

**Regular Council Meeting
April 18, 2023**

Members present at the meeting were Mayor Trish Callahan, Vice President Delena Oden, Councilor Stacy Equitz, Councilor Peggy Davis-Gilliam, Councilor Keith Gilliam and Councilor Alvin Thompson. Councilor Paul Price was absent.

Staff Present was Treasurer Katie Misfeldt, Town Recorder Lori Paxton, Forest Manager Mike Smeltz and Planning Commission Chair Rodger Hayden.

Audience present was Mark Rohde, Mildred Arnold and Barry Gwin.

Councilor Equitz made a motion to open the meeting at 7:00 pm. Councilor Davis-Gilliam seconded. All ayes motion carried.

Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Minutes: March 13, 2023 Work Session and March 21, 2023 Council Meeting. **Vice President Oden made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Gilliam seconded. All ayes motion carried.**

Bills: A copy of this report is available upon request. **Councilor Equitz made a motion to approve the bills. Vice President Oden seconded. All ayes motion carried.**

Business from the Audience: Mayor Callahan said our Public Works Dept spoke with Nick Rodgers and he would remove the trees on Redwood Avenue no charge if he could keep the lumber. The removal of trees will allow for street development.

Crexendo Phone System: Treasurer Misfeldt said that CenturyLink quoted assistant Diana Pingle \$99 a month for just internet. The council asked to have the details about the pricing sent to them again.

New Business: Ordinance #348 Create a Drug Free Zone: A ordinance establishing the public areas of the Town of Butte Falls as being drug free zones. **Councilor Davis-Gilliam made a motion to read the title three times before adoption. Councilor Gilliam seconded.** Mayor Callahan read the title three times. **Councilor Davis-Gilliam made a motion to adopt OR#348. Vice President Oden seconded. All ayes motion carried.**

Council President and Vice President: Mayor Callahan asked Councilor Equitz if she is interested in serving as council president because she is the longest serving council member. **Vice President Oden made a motion to nominate Councilor Equitz as Council President. Councilor Davis-Gilliam seconded. All ayes motion carried.** Mayor Callahan asked Vice President Oden if she would still serve as Council Vice President. **Councilor Gilliam made a motion to nominate Vice President Oden to continue to serve as Vice President. President Equitz seconded. All ayes motion carried.**

Resolution #557: Notice of Butte Falls Resolution#557 from attorney. President Equitz recused herself from voting on this resolution due to the fact that she owns property affected by this resolution. Equitz read a statement asking the council to Repeal Resolution #557. **Councilor Thompson made a motion**

to open Res #557 for discussion. Vice President Oden seconded. The council briefly discussed Res #557 and asked questions. **Vice President Oden made a motion to repeal Res #557. No second motion died.** The council asked to be given OR # 204 regarding subdivision regulations to review before a decision is made.

Resolution #633: To accept the cemetery grant money for the fence. **President Equitz made a motion to accept the grant money. Councilor Davis-Gilliam seconded. All ayes motion carried.**

Planning Commission Applicant: Mildred Arnold and Barry Gwin have been recommended by the planning commission to serve on the commission. **President Equitz made a motion to approve both as commissioners. Vice President Oden seconded. All ayes motion carried.**

Budget Committee: Councilor Davis-Gilliam made a motion to accept Mildred Arnold as a Budget Committee Member. President Equitz seconded. All ayes motion carried.

Department Reports:

Forest: Forest Manager Smeltz said we received the cemetery grant money for the fence. He thanked the volunteers that donated time and equipment to install the fence and clean up in the cemetery. He told the Council about the upcoming community led design workshop being held on May 12th and May 13th. He advised the Council that a porta potty is needed for sanitary purposes at the falls. Don Hamman donated a porta potty for one month.

Administration: A copy of this report is available at city hall upon request. Treasurer Misfeldt told the Council the budget hearing and meetings are scheduled on May 17th and May 24th at 7 pm.

Cemetery: Mayor Callahan said the cemetery has been cleaned up.

Code Enforcement: Mayor Callahan reminded the council of the work session on April 24th to discuss the possibility of hiring a security company.

Planning Commission: Updates were discussed earlier in the meeting. A copy of the minutes are available at city hall upon request.

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

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

Public Comments: Mark Rohde asked the council to do research before hiring a security company to make sure it is a reputable company.

President Equitz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm. Councilor Gilliam seconded. All ayes motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Town Treasurer Katie Misfeldt.

