

Minutes of the Molalla City Council Meeting

Molalla Civic Center 315 Kennel Ave., Molalla, OR 97038 June 8, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The Molalla City Council Meeting of June 8, 2022, was called to order by Mayor Scott Keyser at 7:00pm.

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Scott Keyser, Council President Jody Newland, Councilor Elizabeth Klein, Councilor Terry Shankle, and Councilor Eric Vermillion.

Absent: Councilor Leota Childress, Councilor Crystal Robles.

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Dan Huff, City Manager; Christie Teets, City Recorder, Mac Corthell, Community Development Director; Andy Peters, Public Works Division Manager, Chaunee Seifried, Finance Director, Diana Hadley, Library Director.

Also present at the Council dais was Ryan Quigley, PE, from Dyer Partnership.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. City Council Meeting Minutes May 25, 2022
- B. Contract Award: WWTP Decant Facility

City Recorder Teets announced a errors in the Meeting Minutes that were posted to the public. Errors were located and amended in the minutes being presented.

A motion was made by Councilor Klein to approve the Consent Agenda, including the amendments to the Meeting Minutes presented, seconded by Councilor Vermillion. Vote passed 5-0, with all Councilors voting Aye.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, CEREMONIES

A. Library Board Appointment

Library Director Hadley, explained to Council that two seats are vacant on the Library Board. She introduced applicants, Brittney Closner and Mechelle Trefethen. Ms. Hadley explained that the Library Board had reviewed the applications, and are requesting Council appointment.

A motion was made by Council President Newland to appoint Ms. Closner and Ms. Trefethen to the Library Board, seconded by Councilor Klein. Vote passed 5-0, with all Councilors voting Aye.

B. Wayfinding Kiosk Art Contest Winners

Community Development Director Corthell announced the winners of the recent Wayfinding Kiosk Art Contest. The four winners are Sophia Olson, Gail Booth, Kristy Stephens, and David Jackson.

Ms. Booth spoke to Council about her piece, explaining that the Molalla River Cooridor was her inspiration.

Ms. Stephens explained to Council that her piece was a tribute to the Molala Indians. She found history books that depicted artifacts and maps, and represented those in her art.

Council thanked all applicants for their submissions and showed their appreciation for their attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. USDA Rural Development Application for Wastewater Treatment Plant Financing

Mr. Corthell presented the Staff Report for the Public Hearing, and introduced Ryan Quigley, PE from Dyer Partnership. He explained that City of Molalla is currently operating an antiquated WWTP under a federal consent decree and Memorandum of Agreement. The City would like to pursue up to \$45 million loan, plus debt service with USDA.

Mayor Keyser opened the Public Hearing at 7:17pm. As there was no one present to testify for or against the Application, Mayor Keyser closed the Public Hearing at 7:17pm.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 2022-07: USDA Rural Development Loan

Mr. Corthell presented the Staff Report to Council, explaining that the fiscal impact is up to \$45 million. Approving the Resolution does not obligate the City to spend that amount.

Mayor Keyser inquired about whether \$45 million would be a sufficient amount, considering inflation. Mr. Quigley explained that Dyer Partnership is also using the Construction Cost Index, which is currently publishing an 8.5% inflation increase. The initial estimate for the WWTP was \$30 million, the \$45 million reflects as much inflation that can be accounted for at this time. Mr. Corthell explained that City staff is also pursuing other financial avenues, including grants.

A motion was made by Councilor Vermillion to approve Resolution No. 2022-07, seconded by Councilor Shankle. Vote passed 5-0, with all Councilors voting Aye.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Municipal Court Judge Contract Renewal

Finance Director Seifried shared that it was time to renew the Municipal Court Judge contract. The fiscal impact will be \$10,800 per year. Staff is recommending approval of the approval of the contract, as case loads will increase as DUII's start to take place in court.

A motion was made by Council President Newland to approve the Contract Renewal, seconded by Councilor Klein. Vote passed 5-0, with all Councilors voting Aye.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

- Public Works Division Manager Peters announced that weather permitting, concrete is being poured at Fox Park on Friday.
- Community Development Director Corthell shared that on June 7th, the Enterprise Zone Expansion and Re-Designation went to the Clackamas County Commissioners. Board Member Smith was excited to see this opportunity for the City. County Commissioners expressed their support with the expansion.
- City Recorder Teets announced two vacancies. The Library Board has a position open, as well as the Planning Commission. Planning Commission applications are due by July 6th, with applicants being introduced to Council on July 13, 2022.
- Finance Director Seifried announced that our new auditors have started, with the first meeting with them in July.
- City Manager Huff shared that the Police Facility CPC is meeting on Friday, June 10, 2022.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

- Councilor Vermillion announced upcoming meeting dates for MRSD and the Chamber of Commerce.
- Councilor Shankle reminded the community that the Giant Street Parade is being held this year. She encouraged the community to submit their application by the June 22, 2022 due date.
- Councilor Klein thanked everyone that participated in the kiosk Art Contest, and suggested a possible ribbon cutting ceremony.

• Council President Newland had no report.

• Mayor Keyser offered his condolences to Ralph Gerke's family, after his passing on June 4th. Mayor Keyser also announced that the Molalla River Summer Jam that was held on June 4th was a huge success.

For the complete video account of the City Council Meeting, please go to YouTube "Molalla City Council Meetings – June 8, 2022"

ADJOURN

Mayor Keyser adjourned the meeting at 7:36pm.

Scott Keyser, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Christie Teets, City Recorder