

City of Cove
SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, January 10, 2023
At 7:00 p.m.
AT 504 ALDER STREET
COVE, OR 97824

Call To Order

Mayor Sherry Haeger called the Special Meeting 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 Shawn Parker, Alan Cadinha, and Eric Stone.

Council Members Present Virtually: No Council Members were present virtually.

City Staff Present: Public Works Director Dave Johnson.

City Staff Present Virtually: No City Staff was present virtually.

Council Members not Present: Councilors Jason Stone and Jordan Hackwith.

Public Present: Alexis Cannon, Dave Coleman.

Public Present Virtually: Amy Johnson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Sherry Haeger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Roll Call

Roll call was performed by Mayor Haeger. A quorum was determined to be present.

Additions/Changes to the Agenda

Mayor Haeger noted after the January Council Meeting, when she was signing for the reading of Resolution 2023-1, Larvik Disposal, she asked Sherry Riley if the motion was read appropriately. Sherry Riley indicated she did not know, so she looked it up. She emailed Mayor Haeger and indicated it was not read appropriately. Council President McCowan questioned whether Councilor Cadinha was coached by the mayor when reading the motion. Mayor Haeger noted she did not coach Councilor Cadinha in making the motion. She further noted that is not her job. That is Sherry Riley's job. The City Recorder's responsibility is to coach the council on policy.

Public Comment

No public comment was made at this time.

Subject to be Discussed:

- Financial Reporting

Mayor Haeger reiterated the purpose of this meeting was to talk about what Council needs from the City Recorder. Documents that were made available to the Council included Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss YTD Comparison, Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison, Profit & Loss July through December 2022, and Profit & Loss vs. Actual. She noted she does not know how to proceed because questions cannot be asked. She asked the council if these are the reports they want to see. Discussion ensued and concern was noted by Council President McCowan that these reports were just received by the council tonight and nobody's available to answer questions. He felt as though another meeting should be scheduled for two weeks from now and asked that, if possible, the new person we hired to help with the books attend the meeting as well

so the Council can get an idea of what financial shape the city is in. It was felt the council is not currently equipped to make a decision. Dave Johnson was asked and also indicated he does not have the information he needs to determine if the city needs to make a water rate increase. Further discussion ensued and it was determined since the people who need to be questioned are not at the meeting it will be moved forward two weeks, to January 24, 2023, at 7:00 pm. Councilor Parker noted there is already a TSP meeting scheduled for that date, so one or the other will need to reschedule the time. Mayor Haeger agreed to touch base with Councilor Jason Stone to work out having the meetings on the same date.

- Reading Resolution No. 2023-1 Larvik Disposal, dba City Garbage Service Rate Increase
Motion: Councilor Cadinha moved to approve and read aloud Resolution No. 2023-1 Larvik Disposal, dba City Garbage Service. Councilor Eric Stone seconded. Council President McCowan abstained. Motion approved by majority vote.

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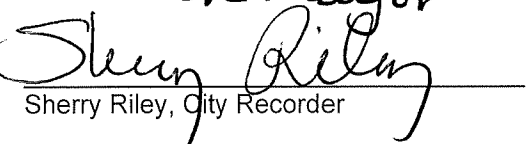
Mayor Haeger reported she had concerns about having a private citizen train city employees on QuickBooks, so she reached out to LOC, who suggested she call CIS, who suggested she consult with the city attorney to determine risk. She noted LOC did say there is some risk to the council personally if we don't have someone who is trained and licensed and has a background check to look at the city's books. Lengthy discussion ensued about training and the qualifications needed to do the job of City Recorder and Billing Clerk, and about protecting the council from liability and it was determined that further discussion needs to take place at a different meeting.

Public Comment

Alexis Cannon reported she went to Imbler City Hall and asked if they had passed the City Garbage Service Rate Increase. She noted she was told they did pass it and indicated they did not have a choice as well as there are no other options near them for garbage service.

Adjournment

Mayor Sherry Haeger adjourned the meeting at 7:34 pm.


Sherry Haeger, City of Cove Mayor
Cove Mayor

Sherry Riley, City Recorder


Kerri McCowan, Billing Clerk