

CITY OF COVE
Council Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2021

Outgoing Mayor Del Little opened the regular session of Cove Common Council at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor elect Sherry Haeger, Councilor Matt McCowan, Councilor Lana Shira, Councilor Shawn Parker, incoming Councilors Alan Cadinha, Jason Stone and Jordan Hackwith. Also present were Public Works Director Dave Johnson and Recorder Donna Lewis. Public attendance at City Hall or Virtual: Michael Otterstein, Maxine Parker, Mel Haeger, Sandy Haeger, Vickie Hagey, Nate Conrad, Dick Mason – The Observer, Alex McHaddad, Alexis Cannon, Amy Johnson, Cindy & Ralph Edwards, Darin DeVore, Dave Hasse, Denise Mills, Doug Jarwin, Eric Stone, Rob Hasse. Virtual attendance by public and City Councilors were on “Go to Meeting”.

Outgoing Mayor Del Little led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Oath of Office

Outgoing Mayor Del Little swore in Mayor elect Sherry Haeger.

Mayor Sherry Haeger swore in Councilor Alan Cadinha and Councilor Jason Stone.

Special Presentation

Mayor Sherry Haeger presented outgoing Council members with a plaque and thanked them for their service to the City of Cove:

- Vickie Hagey
- Nate Conrad
- Del Little

Open Council Position

Mayor Sherry Haeger presented to the Council the application by Jordan Hackwith. Jordan applied late for the acceptance as a write-in candidate. The Council considered him for open Council position. Councilor Jason Stone moved to appoint Jordan Hackwith to the open council position. Councilor Alan Cadinha 2nd. Motion approved unanimously.

Elect Council President

Councilor Lana Shira nominated Councilor Matt McCowan to be City of Cove Council President. Councilor Jason Stone 2nd. Motion approved unanimously.

Bank Account Signature Change

According to the Charter and the Council consensus the following changes are to be made to the City of Cove’s two bank accounts at Community Bank. Remove signature authorization for outgoing Council members Del Little and Nate Conrad and adding signature authorization for Mayor Sherry Haeger and Council President Matt McCowan. Council moved to also authorize the Mayor to sign the meeting minutes of tonight for this account change.

Additions/Changes to the Agenda

Recorder reported on a request she received for the meetings to be held at a location that would allow more citizens to attend. After discussion it was decided that the City has the ability for people to join remotely which works for most meetings. The Council could move meetings containing topics that may involve more public comment.

Oath of Office

Mayor Sherry Haeger swore in Councilor Jordan Hackwith.

Agenda

Mayor Sherry Haeger suggested that we have public comment on agenda items structured like a planning commission, with the order as follows:

- Public comment in favor
- Public comment against
- Council discussion
- Council vote

Consent Agenda:

- Approval of prior minutes from December 1, 2020 regular meeting and December 15, 2020 work session.
- Approval of bills to be paid.
 - Recorder reported that the last page was an accounting of the online bills to be paid for the month of December.
 - Mayor Sherry Haeger asked about a budget report to see how the spending is trending.
 - Recorder reported she will do a Resolution for the Cares Money to be received next month.

Councilor Lana Shira moved approval of the consent agenda. Councilor Alan Cadinha 2nd. Motion approved unanimously.

Recorder Report

- Council reviewed report by the Recorder.

Public Works Report

- Council reviewed report by the Public Works Director.
 - Set up computers received from Cares money
 - Painting of the office
 - Looking at Solar project

Sealed bid for surplus vehicle and equipment

- Public Works Director proposed doing a sealed bid for an excess vehicle and equipment.
 - Two fuel tanks
 - 1953 100 KW Diesel Generator
 - 1997 Mazda B400 pickup

Councilor Matt McCowan moved to accept Public Works directors advise for taking sealed bid for surplus items. Councilor Jason Stone 2nd. Motion approved unanimously.

Temporary Use – Cove Steakhouse - Espresso Stand

Dave Hasse owner of Cove Steakhouse presented his application for a Temporary use of an Espresso Stand in the parking lot of the Cove Steakhouse. Proposal for a trailer that would take up two parking spaces next to the back door on the tavern side, so it will not interfere with traffic. Parking is not needed at this time because of the COVID-19 restrictions. Proposed to be open a few hours in the morning. Council discussion. Councilor Jason Stone moved to accept the application for the Temporary Use of an Espresso Stand in the Cove Steakhouse parking lot as presented until October 1st. Councilor Matt McCowan 2nd. Motion approved unanimously.

City Recorder Hiring Committee recommendation

Council discussion on the Hiring Committees recommendation to hire for the City Recorder. Councilor Jason Stone moved to accept the hiring committee's recommendation on the hiring of candidate #2 for City Recorder. Councilor Matt McCowan 2nd. Motion approved unanimously.

Council discussion on the job offer for the City Recorder candidate. Job offer including salary, in lieu of medical pay and in lieu of retirement pay. Councilor Jason Stone moved to accept the job offer terms of a training wage of first step on the scale, in lieu of medical payment at the current City Recorder rate, and in lieu of retirement at 8% of the wage for 6 months as recommended by the committee and stated in the offer letter. Councilor Alan Cadinha 2nd. Motion approved unanimously.

Council discussion on who would supervise during the probation period. Councilor Matt McCowan moved that the current City Recorder will remain as supervisor of the trainee City Recorder. Councilor Jason Stone 2nd. Motion approved unanimously.

Municipal Court

Councilor Jason Stone suggested the following changes:

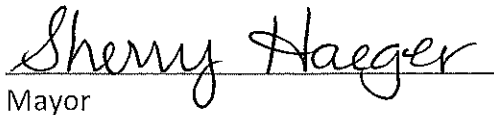
- Section 2 C (1) - replace the comma after activities with "or"
- Section 3 D (5) - remove "unsightly". The section would read: "No person shall create or maintain any unsanitary, or offensive objects on lands within their control, which shall pose a hazard to the public health, welfare and safety of the general public."
- Section 5 – replace "is reasonably necessary" with "72 (seventy-two) hours". The first sentence of this section would read: No person shall permit the carcass of any fowl or animal owned by them or under their control to remain upon the public streets or other places, or exposed on private property, for a period of time no longer than 72 (seventy-two) hours to remove or dispose of such carcass.
- Suggestion 10 – City should have a form for this. Recorder will create a form with the items listed in this section.

Council discussion about other Municipal Court documents that are waiting for review, and the legal review of the Revised Nuisance Ordinance.

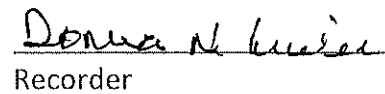
Councilor Matt McCowan moved to approve the changes to the Nuisance Ordinance and send it to LOC for a legal review. Councilor Shawn Parker 2nd. Motion approved unanimously.

Good of the Order

Mayor Del Little adjourned the meeting.



Mayor



Recorder