

Siletz City Council  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, January 23, 2023, 5:30 PM  
Siletz City Hall

Present: Mayor Worman, T. Retasket, S. Trachsel  
Excused: M. Cumiskey, J. Whitehead  
Staff: City Recorder B. Chester

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Worman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Call Meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum.

Mayor Worman called the meeting to order and to establish the quorum and proceed with business; he declared he would be considered a voting member.

3. Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes January 9, 2023

Retasket made corrections on page 1 to a misspelled name and on page 4 misspelled word.

**Motion 1:** Retasket moved to approve the minutes as amended. Trachsel seconded the motion.

Mayor Worman declared it was moved and seconded and called for discussion. There was none.

Vote: Motion 1 passed.  
Ayes: All were in favor.

4. Accounts Payable-Finance Report January 23, 2023

Retasket stated she had reviewed the accounts payable and recommended approval.

**Motion 2:** Trachsel moved to approve the accounts payable as recommended. Worman seconded the motion.

Mayor Worman declared it was moved and seconded and called for discussion. Retasket questioned the financial expenditure report. The budget vs. actuals for insurance throughout the funds was considerably over budget. Recorder Chestler explained that the liability insurance was not adequately budgeted by approximately \$12,000.00.

Vote: Motion 2 passed.  
Ayes: All were in favor.

5. Special Orders

- Mayor's Award to Cody Worden
- Mayor's Award to Joel Stevenson

Mayor Worman stated that once a year, the mayor highlights a community member that has contributed to making the community a better place to live and be more inclusive. He described what led to the community member Cody Worden's contribution. Mayor Worman stated he had written a grant for a basketball court, and the grant was awarded. He contacted Cody with his design and asked for his assistance with the project. Cody and Joel Stevenson and their company's resources did the work above and beyond the original design and donated materials and time to make the basketball court a reality. Mayor Worman thanked both Cody and Joel for their contribution to the city. Cody accepted the awards for himself and Joel, who was not available to be present.

- Columbia Bank- Branch Manager Melony Heim

Branch Manager Melony Heim addressed the council and came per the council's request. She stated that Columbia Bank had merged with Umpqua Bank.

She reported the Department of Justice Antitrust Division reviews merges between banks. When they reviewed the overlapping footprint, they determined there are ten locations that should be further divested as it would ensure appropriate competition in the market. Seven branches of the merger were additionally sold. The Columbia bank in Newport, the city's banking establishment, was sold to 1st Security Bank. She gave further information about 1st Security Bank. She stated that there were no changes to the city's banking relationship with the bank at this time. Questions and concerns were regarding checks, services, fees, transitions, and merchant services. She stated that the merger had kept all the current employees, who were there to assist the city through the transition.

- Lincoln County Veteran Services- Service Officer Keith Barnes

Keith Barnes stated he works for Lincoln County Veteran Services, not the Veterans Administration. He reviewed the veteran services his office in the county provided and the economic impact it had on veterans and their families, communities, and the county as a whole. He defined how a veteran is defined. He provided the phone numbers to his office and requested to be informed of any community events, as his office would like to participate.

Lincoln County School District Proclamation – Vice Chair Board of Directors Peter Vince

Vice Chair Peter Vince read in the record the Lincoln County School District Proclamation declaring the year 2023 as the 100th Year Celebration of the Creation of the Lincoln County School District. Discussion included where the school district's archives and historical information is housed, if all 70 schools were listed somewhere, and how someone could make donations and contributions to the archives.

## 6. Reports of Officers, Boards, or Standing Committees

- Parks – No Report was made.
- Library – Reported was the library is open 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM Tuesday through Friday and 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturdays. Storytime is Wednesdays with Tina Nelson at 2:30 PM. The library has declared that February is Library Lovers Month, and to

celebrate the Siletz Library 16 years of operations, the Siletz Library is having a Sweet 16 Birthday Party on Saturday, February 25, 2023, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM with books, bake and plants sale.

- Fire Department –The Chief reported he has been out of the office since December pursuing grants. Just completed was a joint recruitment EMR class (emergency medical responder). The Chief reported all apparatuses are working, and all radios have been reprogrammed. Discussed were the High School Explorers program and the Junior Fire Fighters programs.
- County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) – No report was provided.
- Staff Report – No reports were given,

## 7. Public Comments

No comments were heard.

## 8. Unfinished Business

### A. Approval of Joint Session Agenda for 01/31/2023

The agendas were reviewed and added, were two items, Streetlights, and Sidewalks. The shorter version was the preferred version to post with the additions. Any submissions from CTSI were to be added by January 17, 2023.

## 9. New Business

### A. Intergovernmental Agreement on HB 4123 Homelessness Response Countywide

Councilor Trachsel gave a brief overview of the work the advisory group for the county homelessness response team has accomplished. It was noted the Intergovernmental Agreement of the Coordinated Office on Homelessness is in draft form. Council determined they will consider passage of the agreement at the February 27, 2023, meeting after grammatical corrections have been made and it is not in draft form. Discussed was the "point in time" count of the homeless, the school districts definition of homelessness, community services, a lot of people do not get identified, what we see is the tip of the iceberg, hardships for families, how to get the whole community involved, and what did not work with the county's 2010 plan is that it lacked central coordination.

### B. Oregon Public Works Emergency Response Cooperative Assistance Agreement

**Motion 3:** Trachsel moved to approve entering into the Oregon Public Works Emergency Response Cooperative Assistance Agreement. Retasket seconded the motion.

Mayor Worman declared it was moved and seconded and called for discussion. Discussion included the city's need to update its emergency management plan and training and take a look at funds being budgeted for emergency response.

Vote: Motion 3 passed  
Ayes: All were in favor.

#### 10. Correspondence

Discussed was a community member's response to the mayor about code enforcement. Threats to councilmembers and the mayor were discussed, and the need to take them seriously and report them.

#### 11. Council Comments

Retasket: Stated her concern with Law Enforcement in Siletz. She expressed dissatisfaction with the new officer, and, when asked for his contact information, would not provide it. She felt the officers are showing a disregard for the community. She feels a defined board is needed that is in control of the services the community is receiving. Retasket stated the community sees the council as having a role in community policing.

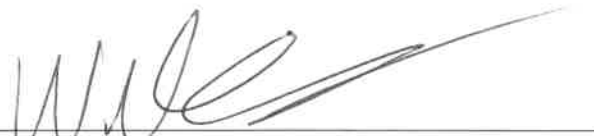
Trachsel: Had no comments.

Mayor Worman: Had no other comments to make.

#### 12. Adjournment

Trachsel moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 PM.

There being no further business to come before the council, Mayor Worman adjourned the meeting at 7:31 PM.

  
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Mayor Will Worman

ATTEST:

  
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City Recorder