

**City Of Cove
Council Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2024**

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.

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

Council Members Present Remotely: No Council Members were present remotely.

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

City Staff Present Remotely: There were no city staff present remotely.

Council Members not Present: All council members were present.

City Staff not Present: All city staff were present.

Public Present: Maxine Parker, Heidi Van Schoonhoven.

Public Present Remotely: Public members were present remotely. See Meeting Diagnostics print out.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Haeger.

Council Roll Call

Roll call performed by Lana Shira, City Recorder. A quorum was determined to be present.

Additions/Changes to the Agenda

CCA Request for Support for Annual Cherry Fair (See Old Business)
Cove Cemetery Donation (See Old Business)

Point of Order was called by Council President McCowan. He noted the second reading of Ordinance 1-2024 needs to be changed from 7:30 pm as was noted on the agenda to 8:00 pm as was noticed in the advertisements. The mayor acknowledged the point of order and made the correction.

Public Comment

No public comment was made at this time.

Consent Agenda

- Council Minutes April 2, 2024
- Approval of Bills to Be Paid

Motion: Councilor Jason Stone moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilor Eric Stone seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence

- Letter from WHA Insurance Regarding SB1576
This letter was addressed separately to each council member and was presented for informational purposes only. No action needs to be taken.

Old Business

- CCA Request for Support for Annual Cherry Fair
Heidi Van Schoonhoven, CCA President, provided a verbal overview of the benefits of the annual Cove Cherry Fair. She concluded by noting the CCA feels like there might be a better opportunity for partnership and they are asking for the city to donate more this year towards the Cherry Fair, specifically they are requesting \$2,000.00. Discussion ensued and it was concluded the city can donate \$600 in this budget cycle and then in the next budget cycle will consider donating \$1,400.00.

Motion: Councilor Parker moved to donate \$600 to the Cove Community Association for the Cherry Fair. Councilor Cadinha seconded. Motion carried.

- Truancy Ordinance
The Truancy Ordinance was reviewed, and discussion ensued. Councilor Jason Stone voiced his concern regarding the proposed fines on parents/responsible adults. He noted that if a student absolutely refuses to go to school, the parents don't always have the capability to make the student go. He indicated he didn't think it was fair to fine the parents in an instance such as that. It was discussed that there are laws in place to address incorrigible students that are beyond parental control that would exonerate the parents from paying those fines. It was further discussed that if the city opts in, but then down the road has an issue with the ordinance and drops out, it will invalidate the entire ordinance because every school district in Union County has to be on board. It was determined the city would suggest the ordinance address a child that is beyond parental control and any student that is on a work program would be exempt, also a student that is 18 years old or older is considered an adult and beyond parental control. The mayor noted she will ask Commissioner Beverage to attend the next meeting to address our concerns. She will also talk to Earl Pettit, the Superintendent of Cove School, to find out what is in their charter.
- Donation to Cove Booster Club for Electronic Sign
The donation to the Cove Booster Club will be considered at the Budget Committee meeting on May 22, 2024.

Prior to moving to the next Old Business agenda item, Councilor Cadinha asked for an explanation of the city funds that are in the Local Government Investment Pool. Lana provided a verbal breakdown of the funds.

- Cove Cemetery Donation (Discussed at 7:50 pm)
Mayor Haeger reported she reached out to the Cove Cemetery regarding donations and read the response she got from the Cove Cemetery secretary. The secretary indicated they already have flags for the veterans, but gravel is always a need.

Due to a potential conflict of interest Mayor Haeger stepped away from the meeting at 7:52 pm and Council President McCowan took over.

It was discussed they already get free water, up to 4.5 million gallons, for irrigation from the city; therefore, no donation will be made at this time.

The mayor resumed control of the meeting at 7:54 pm.

Public Hearing 8:00 pm Second Reading of Ordinance 1-2024, An Ordinance Amending Billing and Payments of Water and Sewer Accounts, Section 11, (6)b) and c) of Ordinance No. 1, Series 1981

Mayor Haeger read the Ordinance 1-2024 by title and read section (6) b) and c).

Motion: Council President McCowan moved to adopt Ordinance 1-2024, An Ordinance Amending Billing and Payments of Water and Sewer Accounts, Section 11, paragraph 6 b) and c) of Ordinance No. 1, Series 1981, which will go into effect 30 days from today. Councilor Parker seconded. Motion carried.

