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City Council Meeting August 8th 2023

Council Present

Brad Smith Barb Northington Suzanne Hood Lyndsey Wenick Matt Wenick Public Present

Mike Allen Zack Denning
Josh Walker Ricky Gray
Pete Walker Judy Chapman
Chuck White Kip Mortimore

Sam Seebart

Council meeting called to order at 6pm by Councilor President Barb Northington Minutes taken by Manager/Recorder Deborah Oatman

#1 Open Floor;

Chuck White asked what was going on with the mills chip pile, and he had heard that there were nuisance letters to go out to his neighbors with junk piles and that A Ave and Shirttail Creek be added to the list. It was suggested that we be in contact with the cities lawyer Wyatt Baum concerning this issue. Nuisance ordinances are in place and a year ago the council voted in fines. The council issued instructions to the city manager to take action.

A few months ago, the mill came to council and stated that they had purchased a machine that would take care of the chip pile with zero emissions. Kip stated that he would check and see if they have received the machine.

Mike Allen stated that ISO notified him that our rating may change, it may affect our insurance rates, he will work through the audit and has a phone meeting with David Hyland with ISO. Kip and others are joining the fire department and he will reach out to Silvies to see if they would consider helping as they do own many properties. Councilor m. Wenick suggested talking with Grayback as well.

Councilor Hood asked about a lift station screen protector. Deb replied its not done yet and that the new screen is not here and that it will be checked on.

#2 Seneca Timbers RV Resolution

Resolution was rejected because it did not represent the original stipulations stated at the last council meeting on July 11th, therefor the Resolution will be redrafted with the original stipulations and will be presented at the next council meeting per recommendation from Councilor M. Wenick who made a motion to drop the 4th item and revisit next meeting, Councilor L. Wenick second the motion. All were in favor motion passed.

#3 Dump

Councilor Northington stated that citizens were taking advantage of the dump when the attendant was busy helping others. Mayor Smith stated that only household trash is what you pay for and you pay extra for anything else. Josh Walker stated that the attendant should be checking every load.

#4 Cell Tower

Cell tower was brought to Deb's attention and she was bringing it to the councilors and public's attention and will have more information at the next meeting.

#5 Weed Program

Deb would like to set up a yearly program with Councilor Matt Wenick to take care of weed care around the city so that each year there will be less weeds. Councilor M Wenick and Councilor L. Wenick stated that they had a conflict of interest and both recused themselves from the discussion. Mayor Smith made a motion to set up a contract with Matt Wenick to provide the city with weed control on a yearly basis, Councilor Northington second the motion and all were in favor motion passed.

#6 Outsourcing Payroll to ADP

The city pays a fee to QBs for payroll software. ADP will take care of all payroll liabilities for the cost of 87.18 a month. Councilor M. Wenick made the motion to have ADP do payroll, when and if Deb decides later that she has gotten caught up she can go back to doing it herself. Councilor Hood second the motion all were in favor, motion passed.

#7 Minutes Approval

There were no corrections to the minutes, Mayor Smith made a motion to approve, Councilor Northington second the motion, all were in favor, and motion passed.

#8 Bills Before the Council

Councilor Hood made a motion to pay the bills, Councilor M. Wenick second the motion, all were in favor, and motion passed.

Executive Session;

Councilor Northington closed August 8th 2023 regular meeting at 7:30pm to open the Executive Session pursuant ORS 192.660(2)(i).

Session was rescheduled for August 16th 2032 at 6pm.

Attest Mayor Brad Smith