

The Falls City City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 4, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center located at 320 N. Main Street.

**Council Members Present:**

Council President Amy Houghtaling, Councilor Nick Backus, Councilor Martha Jirovec, Councilor Tony Meier, Councilor Dennis Sickles and Councilor Lori Jean Sickles.

**Staff Present:**

City manager AJ Foscoli and City Recorder Jeremy Teal

<b>AGENDA</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>Announcements, Appointments, Appreciations &amp; Proclamations</b>	<p>Mayor Bailey recognized Don Poe and Jon Creekmore with certificates of appreciation for their hard work on the football field.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey thanked everyone who helped with the fire on Ellis Street.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli introduced Gabby Dominge as the RARE Participant.</p> <p>Ms. Dominge, RARE participant, outlined her work for the year regarding water, stormwater and public education.</p>
<b>Public Comment</b>	<p>Mayor Bailey opened the public comments at 6:03 p.m.</p> <p>Jim Miner noted the motor home on Main Street was still there, but the cars were removed off Pine Street and that was great. Mayor Bailey stated the old motorhome was gone and the one on North Main Street now is a new one.</p> <p>Tracy Young asked Mayor Bailey about the conditional use permit. Mayor Bailey noted that things were in order, but he was unable to discuss the project. He noted that he would have a report in the next Council meeting agenda.</p> <p>David Drake thanked the Fire Dept for all their work in the community. He also thanked Dennis Sickles for always being about the kids. He asked about his meter box getting fixed. Mr. Foscoli stated he would handle the situation tomorrow.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey read a statement from Drew Baird, Consolidated Supply Representative regarding the freezing of the new water meters.</p>

	<p>Tina Thompson stated the meters still needed wrapped or they were all going to freeze and break. She noted there needed to be more dirt in all the holes and wrap the meters with insulation so pipes don't freeze. Mr. Foscoli noted the meters had a 10-year warranty and they would be replaced at the suppliers cost.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey closed the public comments at 6:11 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Republic Services Presentation</b></p>	<p>Kenny Larson, Municipal Administrator with Republic Services, gave a brief presentation regarding the 4.1% increase for the new rates for the franchise agreement with Falls City. He noted a 35 gallon would increase \$2.04 bimonthly and the 90 gallon would increase \$3.40 bimonthly. He mentioned the Recycling Modernization Act would be taking effect next year and a new expanded list for recycling would be released soon.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey stated that he really appreciated the clean-up day every year. He noted the 165 residents that were helped really appreciated it.</p> <p>Councilor Jirovec asked about the household hazardous waste recycling day. Mr. Larson noted he would contract that out. Mr. Teal noted the gentleman at the county that used to do the event retired and the county is not sure they were going to bring it back.</p>
<p><b>Consent Agenda</b> a) October 7, 2024 Minutes</p>	<p>It was moved by Council President Houghtaling to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Backus and CARRIED with a vote of 6-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, D Sickles, LJ Sickles and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.</p>
<p><b>Reports or Comments from Mayor and Council Members</b> a) Mayor's Report</p>	<p>Mayor Bailey stated Falls City Veterans BBQ on Monday November 11 at noon at the Resource Center. Any volunteers, any desserts or any food would be helpful. He noted if the weather doesn't cooperate, they may need canopies and if it is really bad weather, they would move to the community center. He advised that prior to</p>



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upper park trees, and Rick Zunck Footbridge. He noted the dedication would be on Monday, November 11 at 11:30 am behind city hall.

Councilor Jirovec asked about the plan to spend the rest of ARPA funds. Mr. Foscoli noted that at the next Council meeting he would have a list to spend the remaining funds.

Councilor President Houghtaling stated the community center needed ADA doors.

Councilor Jirovec suggested a storage area for equipment in community center. She asked about the upper park trees being given away for firewood. Mr. Foscoli noted the whatever couldn't be sold would be available for firewood.

Mr. Foscoli gave a brief presentation regarding the FEMA flood plain decision the Council needed to make. He noted that in Falls City all but one property was already built on in the flood plain and option #3 would not allow any more building in the flood plain. He mentioned that every other jurisdiction was having the same discussion.

Council President Houghtaling noted that in 30 years she didn't want to have anyone unable to build anything on their property.


Mr. Foscoli stated that FEMA wanted a decision from the city by December 1. He noted that if the city didn't choose, FEMA would pick option 1.

Councilor Jirovec noted that ORS 90 was related to real estate and the legal responsibility to disclose to people of structures on the property in a flood plain.

Mayor Bailey outlined the options as #1 let FEMA handle the flood plain, #2 the city would require permits, and #3 no building in the flood plain.

Councilor D Sickles stated he thought option 2 would be a good way to go. Mr. Foscoli stated that Mr. Whyte would be attending the December 2 Council meeting to do a deep dive

	<p>into options 1 and 2. He noted that the decision needed to come first, then the implementation. Council President Houghtaling noted that option 2 would make the city jump through FEMA hoops which would accumulate a lot of city expenses.</p> <p>Chris Martin noted that the Corp of Engineers developed the map and they overexaggerated a huge swath along the river path. He stated that option 2 would be case by case and allow for some building in the flood plain. He mentioned the permit expense would be on the individual getting the permit.</p> <p>Councilor Backus asked if option 3 would allow variances in the flood plain. Mr. Foscoli noted Mr. Whyte would come to the next Council meeting and explain all of that.</p> <p>Councilor D Sickles stated option 3 was good option with the understanding, but at the next council meeting dive into options 1 and 2.</p> <p>Councilor Jirovec noted it was better to get all the information.</p> <p>It was moved by Council President Houghtaling to approve choice #3 to not allowing building in the flood plain. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Backus and carried with a vote of 6-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, D Sickles, LJ Sickles and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.</p>
<p>Good of the Order</p>	<p>Councilor D Sickles advised the girls volleyball team went to state, but unfortunately lost in Redmond. He noted the Football team also went to state and will be playing at Prairie City.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling thanked the resource center for the Trick'n'Treat and handing out candy.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey thanked the Martins for hanging the breast cancer awareness flags. He also noted that on November 20 Travel Salem was awarding the Falls City Pride Committee an award for small town event and he would be there to receive it.</p>

	Council President Houghtaling advised the community Thanksgiving would be on November 23 and all donations were welcome.
Adjourn	There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.
Read and approved this <u>2</u> day of <u>December</u> 2024.	
Mayor:	
ATTEST:	
City Recorder:	