

**City Of Cove
Council Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2025**

Call to Order

Council President Matt McCowan 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: Councilors Shawn Parker, Boss Parker, Jason Hagey, Alexis Cannon, and Youth Councilor Emma Carson.

Council Members Present Remotely: Council President Matt McCowan.

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

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

Council Members not Present: Mayor Sherry Haeger and Councilor Eric Stone.

City Staff not Present: All city staff were present.

Public Present: Dennis Nostrant, Maxine Parker, and Union County Commissioner Jake Seavert.

Public Present Remotely: Public members were present remotely.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council President McCowan.

Council Roll Call

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

Additions/Changes to the Agenda

Changes to the agenda were outlined by Lana. She explained that due to the illness of Mayor Haeger and Councilor Stone, along with Council President McCowan feeling ill, all Old Business, apart from Harney County GIS Agreement would be tabled as well as all New Business, apart from Waste Pro Rate Increase Request, Updated Avista Security Deposit and Small City Allotment Grant Agreement would be tabled. The TSP-Land Use report was tabled as well.

Public Comment

No public comment was made at this time.

Consent Agenda

- Council Minutes January 7, 2025
- Approval of Bills to Be Paid

Motion: Councilor Cannon moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Councilor Shawn Parker seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence presented at this meeting.

Old Business

- Municipal Court
- Burn Ban Ordinance
- Harney County GIS Agreement
Dave reported he worked out an agreement with Harney County which seems like it will be a good deal for the city. He noted they will charge on an hourly basis whenever we need them, which isn't very often.

Motion: Councilor Hagey moved to approve the Harney County GIS Agreement. Councilor Boss Parker seconded. Motion carried.

- Step Increase Policy
- Community Beautification Program
- Quilts for Sound Deadening City Hall

New Business

- Waste Pro Rate Increase Request
Daren Larvik, Waste Pro representative, was present to explain the request for the collection and disposal rate increase of 2.7% for residential service. Discussion ensued with no concerns noted.

Motion: Councilor Shawn Parker moved to approve Resolution 2025-02 which outlines the Waste Pro collection and disposal rate increase. Councilor Hagey seconded. Motion carried.

- Updated Avista Security Deposit
Lana provided a verbal explanation of the updated Avista Security Deposit and the need for budget adjustment.

Motion: Councilor Shawn Parker moved to adopt resolution 2025-01 which outlines the budget adjustment for the Avista Security Deposit. Councilor Cannon seconded. Motion Carried.

- Small City Allotment Grant Agreement
Dave explained the grant agreement that was received from ODOT. He noted the council needs to approve the mayor signing the agreement.

Motion: Councilor Cannon moved to approve the Grant Agreement for the Small City Allotment Program for the mayor to sign. Councilor Shawn Parker seconded. Motion carried.

- Letter of Support for South County Healthcare District's Dental Clinic
- Water Loan and Sewer Loan Balances
- Appointment of Budget Officer

City Council Working Committee Report

- TSP – Land Use

City Recorder Report

Lana provided a verbal report:

- She noted Heidi VanSchoonhoven, CCA President, wanted to be on the agenda to request a donation for the Cherry Fair. She emailed Lana a letter today. Lana reported the CCA is requesting \$2,000 for this year's Cherry Fair. Discussion ensued about the amounts we have donated in the past, and it was determined to consider the request at the upcoming Budget Committee meeting.

Public Works Director Report

Dave provided a verbal report:

- The new snowplow will be put on the city truck by the beginning of next week.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Haeger was not present to provide a report.

Youth Councilor Report

Emma provided a verbal report:

- The Spring Carnival is coming up in March.
- A Choir showcase is upcoming.
- Applications for the Medquest program have opened. There are several Cove students who have applied.

Good of the Order

There was no good of the order presented at this time.

Public Comment

County Commissioner Jake Seavert provided a verbal review of the next year's plans and bills that are up for discussion in the legislature.

Suggestions for Future Workshops & Meeting Agendas

No suggestions for future workshops or meeting agendas were made at this meeting.

Upcoming Meetings

Regular Council meeting scheduled for March 4, 2025.

Adjournment

Council President McCowan adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.



Matt McCowan, Council President



Kerri McCowan, Billing Clerk



Lana Shira, City Recorder