new Covid/infrastructure grants.

WORK SESSION

No session scheduled

BILLS

Councilor G. Freer made motion to pay August 2021 bills in the amount of \$74,226.09 Councilor J. Whitehead seconded the motion and August 2021 bills were approved and signed on September 13, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor S. Trachsel moved that the Regular City Council be adjourned at 9:38pm. Councilor S. Whitehead seconded the motion and it was approved.

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

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

ATTEST:

City Recorder



Mayor