

**Regular Council Meeting Via Zoom
October 19, 2021**

Members present were Mayor Linda Spencer, Council President Trish Callahan, Vice President Delena Oden, Councilor Alvin Thompson and Councilor Stacy Equitz.
Staff Present was Treasurer Katie Misfeldt and City Recorder Lori Paxton.
Audience in attendance was Paul Price and Matt Goodman.

Councilor Equitz made a motion to open the meeting at 7:05 pm. President Callahan seconded. All ayes motion carried.

Previous Minutes: Councilor Equitz made a motion to approve the previous minutes.. President Callahan seconded. All ayes motion carried.

Review and Payment of Bills: Vice President Oden made a motion to approve the bills. President Callahan seconded. All ayes motion carried.

Ordinance #344: An ordinance to approve acquisition of four parcels of forest land. Mayor Spencer said this ordinance is a requirement from the Forest Service for the grant. President Callahan told everyone if the money is not used for what it is intended for we would have to pay it back to the Forest Service. **Vice President Oden made a motion to read Ordinance #344 three times by title only. Councilor Thompson seconded. All ayes motion carried.** Mayor Spencer read the title.
President Callahan made a motion to approve and adopt Ordinance #344. Councilor Thompson seconded. All ayes motion carried.

Council Position Interviews: Mayor Spencer said Matt Goodman is applying for position #6 and Paul Price is for position #3. Mr. Goodman and Mr. Price both gave brief statements as to why they want to be a council member. The city council preceded to ask each candidate questions about themselves and what ideas, goals and solutions they might bring as a council member.
Vice President Oden made a motion to accept Paul Price in council position #3. Councilor Equitz seconded. All ayes motion carried.
Vice President Oden made a motion to accept Matt Goodman in council position #6. Councilor Equitz seconded. All ayes motion carried.

Oath of Office: City Recorder Paxton asked both new members to raise their right hand and repeat after her, the oath office. Congratulations to Councilor Paul Price and Councilor Matt Goodman.

Department Reports: Administration – A copy of this report is available at city hall upon request.

Planning Commission: City Recorder Paxton said Chair Roger Hayden was supposed to present the amended plans of the grade school seismic retro fit. She said Jackson County planning is wanting amendments added to the original plans, but she didn't know what they were. She stated our planning commission reviewed the plans and is recommending approval to the council. **Councilor Thompson made a motion to approve the amended building plans. Vice President Oden seconded. All ayes motion carried.**

Public Works: A copy of this report is available at city hall upon request.

Community Forest Plan: President Callahan announced on November 6th at 2:00 pm we are having the kick off meeting for the forest plan at the grade school gym. She said we will need volunteers to help us set up tables and chairs, we should put at least 50 chairs out. We also have forest committees that need volunteers, so please pass the word around.

Mayor Spencer said Regional Solutions of Oregon will be facilitating the meeting. We need to get the word out, so put fliers up around town, on Facebook and our web page. President Callahan suggested putting some at the Landing, a sandwich board sign at both ends of town and also send one to each person that was at our first meeting 1 ½ years ago.

Mayor's Report: A copy of this report is available at city hall upon request. Mayor Spencer announced a donation that will be coming in to the community forest for \$23,000. She said she can't name the source as of yet, but will when she gets more information. City Recorder Paxton said she will have a resolution next council meeting to accept the donation.

Mayor Spencer said we need to find out how we can use utilize these funds for forest management. The become a fire wise community, we need to get some of these properties cleaned up. It is very frustrating trying to get property owners to clean their own property. We have so far brought two into our court, so we shall see if that works.

President Callahan said we can try and get the fire wise people involved with it, they have cleaned up around here already. Councilor Equitz said it is hard to become fire wise if some people don't clean up their own property. Mayor Spencer said we also need to get rid of all the blackberries in and around town. She said she will try and get the fire wise people and our fire department to survey the area.

Councilor Equitz asked if we were going to hold a special meeting in regards to our police department? Mayor Spencer said yes, but she wants to get more information from the sheriff's office first. She asked the councilors to write their owns questions and suggestions about the department before the meeting. We have not sent out any advertisements yet for an officer. Vice President Oden said we can hold a work session after we get the information we need.

Vice President Oden made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm. President Callahan seconded. All ayes motion carried.

Minutes submitted by City Recorder Lori Paxton.