



# CITY COUNCIL

## Regular Meeting Minutes December 12, 2022

Council President Primmer called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm. Present were Councilors Hardin, Spicerkuhn, Peterson, Myers, Barron, Davis, and Duron. Mayor Drotzmann was excused. Judge Creasing was in attendance, as well as staff to include: City Manager Byron Smith, Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan, City Attorney Rich Tovey, Finance Director Mark Krawczyk, Planning Director Clint Spencer, Parks and Recreation Director Brandon Artz, Court Administrator Jillian Viles, and City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong. Youth Advisory Member Julissa Gonzalez-Mendoza was also in attendance. The pledge of allegiance was given.

### **Presentation- Hermiston School District Updates**

Assistant Superintendent Jake Bacon gave HSD updates, to include: student enrollment numbers, current extracurricular activities, snow days, and winter break.

### **Citizen Input on Non-Agenda Items**

None given.

### **Consent Agenda Items**

Councilor Davis asked to remove item D as it was a conflict of interest. Councilor Barron moved and Councilor Hardin seconded to approve Consent Agenda items A-C and E & F to include:

- A. Final Plat- Gettman Hill Estates Phase 1 4N2815 Tax Lot 200 - 1307 SW 3rd St
- B. Committee Vacancy Announcements
- C. Minutes of the October 24th Public Safety Committee Meeting
- E. Committee Re-Appointment Recommendation of Jason McAndrews for: Budget Committee Position #2- term ending 12/31/2025
- F. Minutes of the November 28th City Council Meeting

Motion carried 7-1 with Councilor Davis abstaining.

### **Items Removed from Consent Agenda**

- D. Committee Appointment Recommendation of Lori Davis for: Library Board, Position 1-term ending 06/30/2024 and Budget Committee Position #5- term ending 12/31/2023.

Councilor Davis stated she has a conflict of interest as she is the applicant of these committees. Councilor Duron moved and Councilor Barron seconded to approve Consent Agenda Item D. Motion carried 7-1 with Councilor Davis abstaining.

### **Resolution No. 2247 – Award construction contract for Regional Water System Improvements Phase 1-2023**

City Manager Smith and Assistant City Manager Morgan gave information regarding awarding the construction contract for the Regional Water System Improvements Phase 1 to Rotschy, Inc. as outlined in the staff report.

After some discussion, Councilor Davis moved and Councilor Spicerkuhn seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2247 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Resolution No. 2248 – Authorizing execution of an engineering & construction services contract with Anderson Perry & Associates, Inc for the South Hermiston Urban Renewal Area Water & Sewer System Improvements- 2024-** Assistant City Manager Morgan stated this resolution would allow Anderson Perry &



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Associates, Inc., on behalf of the City, to work on the construction and design engineering of the development of the South Hermiston Urban Renewal Area.

After some discussion, Councilor Duron moved and Councilor Barron seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2248 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

### **November 2022 Financial Report**

Councilor Spicerkuhn moved and Councilor Duron seconded to accept the November 2022 Financial Report as presented by Finance Director Mark Krawczyk. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Committee Reports**

Faith-Based Advisory Committee- Councilor Hardin stated the Committee heard updates from the Faith & Blue events and school adoptions by churches, information on Christmas Express, and heard a presentation from Stepping Stones Alliance Sleep Center Coordinator Cindi Jorgensen who gave information regarding the current and future plans and needs of Stepping Stones Alliance and the homeless population they serve.

Council President Primmer thanked all those who have volunteered at Stepping Stones and encouraged the public to volunteer in any capacity they can.

### **Council President's Report**

Council President Primmer spoke regarding:

- Festival of Lights, Peppermint Lane, and Santa Clause at EOTEC
- Christmas Express box build and present wrapping 12/13 at 5:30pm at EOTEC
- Update on Jasmine Strong
- Shop with a Cop events
- Asked that Council members make sure to email Mayor Drotzmann with the committee assignments they would like for the 2023 year

(Judge Creasing exited the meeting at 7:30pm)

### **Council Reports**

Councilors Duron and Barron spoke regarding the Stepping Stones Alliance Ground Breaking Ceremony and the Parade and Tree Lighting Festivities on Festival Street stating there were many activities and lots of people were in attendance for these great events.

Councilor Duron gave caramel popcorn to all Council and staff members in attendance and stated due to school cancellations because of weather, High School students had concerns that they would not be able to contribute as much to Christmas Express this year. As such, they made and sold caramel popcorn to staff and raised over \$300.00 for Christmas Express. Councilor Duron stated this is another example of all the wonderful things our youth are doing.

Council members thanked Councilor's Davis and Spicerkuhn for their time on the Council, their great perspective, open mindedness, good discussions, and wished them well moving forward.



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Council President Primmer presented Councilor Davis and Spicerkuhn with appreciation gifts and thanked them for their service to the community.

Councilors Davis and Spicerkuhn thanked the community to allowing them to serve, as well as staff and councilors.

Councilor President Primmer also thanked Municipal Court Judge Creasing for his years of service to the community as a leader among Municipal Court Judges in Oregon.

### **Youth Advisory Report**

Youth Advisor Julissa Gonzalez-Mendoza spoke regarding the new youth advisors who will be participating in meetings on a rotational basis, winter break, and the many events going on at the High School.

Council President Primmer thanked the youth for being involved.

### **City Manager's Report**

City Manager Smith stated the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) has hired Patty Mulvihill as the LOC Executive Director and asked that Councilors consider joining an Art Committee for art that will be placed in City Hall.

Councilors Peterson and Myers and Councilor-Elect McCarthy volunteered to be on the Art Committee.

### **Oath of Office**

City Recorder Alarcon-Strong administered the Oath of Office to Ward Councilors Jackie Myers and Roy Barron, as well as Ward Councilor-Elects Jackie Linton and David McCarthy.

### **Adjournment**

Council President Primmer adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:58pm as there was no other City business.

SIGNED:

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Doug Primmer, Council President

ATTEST:

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Lilly Alarcon-Strong, CMC, City Recorder