



City of Molalla
City Council – Work Session
Minutes – January 10, 2024
Molalla Civic Center | 315 Kennel Ave. | Molalla, OR

CALL TO ORDER

The Molalla City Council Work Session of January 10, 2024 was called to order by Mayor Scott Keyser at 6:00pm.

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

Mayor Scott Keyser, Council President Jody Newland, Councilor Leota Childress, Councilor Terry Shankle, Councilor Crystal Robles, Councilor Eric Vermillion, and Councilor RaeLynn Botsford.

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Dan Huff, City Manager; Christie Teets, City Recorder, Mac Corthell, Assistant City Manager.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Billing Customers for After-Hours Calls

Assistant City Manager Corthell presented the staff report to Council. Staff is seeking the Council's direction on whether or not to charge for after hours calls for water leaks or emergencies that would be the home owner responsibility.

Council discussed options for customers and how much the fee would be. Currently the shut-off fee for lack of payment is \$50. Council President Newland pointed out that if the fee was similar for after-hours, at approximately twenty five customers per year at \$50, the total amount recouped by the City would only be \$1250. She feels that is the cost of doing business. Councilor Childress agreed that for staff time of creating a policy and applying the fee, is not worth pursuing. Council agreed by consensus to keep status quo. (Not charging.)

Officer Jared Brenner introduced K-9 Officer Benz to City Council. He explained that the City acquired Benz as a donation from another City that was no longer able to continue with their K-9 program. Officer Brenner described the academy that he and Benz had to attend in order to meet requirements.

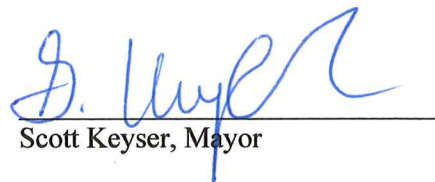
Council had questions about Benz's age, breed, equipment needs, etc. Officer Brenner explained that he is a five-year old Dutch Shepard, and that he has a few remote items that help him assist in communicating with Benz. Benz is a patrol dog used for apprehension, tracking, and article searches, all used for human odor tracking.

After questions, Officer Brenner presented Benz to Council members for a meet and greet.

[For the complete video account of the City Council Meeting, please go to YouTube
"Molalla City Council Work Session – January 10, 2024"](#)

ADJOURN

Mayor Keyser adjourned the Work Session at 6:33p.m.



Scott Keyser, Mayor

ATTEST:



Christie Teets, CMC - City Recorder