
CITY OF PILOT ROCK

Council Meeting
December 6, 2022, 6:00 PM

A. Called to Order

Having a quorum, the Regular Council meeting was called to order by **Mayor Randy Gawith** at 6:00 PM. Council members present were **Councilor Tegan Kaneaster, Councilor Derek Turner, and Councilor Vernon Sandy. Councilor Paula Evoniuk and Councilor Aliina Kirby attended via phone conferencing. Councilor Raymond Doherty was absent.** Department Heads present were **Police Chief William Caldera, City Recorder Teri Bacus and Public Works Director Steve Draper. Citizens present were Ray Bacus, Rhonda Lazinka, Tiffany Schademan, Steve Haddock and Craig Erickson.**

B. INVOCATION

Pastor Harley Jeffers gave the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS - NONE

City Recorder requests to add recently received election results to the agenda. **Councilor Turner made a motion to approve adding the election results to the agenda and Councilor Kaneaster seconded. Councilor Sandy voted yes, Councilor Evoniuk voted yes, and Councilor Kirby voted yes. Motion carried: 5 Yes – 0 No**

City Recorder requests to add upgrading #2 sewer lift station to the agenda. **Councilor Turner made a motion to approve adding the upgrade of #2 sewer lift station to the agenda and Councilor Kaneaster seconded. Councilor Sandy voted yes, Councilor Evoniuk voted yes, and Councilor Kirby voted yes. Motion carried: 5 Yes – 0 No**

Citizen Craig Erickson asked about ordinances related to recreational vehicles (RV) being lived in on residential property. He lives next door to a lot that had a home destroyed in a fire. Currently there are three RVs on the lot and at least two are being lived in. Chief Caldera answered that he has spoken to the property owner and explained that only one occupied RV is permitted per lot. The owner stated to him that the other RVs were not occupied. He recommended to Craig to document findings and take pictures or videos if someone is living in more than one RV. If he discovers that more than one RV is being lived in, take the documentation to the Chief.

E. PRESENTATIONS – NONE

F. ACTION ITEMS

F-1 Industrial Property Partition Hearing – Mayor Gawith opened a public hearing for an industrial property partition. City Recorder explains that City Council approved the sale of 12 acres to Hayden Contracting. This public hearing is for the partition of the 12 acres located at the southeast corner of

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the industrial property. Surveyor Steve Haddock drafted the tentative partition and was present to answer any questions. He states that there is already 30 feet at the bottom or south side of the property near circle road. We will be adding an additional 20 feet on the north side of the road because there is an existing water line. It crosses the property and services the Bike Pit area. We are completing the partition with water rights. The county road is sixty feet with 30 feet on each side. **Councilor Turner made a motion to approve the industrial property partition and Councilor Sandy seconded. Councilor Kaneaster voted yes, Councilor Kirby voted yes, and Councilor Evoniuk voted yes. Motion carried: 5 Yes – 0 No**

F-2 Official Election Results – City Recorder provided a copy of the official November 8, 2022, election results. For the Mayor position, Randy Gawith and for City Councilor positions, elected is Teagan Kaneaster, Rhonda Lazinka, and Tiffany Schademan. **Councilor Turner made a motion to accept the official election results and Councilor Sandy seconded. Councilor Kaneaster voted yes, Councilor Evoniuk voted yes, and Councilor Kirby voted yes. Motion carried: 5 Yes – 0 No**

