

**Regular Council Meeting
February 15, 2022**

Members present were Mayor Linda Spencer, Council President Trish Callahan, Council Vice President Delena Oden, Councilor Stacy Equitz, Councilor Alvin Thompson, Councilor Matt Goodman and Councilor Paul Price.

Staff present was City Treasurer Katie Misfeldt, Public Works Operator Chris Bray and City Recorder Lori Paxton.

Councilor Equitz made a motion to open the meeting at 7:04 pm. Councilor Thompson seconded. All ayes motion carried.

Previous Minutes: Vice President Oden made a motion to approve the minutes. President Callahan seconded. All ayes motion carried.

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

Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries grant: Councilor Thompson made a motion for approval to apply for a cemetery grant. Councilor Equitz seconded. All ayes motion carried. This grant will supply the town with new fencing materials around the cemetery.

Department Reports: Administration – A copy of this report is available at city hall upon request. Treasurer Misfeldt stated she is working on getting the new budget together, except the salaries, and will meet with the department heads soon. Mayor Spencer and Councilor Equitz will handle the police budget.

Community Forest Committee: President Callahan said we now own the 430 acres surrounding the town and told the council how much she appreciated all the work Mayor Spencer has put into this project, 2 ½ years so far. She said we have a good crew that is very involved and will likely have Donnie Hamann and Mike Smeltz as our leads on the projects. Mayor Spencer said now we have to start working on fire wise safety.

Public Works: A copy of this report is available at city hall upon request. PWO Bray said the price of chlorine has gone up to \$5.05 per gallon and requested permission to continue to order for the water and sewer systems. Vice President Oden asked if there was a company in Oregon that might be cheaper and the one we use now? Bray said he would check into it. **Vice President Oden made a motion for the purchase of chlorine for the water and sewer systems. Councilor Goodman seconded. All ayes motion carried.**

Bray said a pump went out and is in need of repair at the sewer plant. The cost is \$4,300 under warranty. Vice President Oden asked if it was new or refurbished and Bray answered refurbished. He said he would rather have a refurbished pump because we have all the fitting for it. A new pump would

require new fitting and that is costly. **Councilor Equitz made a motion to get the pump repaired for \$4,300. Vice President Oden seconded. All ayes motion carried.**

Bray said the old Explorer has finally died and recommends it be sold for scrap metal. Councilor Equitz offered to check on the prices for metal. **Councilor Equitz made a motion to sell the Explorer for scrap metal. Councilor Goodman seconded. All ayes motion carried.**

Bray said he and Mike Smeltz have been burning the large burn pile behind the sewer plant. They have about 1/3rd of it burned. We also have a Biomass bin to use and will be charging it to street maintenance.

Councilor Equitz asked that he and Mike do a daily or every other day check on the park and playground. There have been found some unsanitary items in the park lately.

Mayor's Report: A copy of this report is available at city hall upon request.

Planning Commission Minutes: A copy of this report is available at city hall upon request.

Vice President Oden made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm. President Callahan seconded. All ayes motion carried.

Minutes submitted by City Recorder Lori Paxton.