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# CITY OF PILOT ROCK

Council Meeting  
September 20, 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 Raymond Doherty, Councilor Tegan Kaneaster, and Councilor Vernon Sandy. Councilor Aliina Kirby and Councilor Paula Evoniuk attended via phone conferencing. Councilor Derek Turner was absent.** Department Heads present were **Chief William Caldera, City Recorder Teri Bacus and Officer Daniel Badal. Public Works Director Steve Draper was absent. Citizens present were Ray Bacus, Rhonda Lazinka and Marcus Eley.**

## B. INVOCATION

Officer Daniel Badal gave the invocation.

## C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## D. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

## E. PRESENTATIONS

## F. ACTION ITEMS

**F-1 Oregon Paid Leave Program** – City Recorder presents a new program that allows workers in Oregon to take paid time off. Large employers (25) or more are required to begin contribution to the paid leave trust fund on January 1, 2023. Small employers are not required to contribute but may choose so which would make them eligible to receive assistance grants. The paid leave is up to 12 weeks and employees are required to contribute beginning January 1, 2023. Employees are eligible for the program regardless of small employers electing to contribute or not. The amount is 60% of 1% of wages for the employee and 40% of 1% of wages for the employer. The program allows time off to take care of a family member. Annual costs were discussed. **Councilor Sandy made a motion to not contribute and not cover the employee cost of the program. Councilor Kaneaster seconded. Councilor Doherty voted yes, Councilor Kirby voted yes, and Councilor Evoniuk voted yes. Motion carried: 5 Yes – 0 No**

**F-2 Alcohol License Request** – City Recorder received a request from the Family Dollar for an off-premises beer and wine license. The application requires approval from the City. City Recorder explains the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) licensing process. An annual report is received to review current licenses and if there is any reason to revoke the license. Citizen Marcus Eley states that he was present for the public hearing for the Family Dollar variance request to construct the building. He states that the representative for the Family Dollar made the statement that alcohol and tobacco would not be sold due to the proximity of the school. Councilor Doherty says that it should be in the minutes to confirm. If the statement was made, Councilor Doherty states that we should hold them to it. **Councilor Sandy made a motion to table awaiting confirmation of the**

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**minutes and Councilor Doherty seconded. Councilor Kaneaster voted yes, Councilor Kirby voted yes, and Councilor Evoniuk voted yes. Motion carried: 5 Yes – 0 No**

Councilor Doherty states that alcohol license requests should be forwarded to the Chief of Police for approval.

**F=3 Employee Vacation Request** - Chief Caldera submitted his request for vacation. **Councilor Doherty made a motion to approve the vacation and Councilor Kirby seconded. Councilor Kaneaster voted yes, Councilor Sandy voted yes, and Councilor Evoniuk voted yes. Motion carried: 5 Yes – 0 No**

**G-1 Department Head Report** – Chief Caldera provides an update on the latest police officer interview board. The interview board voted unanimously to not hire the one candidate that attended. City Recorder provided an update on the old lagoon system. Lift station #2 is failing and new parts are unavailable. A new lift station will be required.

City Hall:

1. New reader board is up and running. Awaiting installation of city logo.
2. Completed routine updates on reader board
3. Completed August 16, 2022, City Council meeting minutes
4. Prepared Council packets
5. Routine updates on websites
6. Completed articles for newsletter
7. Received 200k grant from Umatilla County – thanks Commissioner Murdock
8. Attended Dept of Revenue training for new payroll reporting system
9. Completed annual audit Aug 22-26
10. Received second round of ARPA funds - \$167,585.71
11. Completed explanatory statement for psilocybin ballot measure
12. Submitted candidate filing forms to elections division Umatilla County
13. Processed street closure form for Trunk or Treat event on Main Street
14. Completed USDA required compliance review
15. Completed DEQ submittals for flood mitigation permit
16. Completed annual unclaimed property report to Oregon Treasury
17. Met with representative interested in leasing industrial land
18. AED was installed in City Hall by Pilot Rock Fire District
19. All City Hall personnel attended AED operator training
20. Completed annual Housing Unit & Population report to State
21. Submitted ordinances 592 & 593 to publishing company for codification
22. Registered with the new payroll reporting system
23. Attended training for Oregon Paid Leave program
24. Submitted psilocybin ordinance to Oregon Health Authority as required by statute
25. Attended police interview board

Police Department:

1. Took part in a Guardian Care interview where two children alleged that their father was physically abusing them.
2. Ofc. Badal assisted the sheriff's office and Hermiston PD with law enforcement needs at the fair.

