



CITY OF PRINEVILLE
Regular Meeting Brief
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City Council Meeting Brief
October 24, 2023

Council Members Present:

Marv Sumner
Jason Beebe
Steve Uffelman

Gail Merritt
Scott Smith
Janet Hutchison

Council Members Absent

Shane Howard

Additions to the Agenda

None.

Consent Agenda

1. Regular Meeting Brief 9-26-2023
2. Special Meeting Brief 10-6-2023

Councilor Uffelman made a motion to approve consent agenda as presented. Motion seconded. No discussion on motion. Motion carried.

Visitors, Appearances and Requests

No one came forward.

Council Presentations

None.

Council Business

3. **Intent to Award Water Resiliency Project** – Casey Kaiser

Casey Kaiser, Public Works Director presented the staff report highlighting that we had six responsive bidders, with Taylor NW having the lowest bid. This is the third of recent projects that have come in below the cost estimate.

Discussions continued regarding the recent lower bids and if this is an indication of slowing economics, but it is still too early to tell.

Councilor Hutchison made a motion to approve intent to award the Water Resiliency Project to Taylor NW in the amount of \$3,981,672.00. Motion seconded. Discussion on motion from Jered Reid clarifying it is an intent to award. No further discussion. All in favor, motion carried.

Staff Reports and Requests:

4. City Manager's Report– Steve Forrester

Steve Forrester, City Manager went through his report on each of the departments and activity.

There were questions regarding the city taking over other dispatch locations and CAD maps for the other counties. Sam McKenzie, Dispatch Director explained that it is a GIS format and can be done. It would just take training for multiple maps and would create a unique shift balance. We would need four more dispatchers to take over additional counties and we have created call taker positions which will help. The primary portion of conversations has been for infrastructure, which we do have to accommodate additional locations. This has been considered off and on for about 10 years and Jefferson County is leading this effort now.

Mr. Forrester continued with his report adding that he will be doing a track inspection with the railroad at 7:30 AM on Thursday morning.

Councilor Merritt asked about the bike races at Barnes Butte Recreation Area (BBRA).

Mr. Kaiser said the bike races went very well and is looking forward to the group's de-briefing on the event. He has received good comments back from others and the event is very good for local business.

Lt. Shane Wilson came forward and went through a power point presentation that highlighted recent events that the Police Department has participated in. Officer Mike Coffman graduated and Officer Jeff Coffman has been sworn back in.

Committee Reports

Councilor Sumner provided a Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) update that highlighted updates on Core 3 for an area proposed for wildfire training. Cascade East Transit added a new route in Bend. COIC is offering a Workforce Innovation opportunity that is helping train people to join the workforce, as well as training people that are at the correctional institute in Madras to be prepared for work when released.

Councilor Hutchison provided an Ochoco Forest Collaborative update which included a field trip to Mills Creek and tree mortality discussion. They stopped at a riparian area next to a recreation area and discussed what rehabilitation would look like there.

They also distributed pieces of bark that illustrated what different beetles do to trees. The Mill Creek comment period has closed and Walton Lake trees that need to be removed are getting closer to identifying a starting area. There are also Forest Service jobs that are open for recruitment.

Councilor Hutchison said that she was very impressed with the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) conference. She attended the Councilor workshop that focused on the good of community and how every city should have two workshops, with one that focuses on the visioning for the community. The key note speaker was good. Councilor Hutchison also talked about wildfire preparedness and Pacific Corp having meters so they know when certain lines need to be shut down.

Councilor Sumner talked about Mr. Strickland, the keynote speaker at the LOC conference and said was very dynamic and interesting. He also listened to the other speaker and how council is part of the community. He also attended an afternoon session regarding succession planning.

Councilor Smith also commented on the LOC Council workshop. Later he went to an infrastructure session which highlighted how cities can meet the infrastructure needs. He would also love to send Eric Klann, Casey Kaiser or Caroline Ervin down to talk about sewer or infrastructure and what we have done in our community.

Councilor Uffelman talked about a meeting he was able to have with the city of Aumsville during the LOC conference. He invited them to visit and speak with the engineering firm we used. He also talked about meeting with other community members on how they can engage with government.

Councilor Sumner said there is so much we can do to engage our young people.

Councilor Hutchison added that she noticed there were a lot of younger folks attending the conference this year and the homelessness session was a full day session.

Councilor Uffelman announced that he was invited to speak at the Crook County Democratic group regarding the flood plain and Josh Smith, Planning Director attended with him. Josh really took the discussion home and thanked him for attending.

There were no other reports.

Ordinances:

None.

Resolutions

None.

Visitors, Appearances and Requests:

No one came forward.

Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 P.M.

Motions and Outcomes:

Motion:	Outcome	Beebe	Howard	Hutchison	Merritt	Smith	Sumner	Uffelman
Consent Agenda	PASSED	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Motion to approve intent to award the Water Resiliency Project to Taylor NW in the amount of \$3,981,672.00.	PASSED	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Adjourn Meeting	PASSED	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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