

Rivergrove City Council Minutes
Jan 8, 2024, 7:00 PM

Standing Items

Call to order and attendance (Mayor, Councilors, and Guests)

Present: Mayor J Williams, Councilors Barhyte, Mclean and Tuttle

Interim City Manager Analeis Weidlich present

Guests Alan Stonewall, Ben Schonberger, Billie Cottingham, Carolyn Bahrman, Jerry Anderson, Joan Joyce, Landon and Jude, Micha_

Mayor J Williams nominated Rachel Schafer to become a Councilor to replace Council President Ruble who has moved out of the area. Councilor Tuttle seconded, and the motion passed 4-0. Rachael Schafer was then sworn in by the Mayor.

Councilor Barhyte state he was willing to be Council President. Mayor Williams nominted Councilor Barhyte to become Council President, Councilor Tuttle seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

Presentations from Outside Agencies and Guests:

There were none.

Standing Items:

1. Ask if any member of the public wishes to speak on an agenda item or a non-agenda item. Please limit your speech to 3 minutes

No one asked to speak.

2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s)

Councilor Tuttle had submitted the minutes by email earlier. There were no corrections or additions, so Councilor Barhyte moved they be accepted as written. Mayor Williams seconded, and they were approved 3-0.

3. Discussion and approval of city financials

The City Manager had submitted the financials by email Mayor Williams moved to approve them and Councilor Barhyte seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0. Councilor Tuttle suggested they be put on the website.

Rachel Shafer briefly informed the City about her background.

Planning Commission Report: Representative from the Planning Commission

Planning Commission Chair Allen Stonewall stated the Commission had been meeting regularly and were now back on schedule. He then stated they wanted to set some internal guidelines such as not accepting material on Friday for a Monday meeting. The Commission needs reasonable time to review materials.

Councilor Tuttle suggested, as recommended by a previous City Planner, a separate ordinance (not in the Land use Code) governing the Planning Commission.

Agenda Items

1. Update on restoring Minor Park

Councilor Barhyte said there were some issues with the contractor, but they are working on that and making progress. Benches are ready to install, just waiting for better weather. The control box for the sprinkler system needs to be enclosed.

Mayor Williams asked about the slide repair. The part has arrived, albeit in a slightly different color. Councilor Barhyte said he is having trouble finding a contractor to do the work, probably will be a citizen project.

2. Boat Ramp-incl Design update

Councilor Barhyte addressed the status of the boat ramp project. We have preliminary designs but are waiting for "in water" topography. The original survey did not go far enough into the river as we thought it would. We need that data to finish the design. Apparently, we will have to contract another vendor who performs this type of survey.

3. Land Development Revision

The City Planner had discussed it last meeting and Analeis obtained a 2k Metro grant to work on this. The City Planner had stated that he wants some guidance from the Council. Either revise in its' entirety, or take it in several parts, addressing the most concerning parts first. We need to consider the costs of this too.

New Business:

1. Forming a Park Advisory Committee

Mayor Williams stated that we sent out a notice to all on the email list asking for volunteers for the committee. Only about 5 or 6 responses. Some citizens wanted more information. (perhaps resolution/ordinance) with more specifics. Councilor Barhyte put together an information package and we will send that out.

Council Reports:

Council President – vacant

1. Councilor McLean

He heard from Byron Kibbey that he will have the boat ramp sign all finished up and mounted at the boat ramp by the end of the month.

He also stated he had cleaned of the mud at the end of the ramp so if someone wanted to use it, there would be less chance of them slipping.

He then stated that the League of Oregon Cities says small cities are now being allowed to put up radar signs to trap speeding vehicles.

2. Councilor Barhyte

He stated that we need to get the email back into the City's hands so in case of emergency, we can quickly send something out

3. Councilor Tuttle

He stated that the Rosewood neighborhood association will not pursue the bus barn issue anymore.

4. Mayor's Report

Nothing further

City Manager Report:

She also stated that she is working on the kinks to making the Rivergrove Report easy to publish month to month.

Executive Session: Council and staff may adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes 192.660: As needed (appropriate subsection shall be cited)