

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

Standing Items

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

*Present: Mayor Barhyte, Council President Tuttle, Councilors Shafer and Mclean
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: *There was none*

Presentations from Outside Agencies and Guests: *There were 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 comments to 3 minutes) *(Public Comments for Agenda items will be taken during that portion of the agenda.)*

2. Approval of February minutes

The Council acknowledged they had received the draft minutes submitted by Council President Tuttle. Councilor McLean moved they be approved as written and councilor Shafer seconded the motion. The minutes were approved 4-0.

3. City financials – January

There were no questions about the financials as submitted. Council President Tuttle moved to approve them; Councilor Shafer seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0.

Planning Commission Report: Representative from the Planning Commission

Planning Commission Chair Alan Stonewall stated they are receiving applications only several days before their meeting. This does not allow for proper review of the applications. It may frustrate applicants, but is necessary for proper consideration.

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 the rain to quit to install the new benches.

2. Boat Ramp-incl Design update

The topographic water survey has just now been completed so the contractor will begin to finish the design work. The earliest it will be finished is mid-April. We may be able to do some of the work that is above the high-water mark before next year. The summer months are the only time we can do work below the ordinary high-water mark.

Councilor McLean was concerned about a hawthorn tree on the bank which will bloom soon and spread berries which will produce seedling hawthorns. Mayor Barhyte said the design plan should deal with it, but Council President Tuttle will look at the situation.

3. Council discussion of a new candidate to replace former Councilor Jeff Williams

Mayor Barhyte introduced and proposed a candidate for the vacated councilor position. Leah Silber recently moved into the neighborhood and has listened to several council meetings. She was active in the Bryant neighborhood association. There was a question about the length of her term (if appointed). Even if it is serving the rest of a 4 year term, the City Attorney might be consulted to confirm that it is legal to appoint her to fulfill the rest of a 4 year term. Councilor president Tuttle seconded the motion. Leah Silber was approved 4-0 to the councilor to fill J Williams position. Mayor Barhyte swore her in.

New Agenda Items

1. New Park Amendment

Mayor Barhyte drafted an amendment to the City Charter concerning City Parks. Councilors are to comment on it. At the next meeting, a final draft will be sent to the City Attorney, and then his corrections will be incorporated into a final version for the council to approve. If approved, it will be on the ballot next

November for the citizens to approve or disapprove. Council President Tuttle wanted clarification on what could not be done in/to the park if this amendment passes.

2. Development Fees

The City Manager will provide us an update.

3. Canal Rd Maintenance Issues

Canal road has now reverted to a poor condition such that garbage trucks will no longer use it. Neighbors are in kind of a pickle because when the City approved the development, we did not require a home owners association or a plan to address future maintenance of this road. The road is owned by Lake Corp and Lake Oswego. Mayor Barhyte suggested that the City Engineer to design a plan for them using highway funds. There was extensive discussion on the matter. It was suggested tar somehow we find a solution that involves just improving the situation so the garbage trucks are able to just go down West road and then turn around.

There was also discussion about public access down west across the pavers which may or may not be on a private road with public access.

Council President Tuttle proposed that we fund an engineering study to find a solution limited to "fixing" west road and the canal west intersection. However, before that we need assurance from the Lake Corp and lake Oswego that the proposed solution can be implemented. Mayor Barhyte seconded the motion that we spend \$2,000 to accomplish this. The motion passed 4-1 with Councilor McLean voting no.

It was suggested that maybe a Lake Oswego neighborhood association could help, but there is no active neighborhood association that would deal with those houses.

Non-Agenda items from citizens email or voicemail

Council Reports:

1. Councilor McLean

He will talk to Clackamas County about degradation of the striping of the bike lanes on Childs.

He and the Mayor will fix the slide with the new part, hopefully the coming weekend.

2. Councilor Tuttle

He asked the Mayor for an update on the Park Committee. He will update us at the next meeting.

3. Councilor Shafer

Nothing to report.

4. Mayor Barhyte

City Manager Report:

We are in conversation about fees, about how we how do we pay for code and code enforcement and about examining and enforcement of conditions of approval.

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