



MINUTES

City Council Meeting

7:00 PM - Monday, December 11, 2023

Leonard Almquist Council Chambers, 342 S. Main St, Union,
OR 97883

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL:

The City Council of the City of Union was called to order on December 11, 2023, at 7:11 p.m., in the Leonard Almquist Council Chambers, 342 S. Main St, Union, OR 97883, with the following members present:

PRESENT: John Farmer, Susan Hawkins, Tim Cox, Anita Boyer-Davis, Dick Middleton, and Jay Blackburn

EXCUSED: Councilor John Black

2. CORRESPONDENCE PERTINENT TO AGENDA BUSINESS ITEMS:

3. OLD BUSINESS:

4. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Discussion on Agreement with Interim Administrator

Mayor Hawkins said the Interim City Administrator would like reimbursement for housing. We also need to discuss her contract extension.

John Farmer made a motion to approve to extend the Interim City Administrator contract until January 12th, 2024 for 50 hours and pay one month of rent in the amount of \$1,200. Tim Cox seconded the motion. Carried 3-2 (opposed: Councilor Anita Boyer-Davis and Councilor Dick Middleton).

b) New Administrator

Mayor Hawkins said I want to welcome Celeste Tate as our new administrator. She will start work on January 8, 2024. I also want to thank our Interim City Administrator for her work.

c) Fire/EMS Discussion and Fee Discussion

Mayor Hawkins said we have discussed this for the last two work sessions. Council discussed the fire and EMS fund again. Council asked Interim City Administrator Vanderwall to develop a committee with Councilor's Cox and Blackburn to review the fire and EMS fee.

d) **Review & Adopt Order for Kennon Appeal**

Mayor Hawkins said you didn't get this in your packet, but we need to adopt this. Mayor Hawkins read this for the record. Council discussed the time frames in the order, 20 minutes with 5 minutes included for rebuttal. Testimony will have 5 minutes per person.

Tim Cox made a motion to approve the final order on appeal 2023-01 with 20 minutes to present the case and set a public meeting for 1/17/24 at 6:00 p.m. for the Kennon Appeal. Councilor Jay Blackburn seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

5.1. BUSINESS/SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

- 5.1.1. November 8, 2023
- 5.1.2. November 13, 2023
- 5.1.3. November 15, 2023
- 5.1.4. November 27, 2023

5.2. WORK SESSION MINUTES

- 5.2.1. November 13, 2023
- 5.2.2. November 27, 2023

5.3. INFORMATION REPORTS

- 5.3.1. Office Manager Monthly Report
- 5.3.2. Library Monthly Report
- 5.3.3. Ordinance Officer Monthly Report
- 5.3.4. Sheriff's Monthly Report
- 5.3.5. Animal Officer Monthly Report

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John Farmer made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Tim Cox seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

6. CITY COUNCIL WORKING COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Councilor Blackburn said I have a letter on the Buffalo Flats Project. I will read the letter for the record. Council and citizens discussed this matter.

Councilor Cox announced the informational meetings and public hearings on the annexation into the rural fire.

7. CITY ADMINISTRATOR / PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

- a) Admin Monthly Report
- b) Public Works Monthly Report
- c) Wastewater Monthly Report

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Later Third said I came here to ask for your help. When our republic was formed, it was formed with unalienable rights. You need to fight for our rights. We are one of the least free states in the United States. The citizens need you to not oppress us. You can't create a monster that tramples everyone to take care of a few.

Coy Wilde said your livability code was so poorly presented everyone is against you. Your comments in the paper really made it worse. I hope you drop this. This is a disaster. It is terrible. My suggestion is to drop it.

Donny George E. Dewey Lane said I read through that, and I don't support any of it. I think it tramples homeowners' rights. It just doesn't fit Union; it won't do what you think it will. I see no upside to this ordinance.

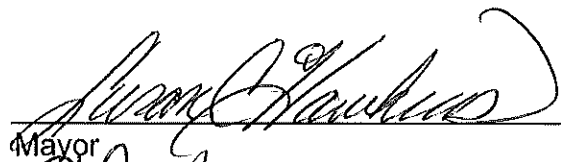
Donna Beverage High Valley Road said the chamber of commerce got a grant for more decorations for the city and will be ordering those soon.

9. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND SUGGESTIONS:

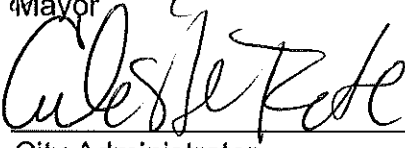
- a) December 18, 2023 - Informational Meeting for Fire/EMS annexation @ 6pm.
- b) January 8, 2024 - Fire/EMS Annexation 1st Public Hearing @ 6pm
- c) January 8, 2024 - Council Business Meeting @ 7pm
- d) January 17, 2024 - Public hearing for the Kennon Appeal @ 6 pm
- e) January 22, 2024 - Council Work Session @ 6pm

10. ADJOURNMENT:

This meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.



Mayor



City Administrator