

**City Of Cove
Council Meeting Minutes
October 4, 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. Remote access to the meeting was active with public participation.

Council Members Present: Council President Matt McCowan, Councilors Alan Cadinha, Shawn Parker, Jordan Hackwith, and Youth Councilor Ashtyn Larson.

Virtual Council Members Present: No Council Members were present virtually

City Staff Present: Public Works Director Dave Johnson, City Recorder Sherry Riley

Virtual City Staff Present: No city staff was present virtually.

Council Members not Present: Councilors Lana Shira and Jason Stone.

City Staff not Present: Kerri McCowan, Billing Clerk.

Public Present: Glen Joachim, Maxine Parker, Dan Landa, Nella Mae Parks, Michael Hatch, Stephanie Lyon, Darla Lyon, John Collins.

Virtual Public Present: Amy Johnson, Mike Riley, Undisclosed Member of the Public.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Haeger.

Council Roll Call

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

Additions/Changes to the Agenda

Nuisance Letter Kelli Snider on Bryan Street (See Correspondence)
Storage Container Structure Complaint on Conklin (See Correspondence)

Public Comment

No public comment was made at this time.

Consent Agenda and Approval of Bills to be Paid

- Council Minutes September 6, 2022
- Approval of Bills to Be Paid

It was clarified that complaints regarding the school parking lot were brought up at the July 20, 2022, Special Meeting. However, when the letter to the school superintendent was approved to be sent, the urgency and importance was not magnified, and who made the complaints and the content of the complaints was not known until the September 6, 2022, Council meeting.

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

Correspondence

- Nuisance Complaints: Chickens and Parking
The chicken, parking and garbage nuisance complaint was reviewed. It was noted the Nuisance Ordinance addresses the chicken complaint.

In their complaint they also responded to the nuisance complaint they received about their garbage, noting it was not their garbage and they do ensure that their garbage is not overflowing, and the lids are closed.

There is no ordinance that addresses the parking issue.

It was determined to send a letter to the neighbor with the chickens notifying her she is in violation of the Nuisance Ordinance. Nothing further will be done about the garbage and parking complaint.

- Nuisance Letter Kelli Snider on Bryan Street
The nuisance complaint from Kelli Snider was reviewed. It was noted all of the city's ordinances are silent regarding sound. The runoff complaint was addressed, and it was reported the school added drainage rock between the parking lot and the street, so the runoff will be the same as it was before. The sound complaint was also addressed, noting the impact for neighbors seems to be very negative. However, it was also noted Kelli's grievance is with the school, not the city. It was again noted the city's ordinances are silent on these issues, and there is nothing further for the city to do.
- Storage Container Structure Complaint on Conklin (Discussed after the Hearing)
The storage container complaint was reviewed, and discussion ensued. It was noted there is no issue with having a storage container on personal property. It's a non-issue and there is nothing for the city to address.

New Business

Hearing 7:30 p.m.

- Dan Landa Major Partition Zoning Application
 - Open Hearing
Mayor Sherry Haeger opened the hearing at 7:30 pm.
 - Staff Report
Sherry Riley read the Staff Report.
 - Applicant's Testimony
Dan Landa reported his plan for his property explaining he only has 20 feet for right of way and he understands that does not meet the city's requirements. Discussion ensued and Mr. Landa further explained his limitations for the right of way, and that the 20 feet would only need to include water and sewer. His plans for power and natural gas will come from tapping into easements for existing services from neighbors. After further discussion Mr. Landa determined he would take lot two out of the equation and combine it with lot three, then it will be a simple lot line adjustment all the way to the north. That would also make the 20 feet simply a driveway, not a street. It was determined because Mr. Landa is now only going to do a lot line adjustment, and not a partition, the city does not have to act on it.
 - Proponent's Testimony
Because it was determined Mr. Landa is now only going to do a lot line adjustment, and not a partition, the city does not have to act on it and, no proponent's testimony was solicited.

- Opponent's Testimony
Because it was determined Mr. Landa is now only going to do a lot line adjustment, and not a partition, the city does not have to act on it, and no opponent's testimony was solicited.
- Applicant's Rebuttal
Because it was determined Mr. Landa is now only going to do a lot line adjustment, and not a partition, the city does not have to act on it, and no applicant's rebuttal was needed.
- Close Hearing
The hearing was closed at 7:55 pm.
- Council Deliberation & Final Decision
Because it was determined Mr. Landa is now only going to do a lot line adjustment, and not a partition, the city does not have to act on it.

City Recorder Report

Sherry Riley provided a verbal report:

- The city received the Cove Clean-Up Day donation from the Union County Commissioners in the amount of \$1,133.
- She attended the Oregon Association of Municipal Recorders conference.
- She would like to delay the codification until after the TSP Committee has completed their revisions.
- The Soap Box Derby went well.
- She asked for clarification from the council on what she is allowed to spend money on without their approval. It was clarified that operating costs are covered, but donations to charities of her choice are not.

Public Works Director Report

Dave Johnson provided a verbal report:

- They've been busy replacing street signs and making sure the speed bumps are holding up well.
- Paving is done and he is working on close-out with ODOT on the French, Hill, Second Street overlay project.
- Jason Jayne, the Part Time Public Works Worker has been doing great. He had his 60-day job review and is exceeding expectations. Dave recommended raising his wage to \$20/hr.

Motion: Council President Matt McCowan moved to approve the wage increase for the Part Time Public Works Worker to \$20/hr. as set forth by the Council. Councilor Jordan Hackwith seconded. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Mayor's Report

- Community Beautification Recognition Program
The mayor provided a review of the Community Beautification Recognition Program she is proposing. Council President McCowan proposed forming a group of council members and citizens to review the nominees and this group, at their own leisure, can perform a drive by to assess and then meet and make a decision on the award. He further suggested the awards be given once a season. Youth Councilor Ashtyn Larson and the mayor will work together to determine how to administer the program.
- CCA Support Request: Cove Christmas Tree Lighting Event
The CCA has requested city support for the Cove Christmas Tree Lighting Event. The council agreed to support the event.

Youth Councilor Report

- Follow-up Other Cities Feral Cat Solutions
Youth Councilor Ashtyn Larson provided a verbal report on her feral cat research. She reported she received feedback that included doing nothing, soliciting community management, or setting up a Trap-Neuter-Return program. She noted the Trap-Neuter-Return program is expensive and time intensive and doesn't really solve the problem. The community program includes ideas for residents to deter cats from accessing their property. She provided handouts for both ideas. It was determined the information in the handouts will be available to anyone who calls the city or comes in with feral cat issues.

Good of the Order

No good of the order was presented at this meeting.

Public Comment

No public comment was made at this time.

Suggestions for Future Workshops & Meeting Agendas

No suggestions for future workshops or meeting agendas were made.

Upcoming Meetings

No upcoming meetings are scheduled at this time.

Adjournment


Mayor Sherry Haeger adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.



Sherry Haeger, City of Cove Mayor



Kerri McCowan, Billing Clerk



Sherry Riley, City Recorder