

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

Silverton High School Library and Zoom Web Conference Platform

August 1, 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.

Present	Absent	
<u> X </u>	<u>(Arrived at 6:15)</u>	Mayor Kyle Palmer
<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Council President Jason Freilinger
<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Jim Sears
<u> </u>	<u>(Excused)</u>	Jess Miller
<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Dana Smith
<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Elvi Cuellar Sutton
<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Crystal Neideigh

Staff Present:

City Manager, Ron Chandler; Community Development Director, Jason Gottgetreu; Police Captain, Josh Boatner; Public Works Director, Travis Sperle; Assistant Finance Director, Sheena Lucht; Deputy City Manager/Finance Director, Kathleen Zaragoza; Assistant to the City Manager/City Clerk, Traci Nichols.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 – Minutes From the July 11, 2022 Regular Meeting

Councilor Freilinger moved to approve the minutes, Councilor Sears seconded. Motion passed.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

No parties present wished to provide public comment. No parties on Zoom wished to provide public comment. No public comment on file with the City Clerk’s office.

IV. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS

4.1 - Silverton Chamber Executive Director Stacy Palmer

Silverton Chamber Monthly Report. Executive Director Stacy Palmer provided Council with the monthly report. They continue to hold their Wednesday business meetings, a great opportunity to network. They are usually held at Silver Falls Brewery. There are speakers at the meetings scheduled for the next several weeks. There are free Google classes coming up on how to keep business information up to date. The Chamber is coordinating the information booth at the Homer Days festival. There will also be a North Marion information kiosk at the information booth. There will be an election candidate forum on September 28, 2022 at the Oregon Garden.

V. PUBLIC HEARING

5.1 - Ordinance 22-04 Annexation of a 1.7 Acre parcel at 13722 Edison Heights Lane NE

Mayor Palmer opened the Public Hearing at 6:52pm. Community Development Director Jason Gottgetreu presented Annexation (AN) 22-01, and the review criteria. One party spoke in opposition of the annexation, one party provided commentary that was neither for nor against annexation. Robust discussion ensued. Council voted 5-1 to deny the application as it was presented, and elected to keep the record open for staff to draft an ordinance reflecting the denial.

VI. DISCUSSION/ACTION

6.1 - Approval to Submit Grant Application to the NOAA for Abiqua Intake Replacement Project

Council voted to approve the recommendation to apply for the grant. If the grant is awarded to the City, it will cover the cost of removing the Abiqua Creek Dam, and updating the current gravity-fed intake with a pump-driven intake further upstream from the current location.

6.2 - Approval of Sole Source Selection of Water Treatment System Scope of Supply with Westech

Council voted to approve the request.

6.3 - Skate Park Landscaping

A citizen had previously come forward, requesting landscaping along the roadway that borders the Skate Park. Staff provided Council with recommendations for trees, and tree placement with the stipulation that the trees would meet the normal landscaping standards in the City's development code.

6.4 - Compass Project Solutions, Inc. Additional Services

Council approved the request to increase the time Compass is putting in to the Civic Center project, and fund it accordingly.

VII. CONSENT

7.1 - OLCC Liquor License Application: OSO

Council approved as written.

7.2 - Municipal Court Amnesty Program

Council approved the program as presented

7.3 - Resolution 22-23 – A Resolution of the Silverton City Council to Transfer Funds Due to Unforeseen Expenditures to Increase Appropriations Related to the Repair of the Arches at Coolidge McClaine Park

Council approved as written.

VIII. CITY MANAGER UPDATE

8.1 - Tree Committee Update

City Manager Ron Chandler spoke to Council regarding a standing committee of experts who would advise the City on the urban canopy. Council directed the City Manager/Staff to return to Council with language creating the committee.

City Manager Chandler also reminded Council to forward their legislative priorities, so that he might forward them to the League of Oregon Cities.

IX. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

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Councilor Smith brought up Stacy Palmer's mention of multiple uses for sports fields. She said

there were no regulation pickle ball courts. There is a group of pickle ball players, 66 persons in total. She also stated how valuable Compass Solutions was for the City, and mentioned several ways they had been a great resource. She brought up specialty design/artists local to the Silverton area for lighting in the Civic Center that was within budget.

Councilor Sears had nothing.

Councilor Sutton stated she'd had questions regarding underground wiring, and if the City alerted residents. The citizens she'd spoken to were upset. She wonders if there's anything in place for if there's an early morning street disturbance. City Manager Chandler indicated he would look into it. She also asked if there had been any plans for temporary or permanent lighting for downtown intersections. Public Works Director Travis Sperle explained to Council that the Engineering Tech had evaluated the street lighting. A map had been made as a result, and some recommendations had been made. He said there would need to be more discussion. Councilor Sutton stated she'd like to look further into that, if possible. Mayor Palmer weighed in, stating he'd had concerns brought to him last winter regarding the lighting. He drove around himself and noted places that weren't well lit. Councilor Smith expressed reluctance in putting in anything that was permanent, without making it part of the whole downtown plan. Councilor Sutton wished to clarify what the police department statistics numbers entail. Police Captain Josh Boatner clarified for Council what the numbers indicated.

Councilor Neideigh had nothing.

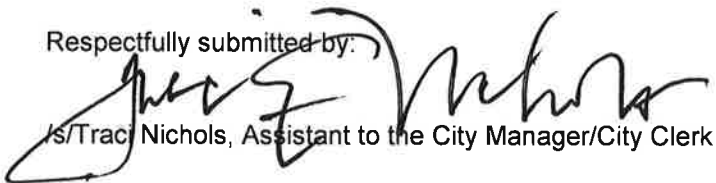
Councilor Freilinger wished to discuss liquor licenses. He is curious whether or not the Council could direct liquor license decisions to be made by the City Manager, given the time delay when waiting for a Council meeting. Councilor Neideigh indicated she was in favor of that. Mayor Palmer said he remembers when the liquor licenses were discussed. He said he's always in favor of calling a special meeting to approve the licenses. He doesn't know that the City Manager would always have the knowledge of the people and the businesses that the Council has. Councilor Sutton indicated she's in favor of having the City Manager approve the licenses. Mayor Palmer addressed Staff, saying Council would like to see something come back before them along those lines. Councilor Freilinger brought up redoing system development charges, and emergency annexations. He is concerned about property within the urban growth boundary where the County allows trees to be taken down, and then the property owner can come forward and apply for annexation.

Mayor Palmer reminded everyone about the upcoming Homer Days, and the corresponding events. He clarified with the City Manager what Council's role would be in the parade.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Smith made a motion to adjourn, and Mayor Palmer adjourned the meeting at 10:20pm.

Respectfully submitted by:



Traci Nichols, Assistant to the City Manager/City Clerk