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City Council Minutes

October 7, 2024

7:00 PM - City Council Special Session

Sheridan City Hall Council Chambers
120 SW Mill Street, Sheridan Oregon
Public Attendance in person & via Zoom

Call to Order, Roll Call:

Mayor George called the Council Meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor George; Councilors Acuff, Buckles, Hebert, Hodgins, Houston, and McElroy.
Absent: None

Staff Present: Heidi Bell, City Manager; Kate Gowell, City Attorney; Kie Cottam, Public Works Director; and Yvonne Hamilton, City Recorder.

Sergeant Stoneberg of the Yamhill County Sheriff's Office briefed the Council on an ongoing investigation regarding an incident that occurred at the Sheridan Library. To maintain the integrity of the investigation, he was unable to go into detail. Stoneberg noted that there was no danger, harm, or damage to residents. He added that questions should be directed to the Yamhill County Sheriff's Office.

A. Public Comment Period:

- 1) Tara Summers, Sheridan Resident: Ms. Summers requested that the dangerous building issue she commented about on August 19th be put on a Council Agenda. She said that the Sheridan City Council is responsible for enforcing the removal of the barn, which was a condition of approval on a 1993 Land Use Application. Ms. Summers would also like the storm drain issue resolved on NE Hill Street.
Mayor George will contact Ms. Summers.

B. Presentations:

- 1) Report on City Forest Land from Brent Keller, Forester with Mason Bruce
The presentation slides were included in the Council packet and available on the City website.

C. Old Business:

- 1) Vote: Pavement Management Implementation & Reporting
The Council wanted a better understanding of the advantages of spending money on a Pavement Management Implementation plan.

Kie explained that these plans identify all roads and to seek funding, they must have a plan document done by a professional. Heidi added that the software helps to figure out how to spend street money wisely.

They commented on the \$9,000 cost and requested that staff look into other companies. Kie responded that some of the costs are somewhat unusual, and he will investigate other companies.

D. New Business:

- 1) Vote: Resolution 2024-Y, A Resolution Accepting the Terms of the Yamhill Community Care Organization Inc Early Literacy Grant
 - ✓ Councilor Acuff motioned to approve Resolution 2024-Y, A Resolution Accepting the Terms of the Yamhill Community Care Organization Inc Early Literacy Grant. Councilor Houston seconded the motion. *Discussion: Councilor Houston asked for clarification regarding the outcome measures. Mayor George responded that regardless of the measure outcomes, the City would still be allowed to keep the funding. Motion passed unanimously.*

E. Work Session Topics/Discussion:

- 1) ARPA Spending Discussion

The Council listed and discussed some ARPA money spending ideas:

- Ballston Reservoir improvements – may be easier to obtain Federal funding.
- Scada system
- Evans Street distribution waterline – may be eligible for grant funding.
- Hebert Plaza improvements
- Hill Street storm water problems
- Skate Park maintenance – should not necessarily be a priority; however, people do not use it because it is unsafe and inadequate.
- ADA Improvements
- City Park Kitchen
- City Hall Reader Board
- Storm Water Master Plan
- Crosswalk beacons
- Flashing speed zone signs

Councilor Acuff suggested that the Council review their Council Goals when considering how to spend the ARPA money.

Councilor Houston commented that he leans towards infrastructure improvements. The three main priorities included water, storm, and the Hebert Plaza.

- 2) Fluoride in City Drinking Water

Mayor George stressed the importance of letting the public know that the City is considering removing fluoride from the City's drinking water.

Councilor Houston distributed packets containing a report he prepared on fluoridation of drinking water and the City of Willamina's materials on removing fluoride from drinking

water. He shared a social media post regarding a recent Federal Judge ruling on fluoride posing an unreasonable risk. Councilor Houston said that the Council needs to make a decision and inform the public. Councilor Hodgins commented on fluoride alternatives for children. Councilor Houston noted that alternatives are available from the dentist. Heidi commented that the State has alternative options for fluoride.

- 3) Upcoming Events: Town Hall, Truck or Treat, Turkey Trot
- i. Planning Coordination: Town Hall October 10, 2024, Set-up at 5:30 PM
The Council discussed the coordination for the upcoming Town Hall.

F. Second Public Comment Period: None

G. Mayor and Councilor Discussion:

Mayor George commented that he looked at the Heider Building, and he will also be looking at the Huntley Building. He noted that the Huntley building may be going to auction soon. Councilors Buckles and McElroy had questions regarding expenses. Councilor McElroy made an information request that, per Chapter 9 of the Council Rules of Procedure, was referred to the Council due to the amount of Staff time it will take to fulfill the request.

- ✓ Councilor Houston motioned for the Council to approve the request. Councilor Buckles seconded the motion. *Discussion: Councilor Hodgins suggested that the motion include a cap on the amount of staff time. There was discussion regarding how much time would be needed for the request.*
- ✓ Councilor Houston amended the motion to approve seven hours of staff time to fulfill the request and to allow staff one month to complete the request. Councilor Buckles seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5 to 1 vote.


Other Council discussion included:

- Farm Leases
- Curbs at the end of NW Sherman Street
- Library incident and protocol in the case of any future events

H. Adjournment:

- ✓ Councilor McElroy made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 p.m.


Cale A. George, Mayor

Attest:


Yvonne Hamilton, CMC, City Recorder