

Rivergrove City Council Minutes
Feb 12, 2024, 7:00 PM

Standing Items

Call to order and attendance (Mayor, Councilors, and Guests)

Present: Council President Barhyte, Councilors Shafer, Mclean and Tuttle

Interim City Manager Analeis Weidlich present

Guests Alan Stonewall, Billie Cottingham, Colleen Nyberg, David Friedman, Joan Joyce, Landon and Jude Gentry, Mary Lou Vanslavie, Michael Salch, Susie Lashiene and Renee.

Priority Business

1. Resignation of Mayor Jeff Williams

Mayor J Williams has resigned

2. Mayor Selection

Council President Barhyte said he would serve as Mayor, Councilor Tuttle seconded. He was approved 4-0.

Councilor Tuttle said he would serve as Council President, Mayor Barhyte seconded. He was approved 4-0.

3. Discussion of filling vacant Council Position.

Mayor Barhyte said he had several people for the Council to consider filling former Mayor Williams term of office. He will bring forth names at the next meeting.

Presentations from Outside Agencies and Guests: *There were none.*

Planning Commission Report: Representative from the Planning Commission

Alan Stonewall stated there have been several instances of tree cutting permits submitted after trees have been cut. This is subject to fines and we need to inform the citizens of that fact. The City Manger commented that some homeowners need the permit processed quickly because they have an appointment with an arborist in "5 days"

The Commission is still considering changes to their internal procedures.

Standing Items:

1. Ask if any member of the public wishes to speak on an agenda item or a non-agenda item. (Please limit your comments to 3 minutes) *(Public Comments for Agenda items will be taken during that portion of the agenda.)*

Colleen Nyberg: Has strong concerns that her bank on the west side of the boat ramp is eroding away because of the lack of protection by the City. She thinks the Council is being very derelict in their responsibility to address this matter.

Susie Lahsene: She has several concerns. One, the City is not paying attention to their own ordinances when they cut down a coastal pine in Lloyd Minor Park. Secondly, she is concerned about Council appointment. With another resignation, 40% of the Council will have been appointed and that is not good government. She thinks citizens should be able to weigh in on the appointments. Lastly, she thinks that the deeming of an application complete should be specifically in the hands of the City Planner.

2. Approval of January minutes

Council president Tuttle said Councilor Shafer had a couple of name typos which went to the City Manager. Councilor McLain moved to approve the minutes as corrected, Mayor Barhyte seconded. The motion was approved 4-0.

3. City financials – January

There were no questions about the financials as submitted. Council President Tuttle moved to approve them; Mayor Barhyte seconded. Motion approved 4-0.

Existing Business *(Public Comments for Agenda items will be taken before each item.)*

1. Update on Lloyd Minor Park Restoration Project

We are waiting for it to dry out before installing the new benches. [OPEN]

2. Boat Ramp Design update

For the boat ramp, we are waiting on the water topographic survey. When the water has receded some, we will need to clear off mud and debris. [OPEN]

3. Land Development Ordinance Revision

The process for determining the completeness of an application was discussed. Completeness does not mean approval. It only means the Planning Commission can now consider it. The Mayor made a motion that to authorize the City Manager to enter a contract (an additional \$4,000 out of contingency plus a \$2,000 grant) to allow the City Planner to write an ordinance revision clarifying the role of the Planning Commission and the determination of completeness. This new language, if adopted, would place the responsibility of deeming an application complete in the hands of the City of Rivergrove staff. Council President Tuttle seconded the motion and it passed 4-0. [OPEN]

4. Park Advisory Committee Formation – Review recommended application and park committee guidelines.

The Mayor discussed the ordinances that related to the Park Committee. It was brought up by Mikle Salch that this Committee was one way to demonstrate citizen involvement. The Mayor sent out an information packet on what would be involved in Committee membership, and he and Council discussed possible parameters and how to proceed. The Mayor will send out a revised packet. [OPEN]

Council President Tuttle also pointed out we do not have a park plan.

New Agenda Items

1. Lloyd Minor Park – A pine shrub/tree was cut in the Southwest corner of Lloyd Minor Park.

The City Manager should be notified if anything other than basic maintenance is being done in the park. If we plant anything, remove anything etc, we need to discuss it. The council needs to be made aware of what is happening and create goodwill with neighbors regarding proposed actions.

The ensuing discussion was about whether this was about whether it was a tree or not and how the matter could have been handled better. [closed]

2. Protocol for park maintenance in all parks

Council Reports:

1. Councilor McLean-no report

2. Councilor Barhyte

He will not email a lot of people back when they send him an email, but these become public record (if they are policy matters), and he will bring it up in a meeting and encourages citizens to bring their concerns up at a meeting.

3. Councilor Tuttle-no report

4. Councilor Shafer

She applauded the new boat ramp sign. The Council thanks Byron Kibbey for the work.

5. Mayor's report see Councilor Barhyte's report.

City Manager Report:

She is going to take over the whole email system and the templates in the interest of efficiency and will work with Mellissa on streamlining things.

Executive Session: Council and staff may adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes 192.660: As needed (appropriate subsection shall be cited)