

**NEHALEM CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
December 11, 2023**

REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Chick called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and asked Council President Howell to lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held in-person and by Zoom video conference.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Phil Chick, Mayor (on Zoom)
Dave Cram, Council Member
Doug Larzelier, Council Member
John Coopersmith, Council Member
Hilary Howell, Council President

STAFF PRESENT: Lori Longfellow, City Manager
Yuriy Ukhach, Deputy City Recorder
Chuck Mumm, Maintenance Specialist (on Zoom)

VISITORS: Lane deMoll
Fae Scott
on Zoom:
Mrs. O'Connor
Rod Murphy
Unidentified visitors

MINUTES

The Council reviewed the minutes of the November 13, 2023, Regular Council Meeting, of the May 3, 2023, Special Council Work Session, of the May 23, 2023, Special Council Meeting, of the June 15, 2023, Special Council Meeting, of the July 27, 2023, Special Council Meeting and of the August 29, 2023, Special Council Meeting. Council President Howell **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2023, Regular Council Meeting, of the May 3, 2023, Special Council Work Session, of the May 23, 2023, Special Council Meeting, of the June 15, 2023, Special Council Meeting, of the July 27, 2023, Special Council Meeting and of the August 29, 2023, Special Council Meeting as presented. Councilor Coopersmith **SECONDED** the

motion. **MOTION PASSED 4-0 (Yes: Howell, Cram, Larzelier and Coopersmith; No: None).**

POLICE REPORT

The Council reviewed the Police Report for November 2023.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

OREGON RECREATIONAL IMMUNITY

City Manager Lori Longfellow related that on December 7th, CIS Consultant Margaret Ryan toured the city's recreational sites in person. The consultant commended the city staff on how well maintained the sites were and provided a few suggestions; she did not feel there was any need to close any of the city's sites.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION TO RE-APPOINT PLANNING COMMISSIONER LANCE STOCKTON

City Manager Lori Longfellow explained that Commissioner Stockton's term was up at the end of December 2023, and he re-submitted his application for Planning Commission Position #5.

Councilor Cram **MOVED** to reappoint Lance Stockton to Planning Commission Position #5. Council President Howell **SECONDED** the motion. **MOTION PASSED 4-0 (Yes: Howell, Cram, Larzelier and Coopersmith; No: None).**

PLANNING COMMISSION POSITION #3 VACANCY DECLARATION.

City Manager Lori Longfellow related that Commissioner Chick's term expires at the end of December 2023 and she had decided to retire from the Planning Commission. She added that once the position is declared vacant it will be advertised for 30 days and the applications will be accepted. City Manager Longfellow thanked Julie Chick for her many years of service on the Planning Commission.

Councilor Larzelier **MOVED** to declare Planning Commission Position #3 vacant. Council President Howell **SECONDED** the motion. **MOTION PASSED 4-0 (Yes: Howell, Cram, Larzelier and Coopersmith; No: None).**

10TH STREET COMMUNITY GARDEN – WATER WAIVER REQUEST

City Manager Lori Longfellow provided some information about the request from Lane deMoll regarding the water charges waiver for the garden that she has on her property on 10th Street.

Councilor Coopersmith felt that it would not be a good idea to set a precedent of giving free water to a certain group.

There was some more discussion about the garden water services. City Manager Longfellow offered to work together with deMoll on other possible options.

There was some discussion about the possibility of increasing membership or finding additional funding.

DeMoll thanked the Council and the City Manager for taking the time to consider her request.

The Council had a consensus on supporting the idea of the community garden although the city will not be in a position to provide free water to the property.

INTERTIE WITH THE CITY OF MANZANITA IGA

City Manager Lori Longfellow noted that the Intergovernmental Agreement has been completed and reviewed by the city's legal counsel. City Manager Longfellow and Maintenance Specialist Mumm answered some questions from the Council. Mayor Chick noted some spelling errors in the text of the Agreement.

Councilor Coopersmith **MOVED** to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Water System Intertie Between the City of Nehalem and the City of Manzanita. Councilor Larzelier **SECONDED** the motion. **MOTION PASSED 4-0 (Yes: Howell, Cram, Larzelier and Coopersmith; No: None).**

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER BUSINESS

The City Manager Lori Longfellow read a letter that was just received that morning and, for that reason, was not included in the packet. She noted that the letter was notifying the city that the Deputy City Recorder Yuriy Ukhach has earned the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk which is awarded by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. City Manager Longfellow congratulated Ukhach for achieving the CMC designation.

Mayor Chick congratulated Ukhach for his achievement and thanked him for his personal initiative and good attitude.

The City Manager Lori Longfellow briefly reviewed the correspondence from Portland State University, and the Tides of Change that were part of the agenda packet.

STAFF REPORTS

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Longfellow summarized the written staff report for November 2023. She answered some questions from the Council.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

Public Works Maintenance Specialist Mumm summarized the written staff report for November 2023. He answered some questions from the Council.

Councilor Coopersmith spoke about the idea of installing a generator at the water dam to produce some electricity that could be sold to PUD. There was a brief discussion about the idea.

PAYMENT OF BILLS/FINANCIALS

The Council reviewed the bills and the financial reports. Councilor Cram **MOVED** to approve the financials and payment of the bills. Councilor Coopersmith **SECONDED** the motion. **MOTION PASSED 4-0 (Yes: Howell, Cram, Larzelier and Coopersmith; No: None).**

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Cram thanked Lane deMoll for her involvement in the city government and attending the City Council meetings.

Mayor Chick thanked all the Councilors for the work that was done in the past year and for staying focused on substantial matters. He asked City Manager Longfellow to pinpoint the best time to have a goal setting work session sometime early in the next year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular Council meeting will be January 8th, 2024.

There being no further business, Mayor Chick adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

APPROVED: _____

Phil Chick, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Yuriy Ukhach, Deputy City Recorder