

**NEHALEM CITY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 11, 2024**

**REGULAR SESSION**

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

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Phil Chick, Mayor  
Hilary Howell, Council President  
Dave Cram, Council Member  
Doug Larzelier, Council Member  
John Coopersmith, Council Member

**STAFF PRESENT:** Lori Longfellow, City Manager  
Yuriy Ukhach, Deputy City Recorder  
Brian Moore, Public Works Director

**VISITORS:** Doug Olson, Tillamook County Commissioner  
Patty Olson  
Alan Holoubek  
Randy Haugstad  
Vern Scovel  
Mark Kuestner, Housing Commission representative  
**on Zoom:**  
Julie Chick  
Steven Ziemecki  
Branton Tarrant (joined around 6:18 p.m.)  
Rex Yuden (joined around 6:22 p.m.)  
Jim Conley (joined around 6:37 p.m.)  
Zyke Lawnby (joined around 6:39 p.m.)  
Annalise Frankfort (joined around 6:40 p.m.)  
Phil Barber (joined around 6:41 p.m.)  
Martin King (joined around 6:41 p.m.)  
Chat Dayswell (joined around 6:42 p.m.)  
Unidentified visitors

## **MINUTES**

The Council reviewed the minutes of the February 5, 2024, Council Work Session and of the February 15, 2024, Regular Council Meeting. Councilor Larzelier noted a correction to the February 5, 2024, Council Work Session minutes. Councilor Coopersmith **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2024, Council Work Session as corrected and of the February 15, 2024, Regular Council Meeting. Council President Howell **SECONDED** the motion. **MOTION PASSED 4-0 (Yes: Howell, Cram, Larzelier and Coopersmith; No: None).**

## **POLICE REPORT**

The Council reviewed the Police Report for February 2024.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**None**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **TILLAMOOK COUNTY HOUSING COMMISSION PRESENTATION**

Mark Kuestner the North County representative for the Tillamook County Housing Commission, provided a brief overview of the Housing Commission mission and most recent projects related to providing financial aid for affordable housing. He answered questions from the Council and from the public.

**Tillamook County Commissioner Doug Olson** asked if he could make a brief presentation. Mayor Chick invited the Commissioner to speak. Commissioner Doug Olson made a brief personal introduction and spoke about some of the recent developments in Tillamook County.

### **RESOLUTION 2024-01: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2023 TILLAMOOK COUNTY MULTIJURISDICTIONAL NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN**

City Manager Lori Longfellow explained that the Plan was reviewed by OEM (Oregon Emergency Management) and FEMA and is at the stage of being approved by individual cities.

Councilor Cram **MOVED** to adopt Resolution 2024-01: A Resolution Adopting the 2023 Tillamook County Multijurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. Councilor Larzelier **SECONDED** the motion. **MOTION PASSED 4-0 (Yes: Howell, Cram, Larzelier and Coopersmith; No: None).**

## **PROCLAMATION: AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH**

City Manager Lori Longfellow explained that this is requested by the American Red Cross annually, and it falls on the month of March.

Council President Howell **MOVED** to proclaim March 2024 the American Red Cross Month. Councilor Coopersmith **SECONDED** the motion. **MOTION PASSED 4-0 (Yes: Howell, Cram, Larzelier and Coopersmith; No: None).**

## **PROCLAMATION: SAAM – SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**

City Manager Lori Longfellow explained that this request came from the Tides of Change with the purpose of educating and informing the community.

Councilor Coopersmith **MOVED** to proclaim April 2024 the Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Councilor Cram **SECONDED** the motion. **MOTION PASSED 4-0 (Yes: Howell, Cram, Larzelier and Coopersmith; No: None).**

## **CONSIDERATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICATION FOR POSITION #3**

City Manager Lori Longfellow explained that Planning Commission Position #3 became vacant at the end of December 2023. The city received an application from a Nehalem citizen Alan Holoubek who expressed willingness to serve for the next 4-year term. Holoubek answered some questions from the Council.

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

## **APPLICATION FOR SOCIAL GAMES LICENSE**

City Manager Lori Longfellow explained that the Bayway Tavern does card games and their annual license expires this month. Longfellow noted that they submitted the application, the city did the required background check and there is no objection to renewing their license.

Councilor Cram **MOVED** to approve the Application for Social Games License by Suzie Gruver the owner of the Bayway Tavern Inc. Council President Howell **SECONDED** the motion. **MOTION PASSED 4-0 (Yes: Howell, Cram, Larzelier and Coopersmith; No: None).**

## **BUDGET CALENDAR PROPOSAL FOR 2024–2025 FISCAL YEAR**

City Manager Lori Longfellow invited the public to apply for a vacant Budget Committee position. Longfellow reviewed the proposed budget calendar for 2024–2025 fiscal year. The Council had a consensus on the proposed Budget calendar.

## **IGA: MANZANITA POLICE SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2025-2028**

City Manager Lori Longfellow explained that the Agreement will be for a longer period this time. She added that the cost of their services will be higher starting this year, but it was expected since it did not go up for the last five years. Longfellow answered questions from the Council. Councilor Larzelier suggested having a Police Department representative do a presentation at the next Council meeting. City Manager Longfellow will ask them.

