



**CITY OF PRINEVILLE**  
**Regular Meeting Brief**  
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**City Council Meeting Brief**  
**February 28, 2023**

**Council Members Present:**

Scott Smith  
Gail Merritt  
Shane Howard  
Janet Hutchison  
Jason Beebe  
Ray Law

**Council Members Absent**

Steve Uffelman

**Additions to the Agenda**

None.

**Consent Agenda**

1. Regular Meeting Brief 2-14-2023

**Councilor Hutchison made a motion to approve consent agenda as presented. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Visitors, Appearances and Requests**

No one from the public came forward.

2. **Officer Landon Nesbitt Recognition** – Chief Larry Seymour

Chief Larry Seymour explained that he received an email from Department of Public Safety Standards & Training (DPSST) regarding Officer Landon Nesbitt. On January 19<sup>th</sup> while attending the academy, all of the recruits were engaging in conversation while eating. Officer Nesbitt recognized that one of the recruits was not engaging and showed signs of choking. Officer Nesbitt ran to the recruit's aid and started performing the Heimlich maneuver likely saving the recruit's life. Officer Nesbitt received a certificate of recognition from DPSST for his quick lifesaving response. Chief Seymour pinned Officer Nesbitt.

### **3. Ceremonial Swear In of Captain Gray, Lieutenant Wilson & Officer Jacob Gentry – Chief Seymour**

Chief Seymour called everyone up one at a time beginning with Officer Gentry.

Officer Gentry comes to the Prineville PD from Toledo, Oregon. Officer Gentry's wife and children are here to show their support. Chief Seymour administered the oath and wife, Jolisa Gentry pinned Officer Gentry's badge on his uniform.

Chief Seymour called Lieutenant Shane Wilson up and stated that Lt. Wilson came to us from Talent, Oregon. Since then he has worked his way up filling many roles over the years. Chief thanked his wife and family for all of their support allowing the Lieutenant to perform his best over the years. Chief Seymour administered the oath and sister, Tara Wilson pinned Lt. Wilson's badge on his uniform.

Chief Seymour called Captain Robert Gray up and explained that the Captain started in 2009 who also served numerous positions over the years. Captain Gray built the PD drone department and received his pilot's license among many other things. Chief Seymour administered the oath and Captain Gray's sons pinned his badge on his uniform.

Chief Seymour acknowledged all the officers in the audience who came to support their team.

### **Council Presentations**

None.

### **Council Business**

#### **4. Adopt Council Goals – Steve Forrester**

Steve Forrester, City Manager provided the background information and asked Council if there were any changes that Council wanted to make. We will also be scheduling the Council Strategic Priorities workshop which will tie back to the Council Goals.

There were no questions and Council agreed that they are happy with the goals as is.

**Councilor Smith made a motion to adopt the Council Goals as presented. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.**

#### **5. Crook County Parks & Recreation Foundation Request for Stryker Park Funding – Mayor Beebe**

Mayor Beebe stated that he is the sponsor for the request.

Andrea Weaver, Parks & Recreation Coordinator went through a power point presentation for the new Stryker Park playground explaining that this will be a treasured asset to our community.

The playground development is broke into phases to complete as funding for each phase becomes available. Phase I, the 2 – 5 year old area will have the equipment installed in March.

Ms. Weaver went through an overview of the park in its entirety noting that the musical harmony equipment will be installed in the spring as well.

John Bond on the Parks & Recreation Foundation Board explained that the High School Band will come down and perform with the harmony notes equipment after the Easter egg hunt. There will be a shade structure coming in for installation also.

Ms. Weaver continued going through the 2-5 year old area, Phase I. The park will focus on attractions in the area and our community and it will be fully fenced in so the kids can run around freely and not run into the street. Phase 2 is the all-inclusive area for kids or adults with special needs. It will have a poured rubber surfacing for easy access and maneuverability. Ms. Weaver discussed the big kid's area and the features which will include a climbing wall and a Native American area.

Mayor Beebe asked if they had approached the County for funding also. They explained they have provided materials to the County but have not been able to get on the agenda yet. They have also applied for grants and it is critical to receive funding for matches on grant applications.

Discussions continued regarding what has been funded and what is still needed for funding of the other phases, timing of funding, grants and matching.

Mr. Bond explained that the 2-5 year old, Phase I portion is fully funded however the inclusion area is not, though those kind of grants are easier to get because it is inclusive.

Discussions continued regarding the funding needed for the other phases and the entire project is over \$1 million dollars. There has been other funding and in-kind work received and committed and they are also looking at other ideas for funding. It may be a while before they actually get all of the funding to complete the project.

Councilor Hutchison asked if they are applying for grants that are for specific phases and Ms. Benkoski responded that it is specific to each individual phase.

Discussions resumed regarding that they have been working on this already for about 4 years. The 2-5 year old area should be completed by fall. There has been a lot of commitment from local businesses by performing work, and Kiwanis has also been very active in support.

Mr. Forrester went through some funding options and recommended that Council only address the request with the money they have available at this time. Mr. Forrester spoke with Commission Brummer off the record and the County thinks they may be able to do approximately \$12,000 also. Discussions continued regarding in-kind contributions.

Casey Kaiser, Public Works Director explained that the city has partnered with the community before on other projects. There is Public Works staff and equipment, so it is certainly possible that the city could contribute that way also.

