

**CITY OF SILVERTON
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Council Chambers and Zoom Web Conference Platform

July 11, 2022 6:30 p.m.

I. OPENING CEREMONIES – Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call

Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The City Council and staff were present both in person and through the virtual meeting platform Zoom. Mayor Palmer explained this meeting is being held in a hybrid format, pursuant to City of Silverton Resolution 22-06, adopted March 7, 2022.

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	
<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	Mayor Kyle Palmer
<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	Council President Jason Freilinger
<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	Jim Sears
<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	Jess Miller
<u> </u>	<u>Excused</u>	Dana Smith
<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	Elvi Cuellar Sutton
<u> </u>	<u>Excused</u>	Crystal Neideigh

Staff Present:

City Manager, Ron Chandler; Community Development Director, Jason Gottgetreu; City Engineer, Bart Stepp; Chief of Police, Jim Anglemier; Assistant to the City Manager/HR Coordinator, Simone Stewart.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Freilinger moved to approve minutes from the May 16, 2022 Work Session, June 6, 2022 Regular Meeting and June 20, 2022 Special Meeting. Councilor Sears seconded. Motion passed, minutes approved. Of note: Councilor's Sutton's affirmative vote only applies to the June 6, 2022 and June 20, 2022 meetings, as she was absent and excused from the May 16, 2022 meeting.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Eric Hammond, 220 Ames Court, spoke to Council regarding an invasive insect called Emerald Ash Borer. The insects are beetles, and are responsible for killing ash trees across America. On July 11, 2022, Ash Borers were found in the city of Forest Grove, OR.

Dr. Michael Wicks submitted a letter through the City Manager, regarding landscaping at the Skate Park.

IV. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS

Executive Director Stacy Palmer provided the Chamber's monthly report to Council. She indicated there were a few new members to the Chamber, and new businesses opening up. The business group continues on every Wednesday at 8am, and would they hear from the Oregon Garden next.

V. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

5.1 – Reconsider Annexation Requirements of Ordinance 18-02 – 535 Short Street. City

Manager Ron Chandler addressed Council regarding this request. He presented a staff report with a proposal given him by the homeowners of the Short Street property. He addressed several options for remedy in this matter. Robust discussion ensued. Council elected to grant the property owners permission to install and extend a 2-inch high pressure sewer line from their property to the line at Fossholm Street.

5.2 – Resolution 22-20 – Five-Year Local Option Tax – Swimming Pool Operations. Council passed Resolution 22-20, submitting a 5-year levy to the voters for pool maintenance and operation costs.

VI. CONSENT

6.1 – Resolution 22-21 – Adopting a Policy of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap Status. Council passed Resolution 22-21, which is part of several policies and resolutions that are required as part of grant funding from the federal level that will be received.

6.2 – Contract Award for 2022 Biosolids hauling. Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract for biosolids hauling. Each year, the City hauls biosolids from the Wastewater Treatment Plant and applies it on permitted agricultural fields. The previous hauling contract has expired, so had to go out for bids for another company. Fire Mountain Farms, Inc. will be awarded the contract.

VII. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

7.1 – Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Task Force. Mayor Palmer recommended Jennifer Hannan be appointed to the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Task Force. Council approved.

VIII. CITY MANAGER UPDATE

City Manager Ron Chandler reminded Council that their next meeting would be a joint session with the Planning Commission. He also mentioned that meetings would be set up soon to discuss parking in the downtown area.

IX. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Sears asked the City Manager about a couple of items on the Issues Tracker.

One is the crossing at James St. City Manager Chandler said the City Engineer was working with Oregon Rail on the full scope of the work, so the project could then be designed.

The second item is renaming of C St. Community Development Director Jason Gottgetreu said it was on his backburner, but could move it to the front. He mentioned rewriting the parking code, and thought there was support to do that. He would like to see that item on the Issues Tracker. Chief of Police Jim Anglemier said they had been over the parking regulations, and everything was up to code.

He mentioned there used to be another tracker that had a review of the Gateway program, and the possibility of some type of small park at C Street/Westfield, to indicate one was entering Silverton.

Councilor Sutton wanted to ask Chief Anglemier if there was an update on school walk-throughs. Mayor Palmer said he had an email that he thought would answer her questions.

Councilor Miller said the Environmental Management Committee would like to move forward with paid or voluntary consulting with regard to updating codes, giving 6 areas top priority: Walkability/bike-ability, habitat preservation, energy efficiency, storm water onsite management, food self-sufficiency, reduction of consumption overall. He felt the most urgent of the matters they discussed was EV (electric vehicle charging stations) infrastructure and how it relates to parking discussions. There is some interest in the Committee serving in a parks and recreation role, and the possibility of creating a [Parks Special} District. The next EMC meeting will have a transportation presentation that they are looking forward to.

Councilor Freilinger said he supported the Gateway discussion. He feels it would be a good idea to have a committee focused on trees. He would like staff to bring back a proposal to start that, and to find out what is happening with Ash trees in town.

He brought up the trees at the water treatment plant, and the trees on E. Main Street, with the branches falling over onto the fence. The trees are dead and dried out. Public Works Director Sperle has encouraged the Water Treatment Plant supervisor to seek tree removal bids, now that we are in a new fiscal year.

Mayor Palmer said that what Mr. Hammond was asking for (in Public Comment) was long overdue. He said the road conditions on Main Street from Steelhammer down to Ames were horrible. He doesn't see it on the list of anticipated improvements. He wonders if that has been identified as a need. Public Works Director Sperle said this is on the Public Works' list of maintenance.

He wanted to recognize the Community Development Director for his wearing of several hats in the facilitation and participation in the meeting.

He mentioned that the Mayor Ball has been brought back, and will be held at the Oregon Garden Pavilion. He stated that Johnny Limbo and the Lugnuts would perform, and there were a couple of major sponsors already: Columbia Bank, and Roth's.

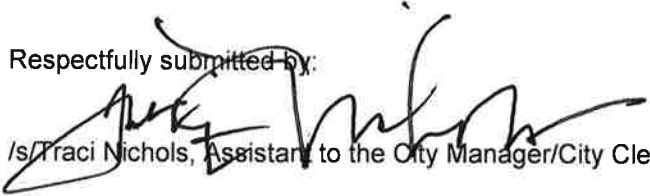
X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council moved into Executive Session at approximately 8:45pm.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Sutton made a motion to adjourn, and Mayor Palmer adjourned the meeting at 9:09pm.

Respectfully submitted by:


/s/Traci Nichols, Assistant to the City Manager/City Clerk