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3. Report of suspicious people honking their horn in front of a residence, wanting the people's chickens.
4. Assisted Pendleton PD in trying to find a stolen cell phone.
5. Provided an escort for a large funeral procession.
6. Took a report of a harassment that occurred both here and in Pendleton.
7. A citizen reported a large quantity of tools stolen from his former residence by other family members. This report was deemed to be civil in nature.
8. Report of at least two off road motorcycles being operated in a careless manner. The operators were advised of city ordinance and the consequences of their activity if it continued.
9. Received a report of a suspicious person near the Post Office. The individual was contacted, and he was waiting for a CTUIR bus to arrive.
10. Met with two citizens who were interested in starting Neighborhood Watch.
11. Did a records check on a prospective employee for the Department of Corrections.
12. A downtown business reported drug use in one of their restrooms.
13. A citation was issued on SW Cedar St. for tall grass and weeds.
14. Received a report of a trespass where someone was coming into a house while the homeowner was away.
15. Report of a hit and run where someone backed into a power pole causing damage.
16. Handled a civil matter between two parties regarding the transfer of medication.
17. Report of a shoplifting at Dollar General. The responsible parties were trespassed for life from the property.
18. Report of a civil matter over tools.
19. Received a report of a possible disturbance.
20. Received a report of a domestic violence.
21. Dispatched to a trespass complaint.
22. Took a report of a child custody dispute over a parenting plan.
23. Report of a suspicious vehicle in a residential neighborhood.
24. Located a missing wallet and tried contacting the owner with no success.
25. Someone left owing a downtown business \$20 worth of fuel. The responsible party was located, and it was determined to be a misunderstanding between the parties.
26. Report of a suspicious person trespassing.
27. Received a report of someone being harassed by telephone.
28. Received an additional report of a person being harassed by phone.
29. Assisted PPD with a theft investigation.
30. Recovered a found tool and returned it to its owner.
31. Chief put together a policy outlining the interrogation of juvenile offenders. The policy was forwarded to the Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police.
32. Chief did a records check for the Department of Defense.
33. Chief did a records request for the Oregon Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision unit.
34. Provided security at two high school volleyball games.
35. Received a noise complaint regarding a generator that kept running during the night.
36. Provided traffic direction for a benefit run for some school aged children.
37. Escorted the Harvest Festival Parade and provided traffic direction at some intersections.
38. Received a report of an illegal burn across from the fire station.
39. Responded to a road hazard north of town where someone lost a jack on the highway, and someone hit it with their vehicle.

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40. Received a report of several intoxicated subjects near the elementary school.
41. There were very few law enforcement problems related to the Harvest Festival.
42. Received a report of a malnourished dog.
43. Took care of a disturbance at a local business where two employees were arguing.
44. Assisted Pendleton PD with a reported child abuse case.
45. Report of two vehicles having their tires slashed during the night.
46. Assisted the fire department in trying to locate a natural gas leak.
47. Report of a harassment over Facebook involving two people.
48. Assisted Pendleton PD with a harassment complaint.
49. Received a report of a vehicle driving erratically.
50. Report of a dilapidated property that is owned by a bank.
51. Only one police candidate out of four made it to the interview stage. It was the consensus of the panel not to pursue the person that was interviewed.
52. Chief attended a DHS child abuse MDT meeting.
53. Report of a sex offender being around children.
54. Handled a civil disagreement between a couple who were separating.
55. Report of two suspicious males in two vehicles acting strangely.
56. Served four subpoenas to residents for some upcoming court matters.
57. Investigated a motor vehicle crash where an unattended vehicle rolled down a hill and hit a house, canopy, travel trailer and vehicle. There were no injuries, and the owner of the vehicle was cited for failing to secure his vehicle.
58. Handled a civil matter over a disagreement of the ownership of a gun.
59. Investigated a hit and run where someone's fence was damaged.
60. Investigated a case of dog abuse.
61. Report of neighbors playing their music too loud.
62. Report of shots being fired in the downtown area. The caller lived several blocks away. Several other people contacted and no one else heard anything.
63. Report of a trespass on the south side of town.
64. Worked traffic enforcement heavily in and around the school zones for the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school.
65. Report of a male shoplifting items for a downtown business. The suspect was contacted, and the stolen property was recovered. The owner of the business didn't want to prosecute the individual.
66. Received a report of a code violation where limbs were hanging over the roadway causing a hazard. The responsible party was contacted, and he will take care of the problem.
67. A stolen four-wheeler was recovered after it was reported stolen out of Union County.
68. Chief attended a firearms qualification shoot in Pendleton.
69. Received a DHS – Child Welfare report of a father smoking methamphetamine in front of his children, plus there were concerns of the family living in a small garage in unsanitary conditions.
70. Contacted the owner of a large dog that was digging holes in an elderly neighbor's yard.
71. Received a harassment complaint from a female who said her ex-boyfriend was trying to contact her via Snap Chat in violation of a court order.
72. Received a complaint from a local resident who said her car got egged as well as an upstairs window.
73. Administrative staff reported that some girls in high school were receiving inappropriate text messages from an adult male.

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- 74. Assisted a Custer County, Oklahoma deputy who was trying to get information on a former PRPD officer who was employed in 2000 and 2001.
- 75. Received a DHS cross report about some children possibly being physically abused by their father.
- 76. Received a driving complaint on a young male who was driving too fast. He was contacted and it was found that he only had his driver's license for one week, his parents were contacted about the complaint.
- 77. Received a report of a missing teenager; he was found a short time after the report was made.

### H. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Bills \$9,904.89

### I. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Kaneaster asked about grant funds going to local businesses. City Recorder explains that the funds would first be used for the city. Funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026. Any unused funds that are not obligated will be distributed to local businesses.

Councilor Kirby thanked all those who participated in planning and involvement in the Harvest Festival. She states that they did a really great job. She also provided a brief update on the program of spaying and neutering feral cats.

### K. EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE

### L. ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Doherty 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 6:33 pm.

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
Randy Gawith, Mayor

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
Teri Bacus, City Recorder