

Rivergrove City Council Minutes
Sept 11, 2023, 7:00 PM

Standing Items

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

Present: Mayor J Williams, Council President B Ruble, Councilors Barhyte, Tuttle and McLean.

Interim City Manager Mayor J Williams introduced Analeis Weidlich as the newly hired interim City Manager.

Guests Mike Salch, J Joyce, Landon and Jude, Maryn Lou Vanslavie, Aln Stonewell, Janice and Bob, Jerry Anderson, Jason Young, Jay Hinrichs, Carolyn Bahrman, and Micha.

Presentations for Outside Agencies and Guests: *none*

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 speech to 3 minutes

Jay Hinrichs the owner of property near Canal and West Road inquired about the process for getting a development permit. The Mayor suggested he contact the interim City Manager.

Caroly Bahrman thanked Mayor Williams for getting Canal Road paved, thanked former Councilor S Lahsene for getting Marlin, Dogwood and Tualamere paved, and for the City getting Heritage Park mowed. She also reminded us and citizens that Heather Kibbey has done an incredible amount of work over a number of years helping the City become what it is.

2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s)

Councilor Barhyte moved to approve the minutes submitted by Councilor Tuttle. Councilor McLean seconded, and the motion was approved 4-0-1. Council President Ruble abstained because she was not able to attend the meeting.

3. Discussion and approval of city financials

No action was taken. The City Manager is working on the "Quicken" data and likely will have material to present at the next meeting.

Planning Commission Report: Representative from the Planning Commission

Alan Stonewell reported there was no meeting as there were only two Commissioners at the time of the meeting. There was some fruitful discussion among the two Commissioners and members of the public. The Mayor and City Manager have found two people willing to serve, so there will be a quorum at their next meeting.

Public Comment on Agenda Items Unfinished Business:

1. Update on restoring Minor Park

Councilor Barhyte reported that 3 new benches have arrived, and they will be installed in concrete later this month in place of the old wooden benches. The new sprinkler system is being installed. He has contacted the manufacturer of the slide to get a bid for a new slide since they are unable to fix just part of it. In the bid they will quote a couple of other minor things that need to be done in the playground. [OPEN]

2. Boat Ramp

We have hired Kelli Grover of the Firwood Design Group for the project. She is about 90% done and will have something for us at the October meeting. We likely will go to bid in January and are preparing for a Spring build. Once a contract is let, we can proceed with the work that is not in the river. We will wait for the Corps of Engineers permission to start the work in the water. [OPEN]

3. Request for alleyway restoration from Childs to Minor Park

We are unsure who owns the property (property owners, the County or the City). It does not matter for consideration of using vehicles in the alleyway. Mayor Williams would like to hear from other property owners along the alleyway. Councilor McLean said he would contact them. Planning Commissioner Stonewell was concerned about driving through the Park because of the presence of children. Mayor Williams said the ability to drive through the Park should be a public discussion. [OPEN]

4. Canal Road repair

Mayor Williams stated that the road was regraded last Saturday. The cost will be shared between Lake Corp, the City of Lake Oswego and Rivergrove. We have allotted \$5,000 for this, but it is likely to be less than that. The parties involved are working on a permanent solution (i.e. annual maintenance) and the proposal will go to Council when it is ready. Mayor Williams also stated that he will

ensure that Republic Services is notified that the road has now been repaired.
[closed]

5. Contract Planner position search

Mayor Williams reached out to a prior candidate but was not optimistic he would be suitable. He will investigate partnering with other cities (e.g., Tualatin, Durham) [OPEN]

6. Metro Grant funding

There is no update. When we get input from Kelli and Firwood, we may start looking at them as a funding source. [OPEN]

New Business:

Council Reports:

1. Council President Ruble

No report

2. Councilor McLean

The vegetation along the side of the boat-ramp needs tidying up. Perhaps use industrial vinegar or cloth and straw. Councilor Barhyte stated that Kelli might have a proposal for the sides of the boat-ramp by the next meeting. [OPEN]

In Heritage Park, in the row of white oaks at the north end of the park, there are two red oaks that should be cut down. This is because they are fast growing and will crowd out and hinder the development of the slower growing white oak. Council President Ruble recalled that a prior City Arborist (Brian French) recommended this. [OPEN]

3. Councilor Barhyte

No report

4. Councilor Tuttle

No report

5. Mayor's Report

Thao Tu the President of Vietnamese Community Of Oregon would like to resend you our suggestion proclamation of Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag and hope that you will formally recognize it. Councilor Barhyte asked that this be considered at our next meeting. [OPEN]

He will reach out to the state regarding the procedure for an in lieu of audit report. [OPEN]

City Manager Report:

Her goal is to get “Quicken” up and running for presentation at the next meeting.

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

Not needed

Adjournment and Announcement of Next Meeting Time

The next meeting will be Oct 9,2023 at 7:00 PM