


FALLS CITY CITY COUNCIL		MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024	
The Falls City City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 6, 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, and Councilor Dennis Sickles. Councilor Lori Jean Sickles was absent.			
Staff Present: City Manager AJ Foscoli, City Recorder Jeremy Teal			
AGENDA		ACTION	
Announcements, Appointments, Appreciations & Proclamations		There were no comments.	
Public Comment		<p>Mayor Bailey opened the public comments at 6:02 p.m.</p> <p>Boyd Lamprecht asked when his road would be put back in for access to his property that the County tore out. Mr. Foscoli stated he had spoken to the County and after the project was completed his road would be put back in, pending an access permit from Weyerhaeuser. Mr. Lamprecht asked for a certified letter stating his road would be put back.</p> <p>Lilli Boettcher stated her neighbor was stealing land from her. She noted she had called the police, but they couldn't do anything. Mayor Bailey advised she visit Mr. Teal at the City Hall and hopefully get some answers.</p> <p>Jim Miner reported the wastewater location for the clean-up day was too soft, and it should be moved back to the mill lot. Mr. Foscoli noted he had spoken with White Oak Construction and they indicated they would not have started on the community Resource Center project in the Mill Lot by the day of the clean-up. He noted the clean-up day would be moved back to the Mill Lot this year.</p> <p>Mr. Miner added that he would like Mayor Bailey's resignation for telling the principal and town to go f##*k off. He noted the City doesn't need Mayor Bailey in town.</p> <p>David Drake stated the ground prep at the new wastewater treatment site was not a possibility</p>	

	<p>in the timeframe the City had. He suggested taking the clean-up back to the Mill Lot. He mentioned that if the City pissed off Republic Services they wouldn't come back.</p> <p>Tracy Young noted she was worried about the medical building turning into a homeless camp. She advised the only dangerous building identified was on Dayton Street in the last 4 months. She mentioned the Mitchell Street homeless camp by the river. She indicated there were drugs at the camp.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey asked if the Sheriff had been contacted. Ms. Young stated the owner had not been contacted.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli stated he had a meeting with the Sheriff next week and would bring up that topic. Mayor Bailey asked if the information could be relayed to Ms. Young after the meeting.</p> <p>Shane Compton stated he was helping Mr. Miller with 171 Dayton and that 90% of the work was done. He noted he had a couple of supports to fix, but there was no damage to framing.</p> <p>Tina Thompson suggested returning the backflow fee to the water bill. She noted the cost for the City was considerably cheaper than for the individual. She agreed with Mr. Miner that Mayor Bailey should resign or at least do anger management classes for treating students and parents so rudely.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey closed the public comments at 6:26 p.m.</p>
<p>TMDL Presentation</p>	<p>Elizabeth Sagmiller gave a brief presentation regarding the Falls City TMDL Report, Implementation Plan, public education, RARE participant, and regulations.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling thanked Elizabeth for all the help. Ms. Sagmiller stated you were very welcome and that she loved the staff and community.</p>

	<p>Mayor Bailey asked what the City was behind in (for TMDL compliance). Ms. Sagmiller noted the city was a little behind due to small staff and low budgets. She mentioned the TMDL Matrix had timelines they would need to meet annually.</p> <p>Councilor D Sickles asked what agency the City reported to for the annual TMDL report. Ms. Sagmiller noted it was DEQ for the annual report as well as a 5-year evaluation.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey asked if public education was a big part of the report. Ms. Sagmiller stated that education was a huge part of the TMDL and showing forward progress was the biggest accomplishment in the view of DEQ. She noted regulations were there and are being enforced.</p>
<p>Consent Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) April 1, 2024 Minutes b) Street Closure – Happy Dance 	<p>It was moved by Councilor Backus to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Meier and CARRIED with a vote of 5-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, D sickles, and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.</p>
<p>Reports or Comments from Mayor and Council Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Mayor’s Report b) Public Works Report c) Councilor Comments 	<p>Mayor Bailey reported the leadership meeting with RDI had a good turnout and was a good conversation. He noted the Skate Park had settled on a design and which was versatile for many events and that he was currently researching funding sources.</p> <p>Councilor Meier reported the Public Works Committee discussed backflows on private property. He noted the committee agreed that having the City take care of the backflow testing was to the residents’ advantage.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling noted the fee was not covering the cost of the testing, so the City removed the fee to have public test their own backflows. Councilor D sickles asked if the City would take care of all aspects of the backflow. Councilor Meier noted the City would just need to figure out the cost.</p>