Councilor Coopersmith **MOVED** to approve the IGA for Manzanita Police Services for Fiscal Year 2025-2028. Councilor Larzelier **SECONDED** the motion. **MOTION PASSED 4-0 (Yes: Howell, Cram, Larzelier and Coopersmith; No: None).**

## **RESOLUTION 2024–02: A RESOLUTION SETTING THE POLICY FOR CUSTOMER WATER LEAK ADJUSTMENTS**

City Manager Lori Longfellow explained that there was no written policy on water leak adjustments. She added that the staff researched water leak policies of the other cities along the coast and came up with a similar policy. Longfellow noted that with the policy the city would be able to save funds that could be used for the city’s needs. She added that Public Works Director Brian Moore prepared a document related to the policy that could be used as timely reminders for the customers about how to prevent leaks. There was some discussion about the leak prevention reminders for the customers. Longfellow will email the document prepared by Moore to the Council for their review and feedback. She answered questions from the Council. There was some discussion on the appeal process, on repeated leaks and on the definition of a “timely manner”. Councilor Coopersmith suggested to consider amending the policy to provide water relief once a year and at a 100% refund for the overage. There was some discussion about the suggestion.

Randy Haugstad spoke in favor of a 50% refund policy.

Councilor Coopersmith **MOVED** to adopt Resolution 2024-02: A Resolution Setting The Policy For Customer Water Leak Adjustments with an amendment to Section 3 to provide one adjustment per calendar year of up to 100% of the overage charges as long as the repairs are done in a timely manner. Councilor Cram **SECONDED** the motion. **MOTION FAILED 2-3 (Yes: Cram, and Coopersmith; No: Howell, Larzelier, and Chick).**

Council President Howell **MOVED** to adopt Resolution 2024-02: A Resolution Setting The Policy For Customer Water Leak Adjustments. Councilor Larzelier **SECONDED** the motion. **MOTION PASSED 3-2 (Yes: Howell, Larzelier and Chick; No: Cram, and Coopersmith).**

### **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER BUSINESS**

None

### **STAFF REPORTS**

#### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Longfellow summarized the written staff report for February 2024. She answered questions from the Council.

The council had consensus to authorize City Manager Longfellow to apply for the grant from DLCD to work with Cascadia Partners.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT**

Public Works Director Brian Moore summarized the written staff report for February 2024. He provided some additional information about the planning for the replacement of the Yardney pre-filters at the Water Plant. Moore answered questions from the Council.

### **PAYMENT OF BILLS/FINANCIALS**

The Council reviewed the bills and the financial reports. Council President Howell **MOVED** to approve the financials and payment of the bills. Councilor Cram **SECONDED** the motion. **MOTION PASSED 3-0 (Yes: Cram, Larzelier, and Coopersmith; No: None).**

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor Chick talked about the memorial sign that was planned to be put up in honor of Dale Stockton. He reported that Suzan Walsh, a sign designer, will be working on it and the design options will be presented to the Council.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Vern Scovel talked about the size and specifications of the water pipe at the North Fork Road area. He talked about the water pressure, fire flow and water pipe connections in that area. Scovel felt that something was not right with the way it was presented to the Council. He asked the Council to take a hard look at the issue.

Mayor Chick invited public on zoom to give their comments.

Annalise Frankfort spoke about the opioid crises in the State of Oregon, and she expressed hope that something can be done to address this issue.

Rex Yuden proposed to put forth a Resolution for Adolf Hitler day. He spoke in favor of Hitler and of what he had done.

Mayor Chick stated that hate has no place in Nehalem and let Yuden know that he would be muted.

Mayor Chick asked for a next comment if it was an item of business that was constructive and related to the city.

Branton Tarrant talked about the “other side” of World War 2.

The Council objected to his speech that was not related to city business.

Phil Barber who introduced himself as a journalist with the Press Democrat, a homosexual, an HIV positive and a Jew. He talked about watching the Europa The Last Battle online and that he was renouncing his Jewish ways.

Mayor Chick stated that this was the business meeting of the City of Nehalem, and these comments are irrelevant to the city business.

Chat Dayswell spoke about the Council meetings as the last remaining place to speak and about mind control. He also talked about Holodomor, the genocide perpetrated in Ukraine in the previous century. Dayswell asked the Council to pass the Resolution to fund a Holodomor memorial in the town of Nevelem.

Council President Howell asked to repeat the name of the town.

Dayswell stated that he had a speech impediment and accused Council President Howell of cruelty.

Mayor Chick let Dayswell know that he would be muted. Mayor Chick stated that he would allow one more comment. He reminded the group on zoom that this is the city of 300 people, that such comments are not related to the city business, and they can be better voiced somewhere else. Mayor Chick added that the city does not have control over those issues, and the Council discusses matters like water meters, potholes, and such. He repeated that hate has no place in Nehalem.

Martin King talked about people's rights and freedom to speak. He stated that he did not see it at the Council meeting. He spoke unfavorably of the Council members.

Mayor Chick let King know that he would be muted.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular Council meeting will be April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

There being no further business, Mayor Chick adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

Phil Chick, Mayor

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Yuriy Ukhach, Deputy City Recorder