

FALLS CITY CITY COUNCIL**MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024**

The Falls City City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 1, 2024 at 6:01 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, City Recorder Jeremy Teal

AGENDA**Announcements, Appointments, Appreciations & Proclamations****ACTION**

Mayor Bailey thanked Lori and Laura Sickles for an amazing easter egg hunt on. He noted there were tons of kids, and everyone had a great time.

He thanked Council President Houghtaling for filling in at the last Council meeting.

Councilor D Sickles thanked Mr. Foscoli for his diligent work on making sure the school had a football field next year.

Public Hearing**a. Community Resource Center**

Mayor Bailey opened the public hearing at 6:05 p.m.

Staff Report

Mr. Whyte gave a brief staff report regarding the Community Resource Center at 200 Parry Street in Falls City. He noted it was a Conditional Use Permit with no height or setback restrictions. He stated he recommended Council approve both applications with the conditions.

Councilor Questions

Council President Houghtaling asked if the applicant was aware of the conditions. Mr. Whyte noted they were aware.

Councilor Jirovec asked if there would be an ADA ramp on the facility. Mr. Whyte noted there was.



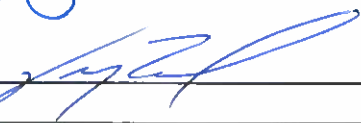
Applicant Report

Mr. Brent DeMoe representing Willamette Health Council (WHC) explained to Councilor Jirovec there was a certified ADA ramp and improved sidewalk for the facility. He advised Council President Houghtaling that White Oak Construction and WHC collectively knew about the conditions.

<p>Councilor Comments</p> <p>Public Comments Applicant Rebuttal</p> <p>Councilor Comments</p>	<p>Councilor D Sickles asked what the timeline was. Mr. DeMoe hoped to be open for the Happy Dance in May.</p> <p>There were no comments. There were no comments.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey closed the public hearing at 6:13 p.m.</p> <p>Councilor D Sickles noted this project had been discussed and would open much needed doors and would be beneficial for the community.</p> <p>It was moved by Councilor Backus to approve SDR 24-01 and CUP 24-01 subject to the conditions of approval set forth on Page 8 in the staff report. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor D Sickles and CARRIED with a ROLL CALL vote of 6-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, D sickles, LJ Sickles and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.</p>
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>Mayor Bailey opened the public comments at 6:16 p.m.</p> <p>There were no comments.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey closed the public comments at 6:16 p.m.</p>
<p>Consent Agenda a) March 4, 2024 Minutes</p>	<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 6-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, D sickles, LJ Sickles and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.</p>
<p>Reports or Comments from Mayor and Council Members a) Mayor's Report</p>	<p>Mayor Bailey thanked the Council for their community minded work to include the wastewater plant, the new gas station, the coffee shop, the upcoming resource center, the brush truck, the new EV Vehicle, and the goal setting session. He noted that he printed for the Council the final draft of the skate park design. He stated he would like to have a town hall so the community can see and give feedback on the design.</p>

<p>b) Councilor Comments</p>	<p>Councilor Martha asked what trees would be removed and if there would be any loss of the hill. He explained that no trees were coming down and there was a need to bring in some dirt so the hill would be added to, and nothing would be taken away.</p> <p>Councilor LJ Sickles thanked the volunteers for their help with the easter egg hunt this year and she was looking forward to next year.</p> <p>Councilor Backus asked for some direction for the report for the Council he was working on. Council President Houghtaling stated that the report should be less than a page, like a snapshot for Facebook. She noted he could send it to other Councilors for directions.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling reported that the Historic Landmark Committee received a \$16,500 grant for the oral history project. She stated that the oral history needed to revolve around historic landmarks.</p> <p>Councilor Jirovec asked for the budget calendar and noted there was a new HUD grant for manufactured home parks expected grant amount between \$5-\$10 million. She stated this was the first year for the grant. She asked if parking spots and crosswalks could be painted this summer, as well as some speed bumps around town.</p>
<p>Reports from City Manager & Staff</p> <p>a) Fire Report b) Sheriff Report c) City Manager's Report</p>	<p>There were no comments. There were no comments. Mr. Foscoli gave his report regarding the wastewater treatment plant, the Resiliency Hub Grant, the Community Resource Center project, the RARE application, the MINET franchise agreement, Code Enforcement, Backroads Coffee Shop, and tourism promotion.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling noted the City needed someone to help spearhead that. Mr. Foscoli noted that Travel Salem with the help of Polk County cities and their social media the push needed to be consistent. He mentioned that new</p>

	<p>content would need to be posted 3 or 4 times a month. Councilor Backus asked if Mr. Foscoli had some parameters regarding the job. Mr. Foscoli stated he would send the information out in an email.</p> <p>Councilor Jirovec spoke about the Resilience Grant and Mr. Foscoli added the grant could be used for equipment and other assistance. He noted generators for emergencies and retro fitting old buildings to allow for generators was part of the grant. He mentioned a Cascadia type event would leave Falls City isolated for up to 18 months and those are the type of events to keep in mind and prepare for as best we can.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey asked if the City had a satellite phone. Mr. Foscoli advised the grant would allow for them to have one as well as general emergency supplies all in one package. Mayor Bailey noted communication out of town could be key. Council President Houghtaling mentioned the school had a satellite phone. Mr. Foscoli stated he would look into one.</p> <p>Councilor Jirovec asked if the city was converted to new utility billing software. Mr. Teal stated it was all implemented.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling asked about speed bumps. Mr. Foscoli stated they would be placed on south Main and other places.</p>
<p>Resolutions Resolution 05-2024 – Business Oregon Loan Agreement</p>	<p>Mr. Foscoli advised there were some clerical errors in the verbiage of the resolution.</p> <p>It was moved by Councilor D Sickles to approve Resolution 05-2024 authorizing and approving the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund financing contract S24003 loan amount of \$1,075,218 for financing the design, engineering, permitting and construction of this project. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Backus. The motion was carried with a ROLL CALL vote of 6-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, D Sickles, U Sickles, and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.</p>

<p>Good of the Order</p>	<p>Councilor Jirovec reported the Thrives events were reserved with City and that she hoped to put out a survey for community events to current attending community members for Fall events.</p> <p>Councilor D Sickles asked how the Council could spend the donated money to improve the parks.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey stated that prior to the next park meeting someone should take some pics and do a slide show to get ideas for beauty and safety. He noted that some new signs for hours and camping would be a good start.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli thanked Jon Creekmore and Don Poe for their knowledge regarding the upper park practice field for football. Councilor D Sickles stated it was an unfortunate situation, but it gave the community an opportunity to come together.</p> <p>Councilor Meier reported that 2 cars ran the stop sign at Mitchell Street. Mr. Foscoli stated he had a conversation with Sheriff Garton about speed cameras and the opportunity for any city to deploy them. He noted you needed an Officer to review the footage and that the cameras were not cheap. Council President Houghtaling asked the cost of the camera. Mr. Foscoli advised the cameras were \$25,000.</p>
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.</p>
<p>Read and approved this <u>6</u> day of <u>May</u> 2024.</p> <p>Mayor: <u></u></p> <p>ATTEST: <u></u></p> <p>City Recorder: <u></u></p>	