

City Council Meeting Minutes

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2018

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY, COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

AGENDA ITEM 1 **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

CONVENED:

Mayor Cheryl A. Young called the meeting to order at 6 pm. Mayor Young delivered the invocation and led the flag salute.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Cheryl A. Young
Councilor Sally Ann Marson
Councilor Karli Ebert
Councilor Nell Harrison
Councilor Gordon Thistle

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

ALSO PRESENT:

Leahnette Rivers, City Administrator/Recorder

ATTORNEY PRESENT:

None

A quorum was present and due notice had been published.

AGENDA ITEM 2 **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None.

AGENDA ITEM 3 **CITIZEN INPUT:**

3.1 Columbia County Public Health Foundation: Claire Catt, Prevention Coordinator for the Columbia County Public Health Foundation, spoke about one of their chronic health and disease prevention programs, which focuses on tobacco reduction, cessation, and protecting youth from second hand smoke. She said more and more public spaces locally, throughout the state, and at the national level are turning into smoke free spaces, which reduces the level of second-hand smoke exposure to our most vulnerable people and everyone else visiting those public places. She asked the Council to consider prohibiting the smoking of all types of inhalants in each of the City parks. She said the Public Health Foundation can provide support with the ordinance amendment language and the provision of signage. She said typically enforcement is in the signage placed in the smoke free areas, and visitors can help with enforcement by asking violators to follow the posted rules.

Leahnette said the Columbia City Dog Park rules prohibit smoking, but there are no other no-smoking rules in effect in other City-owned park areas.

Councilor Marson said the Parks Committee is in favor of the recommendation. Mayor Young also expressed support of the Parks Committee's recommendation to approve a ban.

Leahnette noted that Claire had also recommended the public area in front of City Hall and the Community Hall be included as smoke free zones, but members of the Parks Committee raised concerns about the smokers simply moving down the street to smoke rather than choosing not to smoke - especially in light of the number of people that hang around the area while the Justice Court is in session.

It was the consensus of the Council that we move forward with adopting an inhalant prohibition in our City parks.

AGENDA ITEM 4 COUNCIL REPORTS:

4.1 Parks Committee: Chair Marson said the minutes from the last meeting were included in the Council Meeting Packet.

4.2 Water and Sewer Committee: Chair Thistle said the Water and Sewer Committee will meet on February 21st.

Leahnette reported that the crew has been doing some leak detection work because our water loss has crept up to nearly 30%, while our overall goal is 10% or less. She said they recently found and repaired a fairly large leak in one of the fire hydrants.

4.3 Street Committee: No report.

4.4 Audit Committee: Secretary Harrison said the Audit Committee will meet on Monday at 2:00 pm.

4.5 Hazard Mitigation Planning Group: Team Member Ebert said the Group is continuing their review of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

4.6 Other Reports: Councilor Marson reported that Maria Burns has accepted an invitation to read her winning Voice for Democracy essay during this year's Memorial Day Ceremony.

Councilor Marson reported that the Community Hall Committee met recently and they are planning to host an Easter Breakfast in the Community Hall on Saturday, March 31st, from 7 to 10 am.

Leahnette said Senator Betsy Johnson has agreed to be our guest speaker this year at the Memorial Day Ceremony.

Leahnette said she recently attended a Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting, and the recycling market is facing major disruptions right now because of severe import restrictions imposed by China. She said recycling costs are becoming prohibitive, and some companies have actually received temporary approval to dispose of the recyclables in land fills. She said this topic will likely be discussed during the upcoming City County Quarterly Dinner Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA:

5.1 Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting on January 18, 2018.

5.2 Activities report from the Chief of Police.

5.3 Activities report from the City Administrator.

5.4 OLCC License Renewal as applied for by Sahjanand Investments LLC dba Columbia Groceries & Gas.

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MOVED (MARSON), SECONDED (EBERT) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

AGENDA ITEM 6 UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

AGENDA ITEM 7 NEW BUSINESS:

None.

AGENDA ITEM 8 OTHER BUSINESS:

Justice Court Lease Proposal: The Council reviewed an email from Judge Diana Taylor dated January 25, 2018 proposing the Justice Court's rental of the Community Hall every Wednesday from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at a rate of \$25.00 per hour, for a total of \$100.00 per day.

Leahnette said the Justice Court used the Community Hall for their January sessions, and it was much less disruptive, and she recommended Council approval of the Justice Court proposal.

It was the consensus of the Council to move forward with a new lease agreement for the Community Hall as proposed by Judge Taylor.

Application Fee for Marijuana Facility: After conducting some research about the fees charged by other communities, Leahnette suggested the City Council move forward with a \$2,500.00 application fee for the establishment of marijuana facilities, which is the same fee charged by the City of St. Helens. It was the consensus of the Council to move forward with establishing the fee as recommended.

AGENDA ITEM 9 ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

APPROVED:

Cheryl A. Young
Mayor

ATTEST:

Leahnette Rivers
City Administrator/Recorder