

City Council Meeting Minutes

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2023 – 6:00 PM
COLUMBIA CITY, CITY HALL – 1840 SECOND STREET
CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY, COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

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

CONVENED:

Mayor Katrina Claridge called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Council President Gordon Thistle
Councilor Rob Forman
Councilor Jeff Reinan

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

ALSO PRESENT:

Kim Karber, Interim City Administrator/Recorder
Micah Rogers, Public Works Superintendent

ATTORNEY PRESENT:

None

A quorum was present and due notice had been published.

1.1 Inauguration and swearing in of newly appointed Mayor Katrina Claridge by Kim Karber.

AGENDA ITEM 2 **CITIZEN INPUT:**

None.

AGENDA ITEM 3 **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

None.

AGENDA ITEM 4 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

4.1 Bills paid with check numbers 34632 through 34683 during the month of November 2023.

4.2 Expense vs Budget Report for the month ending November 30, 2023.

4.3 Combined balance sheet for the month ending November 30, 2023.

4.4 Minutes of the November 16, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting.

4.5 Activity Report from the Chief of Police for the month of November 2023.

4.6 Activity Report from the Public Works Superintendent for the month of November 2023.

4.7 Report of the System Development Charge Revenues and Expenditures for Fiscal Years 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, and 2022-23.

THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

AGENDA ITEM 5 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

AGENDA ITEM 6 **NEW BUSINESS:**

6.1 **Review applications and interview candidates for filling the open council position.**

The current Mayor and Council members interviewed four candidates for the open council position – Charles Dryden, Steve Wick, Connie Quick, and Lyle Bluhm. They will take time to think about the candidates and bring their ranked choices to January’s meeting. Katrina will be abstaining from the vote since one of the candidates is a relative, but because the positions are unpaid it is ok if relatives serve together per the Oregon Ethics Commission.

MOVED (GORDON), SECONDED (FORMAN) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE DECISION FOR THE NEW COUNCIL POSITION TO BE DELAYED UNTIL THE JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING.

6.2 **Council Bill No. 23-972; Resolution 23-1308-R: A Resolution determining a nuisance at 2205 2nd Street.**

MOVED (THISTLE), SECONDED (FORMAN) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THAT A NUISANCE EXISTS AT 2205 2ND STREET.

6.3 **Police Chief Bartolomucci salary range step correction.**

MOVED (FORMAN), SECONDED (THISTLE) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE CORRECTION OF POLICE CHIEF BARTOLOMUCCI’S PAY FROM A STEP FIVE TO A STEP SIX, WHICH DOES NOT AFFECT HIS PAY.

6.4 **Consideration of approval of excess carryover vacation time for Kim Karber.**

MOVED (FORMAN), SECONDED (THISTLE) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE KIM’S EXCESS CARRYOVER VACATION TIME OF 9.30 HOURS.

6.5 **Clarification of membership eligibility on the Planning Commission.**

There was a question regarding the membership eligibility of the newest member of the planning commission due to the vague qualifications for membership. The Mayor and Council were asked for an interpretation. They determined they would like section three of Ordinance 99-548-O to change ‘reside’ to ‘have a primary residence’. Kim will make changes and present at the next council meeting.

MOVED (THISTLE), SECONDED (FORMAN) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE MARK STEVENS BE ABLE TO CONTINUE HIS MEMBERSHIP ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

6.6 **First reading of Council Bill No. 23-973: An Ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 348.**

The Council completed the first reading of Council Bill No 23-973.

AGENDA ITEM 7 **OTHER BUSINESS:**

2021 water line/water reservoir upgrade: The City received a close out report for project number S17032 stating the terms and conditions of the contract had been satisfied.

Holiday Party: Staff wanted to thank the Mayor and Council for the Holiday party.

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Bundy Park: Councilor Reinan wanted to commend how good Bundy Park looks, especially the trails going through the park.

AGENDA ITEM 8 ADJOURNMENT:

8.1 There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.

APPROVED:

Katrina Claridge
Mayor

ATTEST:

Kim Karber
Interim City Administrator/Recorder