New Business

There was no new business to discuss at this meeting.

City Council Working Committee Report (Discussed at 7:46 pm)

A summary of the Land Use Work Session on April 25, 2024, was provided by Councilor Jason Stone. It was determined in that session that 15 minutes would be set aside at every regular council meeting to discuss one chapter of the document until all chapters have been reviewed. If reviewing one chapter goes well initially, we can consider reviewing two chapters per meeting.

City Recorder Report

Lana provided a verbal report at 8:20 pm:

- All SEIs are complete and filed.
- The Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2024. Dinner will be at 6:00 pm, and the meeting will begin at 6:30 pm.
- Clean Up Day is set for May 18, 2024. Mayor Haeger volunteered from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. Councilor Jason Stone will volunteer. Councilor Parker will volunteer from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Council President McCowan will volunteer.
- We received the speaker podium. The cost was \$115.00.
- Lisa Fiek, Union County Clerk, opened the ballot box last week. She asked if Lana would be able to "sit on the box" if the County didn't have anyone available. The term "sit on the box" means making sure no one drops off a ballot after 8:00 pm. She noted she wanted the council's permission if she was asked to do that, and the council agreed that that is something she should do, if needed. Lisa also asked if there were cameras covering the ballot box. It was determined we will move the Alder East camera, so it has a view of the ballot box.
- Candidate Packets can be picked up any time after May 21, 2024. There are three council positions open, and the mayor position is open.
- She ordered a flagpole and flag.

Motion: Council President McCowan moved to extend the meeting by 30 minutes at 8:00 pm. Councilor Parker seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion about the flagpole height ensued. The pole that Lana ordered is 25 feet tall. It was discussed that council wanted a pole more along the lines of an 80-foot pole with a larger flag. Council President McCowan reported he talked to one of his customers who

installed a large flagpole and flag at her business, and he will get information from her about the cost and where she purchased it.

Public Works Director Report

Dave provided a verbal report at 7:55 pm:

- He submitted the TGM pre-app grant. It was approved to go ahead and apply for the grant which is due at the end of July. He noted it will benefit us to partner with Union County. He will reach out to the county about partnering with us.
- He went to a hydro generation conference last week to try and do some networking.
- He is working with the Forest Service on the slide issue. A new person from the Forest Service has been brought on board and she is requesting plans be drawn up, but he is pushing back. He noted he hopes it won't, but if it becomes an issue, he may just ask them to take it on themselves.

Dave stopped his report at 8:00 pm for the reading of Ordinance 1-2024.

Dave resumed his report at 8:02 pm.

- He's still negotiating with ODOT on the stop sign. They want us to use the same sign as all other small cities in this region. They agreed to reimburse us for the sign we already purchased. It is unclear if they will help us with the purchase of their approved sign.
- He is still pushing ODOT to reduce the speed limit at Antles Lane. He will attend a hearing at the end of this month to press for it.
- He asked for step increases to be discussed. Lana noted step increases need to be updated. Discussion ensued and it was determined Lana will come up with a proposal for step increases based on performance and role and it will be discussed at the next Regular Council meeting.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Haeger provided a verbal report:

- The Cherry Fair asked her to be the MC again this year. She is going to try and barter for more goodwill for the city.

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

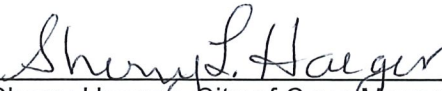
Lana clarified that Mayor Haeger was going to ask Commissioner Beverage to come to the next meeting. Mayor Haeger noted she already heard back from Commissioner Beverage who informed her Commissioner Paul Anderes is working on the Truancy Ordinance, so she will contact him to ask that he attend the next meeting. Commissioner Beverage will also be attending the next meeting to ask for donations for the Union Chamber of Commerce's Fourth of July activities.

Upcoming Meetings

Budget Committee Meeting is rescheduled for May 22, 2024, at 6:30 pm.

Adjournment

Mayor Haeger adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.


Sherry Haeger, City of Cove Mayor


Kerri McCowan, Billing Clerk


Lana Shira, City Recorder