



## **MINUTES**

### **Coburg City Council Meeting**

January 24th, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

91136 N Willamette Street

Hybrid Meeting in-person or via Zoom

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Nancy Bell, John Fox, John Lehmann, Kyle Blain, Cathy Engebretson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Alan Wells

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Administrator Anne Heath, City Recorder Sammy Egbert, Public Works Director Brian Harmon and Megan Winner, Coburg Planning

**GUESTS:** Julie Leland and Damien Gilbert of Branch Engineering; Justin Ford of Consor

**RECORDED BY:** Angela Kern, Lane Council of Governments (LCOG)

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION REPORTS**

#### **1. Water Feasibility Presentation**

Ms. Leland, Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Ford presented. Key points included the Summary and Overview, Hydraulic Modeling, Seismic Evaluation of Existing Tanks, New Elevated Tank Specs, CIP Water Projects, and Next Steps.

Conceptual costs for the elevated tank were \$6-8 million. Rehabilitation of the existing tanks was speculated at \$1.5-3 million, depending on the scope.

The recommendation of the study was to focus on the wells first and existing tanks second, while beginning to put funding in place for the installation of an elevated tank in the future, depending on the City's growth rate.

## 2. Water Rate Discussion

After exhaustive discussion, there was a decision by consensus to hold public meetings regarding a water utility rate increase in March and April, with the intention to begin the budget year in July with the increase in place. Efforts would be made to educate the public on the rate raise, the reasons behind it, and the existence of the low-income assistance program.

Ms. Heath expected to be able to give updates on loan and grant opportunities in March.

Mr. Harmon reminded the Council of the need to maintain the City's existing wells.

Ms. Egbert raised the City of Veneta as an example of good public engagement.

Counselor Blain stressed the need to educate the public about the existence of the low-income assistance program.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Bell adjourned at 8:13 pm.

**APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of Coburg on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February , 2023.

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Nancy Bell, Mayor

### **ATTEST:**

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Sammy L. Egbert, City Recorder