F-3 Sewer Lift Station Upgrade - Public Works Director Steve Draper requested to upgrade #2 sewer lift station which is located on the north side of Elm Street. The station was built in 1978 and is currently not functioning and parts are no longer available. It is a small lift station and takes care of approximately 20-25 homes. He presented a quote from one company in the amount of nearly \$113,000. He met with another company from La Grande, and they can repair the lift station in about 3 days for about \$30,000 less. He requested \$85,000 to cover the costs to rehab the station. Both quotes were reviewed, and the differences were discussed. He would like to use COVID grant funds to assist in the costs. **Councilor Sandy made a motion to approve spending up to \$85,000 to upgrade the #2 sewer lift station near Elm Street and Councilor Turner seconded. Councilor Kaneaster asked about specific equipment and parts availability. City Recorder asked where the funds will be from and PW Director states, he would like to use COVID grant funds for half and the other half would come from the Sewer Utility Reserve Fund. Councilor Kaneaster voted yes, Councilor Evoniuk voted yes, and Councilor Kirby voted yes. Motion carried: 5 Yes – 0 No**

Councilor Turner made a motion to use COVID grant funds for half of the costs and the other half will be funded from the Sewer Utility Reserve Fund. Councilor Sandy seconded. Councilor Kaneaster voted yes, Councilor Evoniuk voted yes, and Councilor Kirby voted yes. Motion carried: 5 Yes – 0 No

G-1 Department Head Report – Chief Caldera provided an update on the open police officer position stating that he met someone a couple of weeks ago that is already certified. Unfortunately, the applicant is applying for other positions as well and he has not heard anything. Another interview board will be scheduled in January 2023. PW Director Steve Draper states that the city was approved for \$250,000 in grant funds from the Oregon Department of Transportation to repair roads.

City Hall:

1. Complete routine updates on reader board
2. Completed November 1, 2022, City Council meeting minutes
3. Prepared Council packets

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4. Routine updates on website
5. Processed payroll and payroll liabilities
6. Forwarded W-9 to Pioneer title
7. Received approval for ODOT grant for paving - \$250,000
8. Purchase agreement for Hayden Contracting was signed on 11/30/22
9. Provided several notary services

Police Department:

1. Sent requested reports to Adult and Protective Services.
2. Received autopsy reports to the Guardian Care Center for a child fatality review meeting.
3. Forwarded reports to Child Welfare on a possible sexual abuse of a six-year- old.
4. Chief attended a regional law enforcement meeting in Pendleton.
5. A records request was completed for the FBI
6. Completed a survey for the U.S. Department of Justice.
7. Working on a new tow contract between the City and Blue Mountain Towing.
8. Contacted an individual who had two occupied vehicles on her lot.
9. Did records check for the Defense of Counterintelligence and Security Agency.
10. Received a DHS cross report on an infant who was around parents that were using methamphetamine.
11. Received a report from DHS of the neglect and threat of harm to a minor being around a sex offender.
12. Assisted a citizen who had questions about city ordinance as it related to feeding cats.
13. Assisted DHS with a child neglect call of a 7-year-old.
14. Prepared and sent out the November 2022 work schedule for Dispatch.
15. Assisted the fire department in locating a fire.
16. A death notification was made for an outside agency.
17. Assisted a citizen with searching for her lost dogs.
18. Report of someone moving rocks and benches at the city park.
19. Received several code violation complaints on the same person.
20. Assisted school administrative staff in doing a welfare check on a teenager.
21. Took care of a barking dog complaint.
22. Mediated an argument between two men over some code violations and trespassing issues.
23. A complaint was received about woodstove smoke going into the attic of a neighbor, causing him to have breathing difficulties.
24. Received a DHS cross report on a nine-year-old possible being abused by her mother.
25. Received a driving complaint on a vehicle that speeds through a neighborhood.
26. A DHS cross report was received on a fifteen-year-old who was experiencing mental health issues and needed counseling.
27. Did records check for the Department of Corrections on a prospective employee.
28. Sent in an ethics training roster to the police academy.
29. Responded to a domestic, involving threats with a firearm. Three firearms were seized for safekeeping.
30. Responded to an intoxicated woman knocking on people's doors. She was located and taken to her home.
31. Conducted a death investigation.
32. Patrolled wind damaged neighborhoods.
33. Sent a letter of appreciation to a company that donated equipment to the police department.
34. Responded to a disturbance involving a mother and her child.

