

**City Of Cove
Council Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2022**

Call to Order

Mayor Sherry Haeger called the regular session of the Cove Common Council to order at 6:59 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 Lana Shira, Jordan Hackwith, Alan Cadinha, Shawn Parker.

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

Virtual City Staff Present: None

Council Members not Present: Councilor Jason Stone

Public Present: Dave Coleman, Alexis Cannon, Lisa Hill.

Virtual Public Present: Amy Johnson, Maxine Parker, Michael Otterstein, Mike Riley, Scott Hartell, Union County Planning Director.

Roll Call

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

Additions/Changes to the Agenda

Dan Landa Subdivision, Partition, Zoning Hearing

Public Comment

Alexis Cannon posed a question about the cost of a Municipal Court and whether the city can continue to afford funding it after the first year. It was noted by Council President Matt McCowan the Municipal Court will be self-funded. Violators will pay all fees associated with their violation.

Consent Agenda

Council Vote Approval of:

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Bills To Be Paid

Consent Agenda and Approval of bills to be paid

Motion: Council President Matt McCowan moved to approve the Consent Agenda and bills to be paid as presented. Councilor Alan Cadinha seconded. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Unfinished Business

Anonymous Nuisance Complaint on Conklin – Next Steps

Follow up was provided on the anonymous nuisance complaint on Conklin noting the owners reported the trailer is their trash trailer. It was noted by Dave Johnson that during his investigation no smell could be detected from the roadside, and the pictures that he took and shared with the mayor and council members show no garbage strewn about. The potential violations per the city's Nuisance Ordinance were noted to be attraction of vermin and stench. However, the evidence that has been gathered by the city shows no proof of these violations; therefore, the city cannot act on this complaint.

New Business

SB2 Economic Opportunity Analysis – Scott Hartell, Union County Planning Director
Scott Hartell, Union County Planning Director, joined the meeting remotely. He provided a verbal report noting that he is working on a SB2 grant that was awarded to the Union County Planning Department. This bill effectively allows Eastern Oregon counties to rezone property to an employment base and applies to industrial and/or commercial zoning. The grant requires him to reach out to all 8 incorporated jurisdictions in Union County and go over the Gold Mine section of the city's comprehensive land use plan. Discussion ensued and Scott noted what he needs to find out is does the city want to grow. He further noted the City of Cove has not updated zoning since 1984. As such, it would be beneficial for the city to update its comprehensive land use plan and zoning ordinance since those documents haven't been visited since 1984. Ultimately, it was determined most community members seem to like Cove just the way it is, which is also the consensus of the Council.

Scott Hartell, Union County Planning Director, left the meeting at 7:27 pm.

City Hall Remodel Bid Review and Award

Dave Johnson reported the city did not receive any bids for the city hall remodel. It was noted the contractors that were contacted to bid were given three weeks to respond. Discussion ensued and it was noted that is not enough time. Dave agreed to reach out to the contractors the bid was sent to and notify them they will have more time to prepare a bid.

Dan Landa Subdivision, Partition, Zoning Hearing

A hearing for Dan Landa's Subdivision, Partition, and Zoning was proposed for May 17, 2022, at 7:00 pm. The council members present unanimously approved the hearing for May 17, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

City Council Working Committees Reports

Municipal Court Committee

First Reading of Resolution 2022-2 Fines, Fees, and Assessments

The council members present unanimously approved the first reading of Resolution 2022-2, Fines, Fees, and Assessments.

Budget Committee

Appoint Budget Committee Members

Lynda Wright, Scott Van Nice and Brenda Overton were appointed to the Budget Committee.

Motion: Council President Matt McCowan moved to approve the appointment of Lynda Wright, Scott Van Nice and Brenda Overton to the Budget Committee. Councilor Jordan Hackwith seconded. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Resolution

The Resolution will be discussed after the Budget Committee meeting.

TSP (Transportation System Plan) Committee

Appoint TSP Committee Members

Dan Landa, Mari Brainerd and Dave Coleman were appointed to the TSP Committee.

Motion: Council President Matt McCowan moved to approve the appointment of the citizen members Dan Landa, Mari Brainerd and Dave Coleman to the TSP Committee. Councilor Shawn Parker seconded. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

City Recorder Report

Sherry Riley provided a verbal report.

- She has been working on budget with Donna Lewis. However, Donna needs an increase in hours because she is up to 57 hours. Discussion ensued and it was agreed to approve 40 more hours to Donna's contract.

Motion: Councilor Alan Cadinha moved to add 40 hours to Donna Lewis' contract. Discussion ensued and it was determined to amend the motion to add 60 hours to her contract. Councilor Jordan Hackwith seconded. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

- The Oregon Trail Electric Co-Op Ballot for the city was provided to the mayor and council members present and discussion ensued. It was determined the city will not vote.
- She attended the League of Oregon Cities Small Cities (LOC) meeting as well as the LOC Spring Conference.
- She is working with Mark Garst, from LOC who is helping her with applying for funds for projects through the American Rescue Plan.
- Candidate election packets will be available June 1st.
- Cove Clean Up day is scheduled for May 14th.
- Kerri McCowan sent the Cove School Youth Volunteer Counselor information to Lisa Murchison at the Cove School District.
- We need a grill and a cook for Cove Clean Up Day.

Public Works Director Report

Dave Johnson provided a verbal report noting the hydro production was short in April. He has a couple more weeks of treating with effluent, and he is ramping up inspecting sewer lines with the trailer the city borrowed from the City of Union. He will reach back out to ODOT regarding extending the 25-mph speed zone.

Mayor's Report

LOC Committee Member Invitation

Mayor Haeger provided a verbal report noting Patty Mulvihill reached out to her to be on the Committee, and she is thinking about it, but does not think she is going to be able to participate.

Resolution Condemning Russian Invasion of Ukraine

She reported she has received some inquiries from other cities wanting to know if we would write a resolution condemning the Russian invasion of Ukraine. She noted she is not particularly compelled to do it, but she wanted to know the Council's thoughts. Discussion ensued and it was decided we would not send a resolution.

Community Town Hall April 28, 2022, 5:30 pm at La Grande HS Auditorium: Substance Abuse
She attended the Community Town Hall in La Grande and noted there was good information provided.

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No remarks were made at this meeting.

Public Comment Items Not on the Agenda

Lisa Hill introduced herself and reported she is running for Union County Commissioner.

Suggestions for Future Workshops and Meeting Agendas

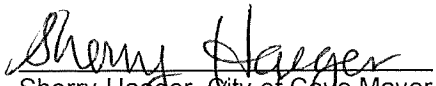
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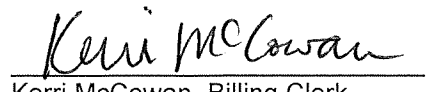
Upcoming Meetings


There will be a Budget Committee meeting on May 10, 2022, at 7:00 pm. The TSP Committee will be scheduled now that the citizen members have been appointed.

Adjournment

Mayor Sherry Haeger adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.


Sherry Haeger, City of Cove Mayor


Kerri McCowan, Billing Clerk


Sherry Riley, City Recorder