

**City Of Cove
Council Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2022**

Call to Order

Mayor Sherry Haeger called the regular session of the Cove Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. located at City of Cove City Hall, 504 Alder St., Cove, Oregon, 97824. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Mayor. Remote access to the meeting was active with public participation.

Council Members Present: Council President Matt McCowan, Councilors Jason Stone, Jordan Hackwith, Lana Shira (virtual), Shawn Parker (virtual).

City Staff Present: Public Works Director Dave Johnson, City Recorder Sherry Riley, Billing Clerk Kerri McCowan.

Virtual City Staff Present: Public Works Staff Eric Stone.

Council Members not Present: Councilor Allen Cadinha.

Public Present: Alexis Cannon

Virtual Public Present: Amy Johnson, Maxine Parker, Michael Otterstein, Mike Riley.

Roll Call

Roll call performed by Sherry Riley, City Recorder. A quorum was determined to be present.

Additions/Changes to the Agenda

Union County Commissioner Donna Beverage's Annual Update

Public Comment

No public comment was made at this time.

Announcements & Presenters

No announcements were made at this meeting and no presenters were present.

Consent Agenda

Council Vote Approval of:

Council Minutes January 4, 2022

Mayor Haeger stepped away from the meeting at 7:03 pm, and asked Council President Matt McCowan to continue running the meeting. Mayor Haeger returned at 7:05 pm and resumed running the meeting.

Consent Agenda and Approval of bills to be paid

Motion: Councilor Jordan Hackwith moved to approve the Consent Agenda and bills to be paid as presented. Councilor Jason Stone seconded. Mayor Haeger did not agree with the approval of the January 4, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Motion approved by majority vote.

Commissioner Beverage Update

Commissioner Beverage was present on-line as the liaison to the City of Cove. She noted Union County has received ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding and the Commissioners will be putting together guidelines for use of the funds at their February 9, 2022, meeting. She noted the County is hoping that each city that might be working on a project that may need more funding to finish the project will approach the County for help with that funding. The County also received \$500K from the State of Oregon through Representative Levy to disseminate to any business in Union County affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Guidelines to obtain funding from both funds will be

finalized at the February 9, 2022, Commissioner meeting. When the guidelines are finished Commissioner Beverage agreed to send them to the City Recorder, and they will also be on the Union County website. She also noted if the City intends on asking for funding to help with Cove Clean Up Day, a presentation will need to be put together by the first of March. Sherry Riley agreed to develop the presentation.

Commissioner Donna Beverage departed the meeting at 7:25 pm.

Appoint Budget Officer

The role of Budget Officer was discussed noting typically the City Recorder is appointed to this role. Sherry Riley was appointed as the Budget Officer. She will begin the process of forming the Committee and schedule a meeting soon.

Motion: Councilor Jason Stone moved to appoint Sherry Riley as the Budget Officer. Council President Matt McCowan seconded. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Correspondences

Blue Mountain Humane Association Letter

The report from the Blue Mountain Humane Association was reviewed. It was noted since they are requesting funding this information will be reviewed at the Budget Committee meeting once it's scheduled.

Unfinished Business

City of Cove Rules of Procedure for Council Meetings 2022

The amended City of Cove Rules of Procedure for Council Meetings was reviewed, and discussion ensued. It was noted the same description for the City Recorder Report and the Public Works Director Report will be added to the Mayor's Report.

Councilor Lana Shira joined the meeting at 7:25 pm.

Motion: Councilor Jason Stone moved to approve the City of Cove Rules of Procedure for Council Meetings 2022 as amended. Council President Matt McCowan seconded. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

New Business

The Mayor reported she received a phone call from a surveyor noting the plat is ready for the split of the Hinckley property. It was noted the Council previously approved the Hinckley's variance. It was discussed the plat with the variance as approved needs to be sent to the City Recorder and Public Works Director for review to make sure there are no deviations. If there are none the plat will be signed. Sherry Riley will verify who needs to sign the plat.

Waste-Pro Rate Increase – Darin Larvik

Darin Larvik from Waste-Pro verbally reviewed their request to approve a rate increase to the City of Cove by 12 percent. Discussion ensued. In conclusion it was determined to approve the rate increase as proposed by Waste-Pro (Resolution 2022-1.)

Motion: Council President Matt McCowan moved to approve Resolution 2022-1, the Waste-Pro rate increase, as presented. Councilor Jason Stone seconded. Councilor Lana Shira dissented. The motion passed by majority vote.

Darin Larvik departed the meeting at 7:40 pm.

City Council Working Committees Reports

City Council Municipal Court Committee Report

No report was given at this meeting. A meeting will be scheduled for this month.

Transportation System Plan (TSP) Committee Report

No report was given at this meeting. Cove citizen Dan Landa's proposed changes to a future road affecting his property was reviewed and discussion ensued. It was noted any landowner from Antles Lane to Hill Street who will be affected by any future proposed changes, as well as Scott Hartell, Union County Planning Director, and Patrick Wingard, DLCD Regional Representative for Union County, will be invited to attend the next City Council meeting in March. Councilor Jason Stone agreed to chair the TSP Committee, and to oversee the discussion.

Councilor Sean Parker joined the meeting at 7:59 pm.

City Recorder Report

Sherry Riley provided a verbal City Recorder report. It was noted there are no conflicts with the City's Nuisance Ordinance and HB 2809.

Public Works Director Report

Dave Johnson provided a verbal review of the 2021 monthly hydro plant production report included in the meeting packet.

Mayor's Report

Goal Setting

Goals were reviewed and discussed.

Mayor Haeger noted she was approached by a concerned individual about supporting the Cove Library. It was determined more information will be sought from the Library Board regarding what kind of support, if any, they may need, and it will be discussed at the Budget Committee meeting.

Water and sewer rate increases need to be discussed as we are obligated to for our loan. It was also noted operational expenses and material costs need to be considered. We are covering our sewer costs fine, but we are barely covering our costs for water currently. This will be discussed at Budget Committee.

Good of the Order

Donna Lewis' retirement party was discussed. It was determined Sherry Riley will contact the Steakhouse at Cove to set a date and will send invitations to Commissioner Donna Beverage, and those people with whom Donna worked directly on a routine basis. It was also determined the City will gift her a check rather than a gift certificate.

Motion: Council President Matt McCowan moved to approve allowing Sherry Riley discretion in paying for Donna and her husband's dinner at her retirement party. Councilor Jason Stone seconded. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Public Comment

An anonymous letter was reviewed regarding the Council and the Mayor's interactions.

Motion: At 8:31 pm Councilor Jason Stone moved to add 5 more minutes to the meeting. Council President Matt McCowan seconded. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Alexis Cannon noted she and other people are noticing, but are unwilling to comment or identify themselves, who are taking exception to the Council and the Mayor's at times contentious interactions.

Upcoming Meetings

The TSP Committee and Municipal Court Committee need to be scheduled soon.

Adjournment

Mayor Sherry Haeger adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.


Sherry Haeger, City of Cove Mayor


Kerri McCowan, Billing Clerk


Sherry Riley, City Recorder