<p>d) Park & Rec Committee Report</p>	<p>Council President Houghtaling responded to Ms. Young's question regarding the funding of the resource center that it was Willamette Health Council, not Salem Health paying for the center. She noted the Happy Dance would be May 18 on north Main Street with food, fun, and games.</p> <p>Councilor D Sickles noted committee funds should be spent on signage and BBQ pits at the parks.</p>
<p>Reports from City Manager & Staff</p> <p>a) Fire Report b) Sheriff Report c) Public Works Report d) City Manager's Report</p> <p>e) Budget Officer Appointment</p>	<p>There were no comments. There were no comments. There were no comments. Mr. Foscoli gave his report regarding the wastewater treatment plant, the Resiliency Hub Grant, Community Resource Center project, RARE application, MINET franchise agreement, code enforcement, Backroads Coffee Shop, Tourism Promotion.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli reported the City needed to appoint a budget officer for the new budget year.</p> <p>It was moved by Council President Houghtaling to appoint Councilor Jirovec as the 2024-2025 Budget Officer. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor D Sickles and carried with a vote of 5-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, D Sickles and Council President Houghtaling.</p>
<p>Resolutions Resolution 07-2024 – MINET Franchise Agreement</p> <p>Resolution 06-2024 – Reinstate Backflow Fee</p>	<p>Mr. Foscoli reported that MINET was coming into Falls City via north Main Street and needed to enact the franchise agreement. He noted they would expand as the demand increased. He mentioned the City was entitled to the 7% franchise fee for working in Falls City.</p> <p>It was moved by Council President Houghtaling to approve Resolution 07-2024 Franchise Agreement with MINET. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Meier. The motion was carried with a ROLL CALL vote of 5-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, D Sickles, and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.</p>

	<p>Mr. Foscoli reported the backflow fee was not keeping up with cost of testing and that's why the fee was removed and the testing was put back on the residents. He noted the City had done research and found that the per test fee was cheaper for city and more expensive for the residents. He stated the fee would need to increase due to the testing cost each year. He mentioned the reinstated fee would be \$2.50 and increase of \$.25 cents higher to account for the higher testing fee. He indicated the Resolution was written to allow Council to pause any annual fee increase.</p> <p>Councilor Backus asked if the testing was every 3 years. Mr. Foscoli noted the backflow testing was annual. Mayor Bailey noted the OHA stated that all approved backflows must be tested in a 12-month period.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey asked the cost of testing the backflows. Mr. Foscoli noted for the resident it would be \$40 to \$55 and for the City it would be \$30 to \$35.</p> <p>Tina Thompson stated the \$3 million dollar grant wasn't asked of the public if they can afford it. She noted to take the CAP money and pay for it, so it doesn't cost the citizens. Mr. Foscoli noted the utility reserve fund may be able to help pay for the grant, but he wasn't sure of the accounting rules regarding the fund but he would look into it.</p> <p>It was moved by Council D Sickles to approve Resolution 06-2024. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Backus. The motion was carried with a ROLL CALL vote of 5-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, D Sickles, and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.</p>
<p>Ordinances Ordinance 566-2024</p>	<p>Mr. Foscoli stated the City was reinstating backflow Ordinance 97-464 and repealing Ordinance 563-2023.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey stated Ordinance 464-2024 to have passed its first reading.</p>

Good of the Order	Councilor Jirovec noted she was working on a survey for the LCB events in the summer and fall. Council President Houghtaling asked if a backflow FAQ would be put in the newsletter and asked if the write up could be sent to Council President Houghtaling and Councilor Jirovec. Mr. Teal noted there would be a write-up and he would send it to both of them.
Adjourn	There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.
Read and approved this <u>3</u> day of <u>June</u> 2024. Mayor:  ATTEST: City Recorder: 