

Special Joint Meeting
City Council and The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians
Tuesday, January 31, 2023, 6:00 PM
Siletz, City Hall

Present: Mayor Worman, T. Retasket, S. Trachsel, J. Whitehead
Excused: M. Cumiskey
RCAC Guest: D. Wells, J. Carman
Tribal Council: C. Barker, L. Norton, S. Rilatos, B. Peterson, S. Edenfield,
D.Pigsley, B. Lane, F. Aspiria

Opening Statement- Mayor Worman stated that on behalf of the council and himself, regarding the past tumultuous years, he apologized for the negativity and bad behavior of the city and wanted to extend a commitment from the city to remain positive, respectful and move forward and away from the past negativity and looks forward to working with the Tribe. The Assistant General Manager thanked the Mayor and stated they have been working together with the Mayor and are seeing positive things happening. She referenced the new water and sewer agreement just waiting for the Rate Study information. They look forward to hearing and understanding the nuts and bolts of the rate study.

1. Call Meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum

A quorum of the city council was established.

2. Introductions

Everyone present gave their name and what position they held within their organization.

3. Rate Study Presentation – City

A. Power Point Presented by RCAC

Jason Carman introduced himself and his colleague, Dessa Wells. He gave an overview of the programs they worked with: Affordable housing, Economic Development, Water and Wastewater infrastructure financing, Classroom and online training, On-site and remote technical assistance, Income surveys, and cost of service analysis. He gave the RCAC's Vision and mission. In his work for the city, a rate study, he stated they are doing a cost-of-service analysis and provided the study's goals and objectives and the function of the utility rates. Jason gave an overview of the documents that are being reviewed. Then, he examined the next steps with the information gathered. It will be the information used to project costs five years forward and determine if the cost rates will recover the actual costs of providing the service for the 5-year period. Dessa Wells reviewed what the rates need to cover, financial records, engineering and planning documents, legal documents, and system data which is detailed customer data on usage, projected growth rates, and projected changes to operations and

maintenance cost due to capital improvements. Dessa emphasized that they were doing two rate studies. One for the water and the other for the sewer. A projected timeframe for the project was late March 2023. At that time, something will come back for further discussion before the rates are changed.

4. Future Growth-Housing and Infrastructure – Joint discussion

A. City

- Parks -Hee-hee Illahee, Green Thumb, The Log (future site of Davis Eatherly Park)
- Boat launches
- Ball field
- Playground
- Water park
- Street Lights
- Side Walks

Mayor Worman reported that the city did not renew the contract for the Hee Hee Illahee park caretaker position. Instead, the city changed the program to a Park Host Program, mirroring the State's Park program. Currently, the city is requesting bids on the repairs to the Gazebo, request to the CTSI to receive funds for the purchase of a golf cart for watering summer plants in planters, which could be utilized for meter reads, adding summer programs for the kid's summer concerts, bringing back the horseshoe pit and corn hole games. A general discussion regarding there are no places to eat and no sit-down restaurants, and we all need to consider encouraging future development and growth.

B. CTSI Growth Plans in Siletz and Within Urban Growth Boundaries

5. Comfort Station Status and Use – CTSI

They provided the days and times the comfort center is open. Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, showers are by appointment only, and the laundry services are projected to be available by the end of February.

CTSI addressed future growth, being the recreational center and the pharmacy. Discussed the Economic development zones and the plans for the lands they were purchasing. Currently, a project is underway on the feasibility of CTSI being their internet service provider, which the Tribe would own and operate.

Oak Flats was briefly discussed as being annexed back to the city and expanding the Urban Growth Boundary; the concern continues to be infrastructure and what the pros and cons of such a venture would have to be.

6. Partnering Goals and Mutual Beneficial Projects for the Community – Joint

A. Team Efforts - Make Siletz a Better Place to Live

It was discussed that both the city and the Tribe need to make better efforts to coordinate projects, and potentially the Tribe and city put a plan together and work together on the betterment of the community. They discussed community involvement and the need for incentives to get people to participate and be involved. Being intentional about the meetings was discussed, and inviting the community, the need to have a good strategic plan to get all involved. Homelessness was briefly discussed as one of the city's mandates by the state.

B. Making Town More Attractive

Murals on buildings was a project the tribal community had discussed and is looking for an artist. Sidewalks and places/benches for folks to sit and rest on the main street through town were all thought to enhance the main street.

7. Law Enforcement - Joint

- The Good and Bad
- Potential changes that need to be made and ideas on how to get there

There was a great deal of frustration expressed with the current law enforcement efforts in town. Discussed was the need for an oversight board. Suggestions were made regarding the restructuring of hours or shifting the officer's work, the policing contract being held 50% by the Tribe, 15% by the Fire district, and the rest by the taxpayers, potentially looking at putting it back on the ballot, with the language being a policing contract not a Lincoln County Sheriff's contract. Discussed was the annual renewal of the contract. The date it is made is by May 31.

8. Open discussion

- Questions to the City
- Questions to CTSI

The Tribe requested more training for city staff and the city using Norcan. City staff needs to know how to use and administer it. The community should put on training, and Lincoln County Health Department was volunteered as the agency potentially to provide the training. The city should consider "Harm Reduction Program" policies. The city told the Tribe anyone was welcome at the city events.

There was public involvement at this meeting, and he requested that doggie curbing stations be placed at the skate park and basketball courts so folks could pick up after their dogs.

9. Future discussions and topics

Meeting Schedule
Locations of Meetings-Alternate
Joint Meeting Agenda Topics

It was determined that the next meeting would be in April and hosted by the Tribe.

10. Adjourn


Retasket moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM.

There being no further business Mayor Worman adjourned the meeting.



Mayor Will Worman

ATTEST:



City Recorder