Council discussed not wanting to completely deplete their contribution funds with several months to go still.

**Councilor Law made a motion to contribute \$12,500.00 from Council funds to the Crook County Parks & Recreation Foundation. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.**

Discussions continued regarding how some future funding could be built into the next budget.

### **Staff Reports and Requests:**

#### **6. City Manager's Report– Steve Forrester**

Mr. Forrester began with saying it was a great presentation from Public Safety earlier and the Cowboys finished in third at state and it was a nice parade through town with the escort by the Police Department.

Councilor Merritt added that McKenna Durim made history for CCHS and took championship for the girls.

Mr. Forrester continued with adding how well our Public Safety Department is doing compared to other cities nationwide and that it is a testament to the quality of people we have been able to maintain and recruit.

Councilor Smith confirmed with Mr. Forrester that Les Stiles memorial is taking place this coming Saturday at Deschutes County Fairgrounds.

Mr. Forrester continued with his manager's report highlighting each department.

Council asked for a snow report.

Mr. Forrester asked Bruce Scanlon, Ochoco Irrigation District (OID) Manager to come up and give a snow update. They went to the Ochoco Mountains yesterday and the levels are at 100% average. At the lower elevations there is less snow. The depth of snow was encouraging at higher elevations, but still need more in the lower elevations.

### **Committee Reports**

Councilor Hutchison provided an Ochoco Forest Collaboration update stating that she was elected as Chair again. She provided litigation updates with upcoming court dates and an update on upcoming projects in the Ochoco's, including a road project.

Discussions continued regarding the 21” trunk diameter rule litigation.

Mayor Beebe provided an update regarding the last Central Oregon Cities Organization (COCO) meeting and the legislation that they are tracking.

Discussions continued regarding enterprise zone bills, water bills, computer chips, how the city is prepared if approached for development to respond to these companies by having everything in place ahead of time rather than 2 – 3 years from now.

### **Ordinances:**

None.

### **Resolutions**

#### **7. Resolution No. 1547 – Approving Funding Agreement Between City and Ochoco Irrigation District (OID) Regarding Combs Flat Road Improvements – Casey Kaiser**

Mr. Kaiser went through a power point presentation that highlighted the importance of the extension of Combs Flat and how critical it is to have the OID ditch piped. Mr. Kaiser provided the background of this project and explained it is approximately 90% complete for design, funding received so far for project and what approving Resolution No. 1547 would do. He went through the benefits and the value to the city by approving. For example, by piping the canal it saves the city approximately \$6 million dollars by eliminating 3 street bridges for crossing over, with \$2 million to OID the city nets \$4 million in savings.

Mr. Kaiser added where we are in the project today is after years of work, countless hours, Council support and collaboration to get to this point. OID has had a huge part in this project as well as Mr. Forrester on both the city side and OID side. This is a good example of the strength of the city’s partnerships.

Mr. Scanlon went through the OID irrigation modernization project slide. The project has 11 elements which each has different benefits for each element. There will be benefits such as environmental improvements, water quality improvements, delivery efficiency, and reduction in lost water.

Mr. Forrester added to how this partnership has been a benefit for all and chances of this project happening would have been significantly less if it wasn’t for the partnership.

Councilor Smith agreed with Mr. Forrester and added that he had worked on this when he worked with the city and when Ironhorse tried to get this done before the city acquired the Barnes Butte property, it didn’t get anywhere.

**Councilor Howard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1547. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.**

**8. Resolution No. 1548 – Approving Internal Funding for Police Department Vehicles**  
– Steve Forrester / Lori Hooper

Mr. Forrester provided the background information for this resolution stating that Ms. Hooper, Finance Director explained the financial advantages well at the last meeting by funding internally, rather than obtaining funding from an outside source.

There were no questions.

**Councilor Hutchison made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1548. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.**

**9. Resolution No. 1549 – Approving Intergovernmental Agreement with Crook County School District** – Jered Reid / Captain Seymour

Jered Reid, City Attorney provided the background information on the School Resource Officer agreement with the School District.

Mr. Forrester added that a lot of school districts have had to cut these positions due to funding, but our School District sees the importance of keeping a police presence at the school.

There were no questions.

**Councilor Merritt made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1549. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.**

Councilor Merritt added that she has family in the education field and that it is very important to have a School Resource Officer on site and available to build relationships with the children.

**Visitors, Appearances and Requests:**

No one came forward.

**Adjourn**

**Councilor Law made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. All in favor, motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

**Motions and Outcomes:**

Motion:	Outcome	Beebe	Howard	Hutchison	Law	Merritt	Smith	Uffelman
Consent Agenda	PASSED	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	-
Adopt Council Goals	PASSED	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-
Motion to contribute \$12,500.00 from Council funds to the Crook County Parks & Recreation Foundation.	PASSED	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-
Resolution No. 1547 – Approving Funding Agreement Between City and Ochoco Irrigation District (OID) Regarding Combs Flat Road Improvements	PASSED	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-
Resolution No. 1548 – Approving Internal Funding for Police Department Vehicles	PASSED	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-
Resolution No. 1549 – Approving Intergovernmental Agreement with Crook County School District	PASSED	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-
Adjourn Meeting	PASSED	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-

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