

Siletz City Council  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, March 25, 2024, 5:30 PM  
Siletz City Hall

Present: Mayor Worman, S. Trachsel, W. Smith, J. Whitehead  
Absent- Excused: T. Retasket  
Staff: City Recorder B. Chestler, Public Works Lead D. Viar

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Worman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Call to Order

Mayor Worman called the meeting to order and established a quorum.

3. Roll Call

4. Changes or Additions to the Agenda

There were no changes or additions proposed to the agenda.

5. Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda, including the February Regular Meeting Minutes, March Work Session minutes, Accounts Payable, and financial report for February, was approved.

**Motion 1:** Trachsel moved to approve the consent agenda. Whitehead 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

6. Public Comments

An opportunity was given for public comment, with no comments being made.

7. Public Hearings

It was confirmed that there were no public hearings for this meeting.

## 8. Presentations

No presentations were scheduled for this meeting.

## 9. Ordinances and Resolutions

### A. Resolution 724-24 - A Resolution Establishing a Community Development Workgroup

Mayor Worman read Resolution 724-24 - A Resolution Establishing a Community Development Workgroup in its entirety.

Discussion regarding Resolution 724-24 occurred, which serves to establish a community development workgroup focused on bringing change and improvement to the city, including parks, community activities, and infrastructure. The resolution's reading emphasized the desire for community input, the need for a workgroup as an alternative to a Planning Commission, and the objectives and guidelines for the new workgroup.

Motion 2: Whitehead moved to approve Resolution 724-24 - A Resolution Establishing a Community Development Workgroup. Smith seconded the motion.

Mayor Worman declared it was moved and seconded and called for discussion. Further discussions involved how the community can be encouraged to participate in the development workgroup and practical aspects of reaching out to potential members. Also discussed were all the potential grants available to the city.

Vote: Motion 2 passed  
Ayes: All were in favor

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

- Parks

Mayor Worman gave the parks report, he covered various improvements and maintenance works at Hee Hee Illahee Park including the installation of a new fish cleaning station. Also reported on the upcoming events including the city's annual car show. Enhancements at the parks were commended.

Mayor Worman also noted that he had a meeting with the S.E.T baseball league and discussed issues with scheduling and field use.

- Library

The library report highlighted preparations for the summer reading program, ongoing projects such as book weeding, upcoming teen activities, and the library acting as a telehealth access point for the community. Recent actions taken by the friends of the library were also reported.

- Fire Department

No report was presented by the fire department.

- County Sheriff's Office (LCSO)

The LCSO report included the discussed law enforcement issues like a recent homicide investigation and a drone causing disturbances. A brief explanation of jurisdictional limitations and legal considerations for the drone issue was provided.

- Homeless Advisory Board

Councilor Trachsel gave an update on homeless initiatives and available resources. Various new housing options were highlighted, and the importance of council representation at the meetings was discussed. The implementation of Measure 110 was explained, which reinstates possession of drugs as a crime and establishes diversion programs.

- Staff Report

Public Works Lead D. Viar reported that public works have been cross-training employees at the wastewater and water plant. He also informed council of recent utility breaks and repairs.

City Recorder B. Chestler reported to council that the auditors would be at the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. There were discussions about grant opportunities for infrastructure projects and details on new software needed for utility billing, with a plan to engage an expert for assistance in addressing costs.

## 11. Unfinished Business

### A. Draft Utilities Rate Study - Final Report

The discussion revolved around the recently conducted utility rate study. Notable was the high potential sewer rate if no grants or funding support was secured. The council deliberated on the steps necessary to mitigate these rates through additional funding or policy changes.

## 12. New Business

### A. Issuance of City Business Licenses

The topic pertained to the consistent application of the city's requirement for business licenses, including those companies performing work on tribal properties. Legal confirmation asserted that businesses must obtain a city license to operate within the city limits.

13. Correspondence

- Siletz Fire District Open House & Preparedness Fair Invite

Council reviewed this correspondence with no comments given.

- DEQ Rethink Recycling Webinar

Upcoming recycling webinar invitations and DEQ's initiatives were acknowledged.

14. Council Comments

Council members commented on concerns such as the handling of drones in residential areas, with legal guidance addressed by a law enforcement officer. Additional comments included infrastructure degeneration underneath the Siletz highway and expectations for governmental response.

15. Adjournment

Whitehead moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM.

There being no further business to come before the council, Mayor Worman adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.



Mayor Will Worman

ATTEST:

Makenzee Goodell  
Recording Secretary Makenzee Goodell