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35. Report of two suspicious people walking around a vacant house.
36. Contacted a transient pushing a baby stroller north of town.
37. Served four subpoenas for an upcoming court case.
38. Report of an abandoned horse trailer in the parking lot of a downtown business.
39. Received a cross report from DHS – Child Welfare about a teenager possibly witnessing domestic violence incidents involving her parents.
40. Received a report of a six-year-old child living with his mother in a tent.
41. Responded to a trespass complaint at a downtown business.
42. Completed a mandatory juvenile justice survey.
43. Assisted DHS – Child Welfare on a ten-year-old threatening to harm herself.
44. Officer arrested a suspended driver on a warrant and lodged him in jail.
45. Assisted the fire department at the high school with a suspicious odor coming from the science room.
46. Report of turkeys roaming a neighborhood. The information was forwarded to the government trapper.
47. Assisted a mother over a custody issue with her ex-husband.
48. The owner of a blind pit bull advised that if her dog got loose, he wouldn't be a danger to anyone.
49. Responded to a domestic violence involving a male threatening his girlfriend with a gun with a four-year-old being present.
50. Responded to a one-vehicle rollover crash caused by icy conditions.
51. Handled a code violation complaint as it related to the public nuisance ordinance.
52. Received a report of a trespass, where the caller wanted the suspect trespassed for life from her property.
53. Did records check for the Department of Defense.
54. Report of a loose dog that chewed up a swing at the Elementary School.
55. Report of a child abuse that occurred five to six years ago.
56. Received a report of a 14-year-old boy that ran away from home. He was located and returned to his guardian.
57. Received a report of a child abuse that involved a teenage boy.
58. Received another complaint about code violations occurring at the new RV Park.
59. Assisted the sheriff's department on a domestic violence complaint.
60. Assisted a citizen with questions about an eviction.
61. Completed two citations for a citizen who requested to sign some complaints against a property owner for various code violations.
62. Tagged an abandoned auto for towing.
63. Served a code citation for Junk and Fail to Obtain a Development Permit.
64. Report of a three-year-old displaying sexual reactive activity.
65. Working on the expunction of marijuana offenses for the Department of Justice at the request of Governor Brown.
66. Ofc. Badal and I completed our annual maintenance training through DPSST.
67. Report of gunshots heard in a residential area,
68. Received a report of loud noise coming from a neighbor's house.
69. Responded to an alarm at a downtown business.
70. Report of inappropriate pictures being sent to an elementary school student.
71. Assisted OSP and ODOT with a speed sign that was knocked down in the highway.
72. Completed 14 house checks.

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73. Attended a child custody hearing.

74. Assisted school staff with lock down and evacuation drills.

Public Works

1. Continuing closure on old lagoon. Acreage reduced from 600 to 250
2. Quarterly sewer samples will be taken December
3. Repairs on water meters completed
4. Building maintenance on City Park completed
5. Fabricated new newsletter box for post office & installed
6. Parks closed for winter
7. Winterized all equipment and buildings
8. Decorations in place on Main St
9. Repairs on equipment
10. Working on design for new senior center
11. Industrial Park easement running north and south completed

H. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilor Turner made a motion to approve the consent calendar and Councilor Kaneaster seconded. Councilor Evoniuk voted yes, Councilor Sandy voted yes, and Councilor Kirby voted yes. Motion carried: 5 Yes – 0 No

Bills \$46,081.74

I. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Gawith thanked Councilor Evoniuk and Councilor Kirby for their service to the City as Councilors.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE

L. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Turner made a motion to adjourn, and Councilor Kaneaster seconded. Councilor Sandy voted yes, Councilor Evoniuk voted yes, and Councilor Kirby voted yes. Motion carried: 5 Yes – 0 No

Mayor Randy Gawith adjourned the meeting at 6:40 pm.

APPROVED _____
Randy Gawith, Mayor

ATTEST _____
Teri Bacus, City Recorder

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