

**City Of Cove
Special Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2022**

Call to Order

Council President Matt McCowan called the Special Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. located at City of Cove City Hall, 504 Alder St., Cove, Oregon, 97824. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Council President. Remote access to the meeting was active with public participation.

Council Members Present: Council President Matt McCowan, Councilors Jason Stone, Shawn Parker, Alan Cadinha, and Jordan Hackwith.

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

Virtual City Staff Present: No city staff attended virtually.

Council Members not Present: Mayor Sherry Haeger, Councilor Lana Shira.

City Staff not Present: All city staff were present.

Public Present: No public was present at this meeting.

Virtual Public Present: Amy Johnson, Isabella Crowley, La Grande Observer.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council President Matt McCowan.

Council Roll Call

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

Additions/Changes to the Agenda

Billing Clerk Wage Increase. Approved in Budget 2022-2023
Discuss Using a City Attorney

Public Comment

No public comment was made at this time.

Subject to be Discussed

Hiring of a Part-Time Public Works Worker

The counteroffer from candidate number 4 was read. It was noted the candidate is asking for \$18.00/hr. rather than the \$16.50 documented in the offer letter. Discussion ensued. It was noted the Council would like to counteroffer with a wage increase to \$17.00/hr. with the opportunity to increase, up to the budgeted amount of \$20.00/hr. based on performance, in 60 days.

Councilor Jordan Hackwith moved to approve sending a counteroffer to candidate number 4 a wage increase to \$17.00/hr. with the opportunity to increase, up to the budgeted amount of \$20.00/hr. based on performance, in 60 days. Councilor Alan Cadinha seconded. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Billing Clerk Wage Increase. Approved in Budget 2022-2023.

The wage increase for the Billing Clerk was noted to be approved in the budget for up to \$20.00/hr. It was noted the Billing Clerk is meeting expectations and a wage increase would be appropriate.

Motion: Councilor Jason Stone moved to approve the Billing Clerk wage increase to \$20.00/hr., as approved in the 2022-23 budget, retroactive to July 1, 2022. Councilor Jordan Hackwith seconded. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Discuss Using a City Attorney

It was noted we do already have a city attorney retained, so there is no need to discuss retaining someone else. However, it was discussed a meeting is scheduled on July 26, 2022, with the Superintendent of Cove School, Sherry Riley, and Dave Johnson to discuss the school's construction of a parking lot on land that is currently commercially zoned, but also semi-public zoned. The Superintendent is requesting an opinion on land use and zoning from the city attorney. It was noted at this point there is not enough time for an attorney to review the information and present an opinion. Discussion ensued and it was noted the Superintendent does not feel they need to go through the application process because they aren't building a structure, they are just relocating the parking lot down the street. It was concluded at the July 26th meeting to ask the Superintendent to fill out an application and ask for a zoning change for the part of the land that is zoned commercial. Because school will be starting soon, and they want the parking lot in place prior to that, it was noted there may need to be a special meeting called to review the information from the school and act on it. However, it was also noted a lack of preparation on the school's part does not constitute an emergency on the City's part.

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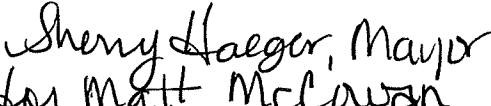
No good of the order was presented at this meeting.

Public Comment

No public comment was made at this time.

Adjournment

Council President Matt McCowan adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.


for Matt McCowan
Council President Matt McCowan


Kerri McCowan, Billing Clerk


Sherry Riley, City Recorder