

CITY OF CENTRAL POINT

Oregon

City Council Meeting Minutes Thursday, February 9, 2023

I. REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Hank Williams

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Hank Williams	Mayor	Present	
Neil Olsen	Ward I	Present	
Kelley Johnson	Ward II	Present	
Melody Thueson	Ward III	Present	
Taneea Browning	Ward IV	Present	
Rob Hernandez	At Large	Present	
Michael Parsons	At Large	Present	

Staff members present: Parks & Public Works Director Matt Samitore, City Attorney Sydnee Dreyer (Remote), Planning Director Stephanie Holtey (Remote), Building Manager Derek Zwagerman, Police Chief Scott Logue, City Recorder Rachel Neuenschwander

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Crater Academy of Health & Public Service Senior Emma Bohn gave an update of what is going on at Crater High School.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rob Hernandez, At Large
SECONDER:	Melody Thueson, Ward III
AYES:	Williams, Olsen, Johnson, Thueson, Browning, Hernandez, Parsons

A. Approval of January 26, 2023 City Council Minutes

B. December 31, 2022 Financial Statements

C. Appointment of Planning Commission Member

Rob Hernandez moved to approve the consent agenda with the correction of the December 31, 2022 Financial Statements.

Mike Parsons voted yes on approval of the December 31, 2022 Financial Statements and the Appointment of Planning Commission Member, he abstained from the January 26, 2023 City Council Minutes.

VI. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

VII. ORDINANCES, AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Ordinance No. _____, An Ordinance Amending Sections 15.04.010 Standards Applicable to Building of the Central Point Municipal Code to Comply with Updates and References to New State Code

Derek Zwagerman presented the second reading of an Ordinance Amending Sections 15.04.010 Standards Applicable to Building the Central Point Municipal Code to Comply with Updates and References to New State Code; no changes have been made since the first reading.

Melody Thueson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2093 an Ordinance Amending Sections 15.04.010 Standards Applicable to Building the Central Point Municipal Code to Comply with Updates and References to New State Code

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Melody Thueson, Ward III
SECONDER:	Kelley Johnson, Ward II
AYES:	Williams, Olsen, Johnson, Thueson, Browning, Hernandez, Parsons

B. Resolution No. _____ A Resolution Approving a 2021-23 Supplemental Budget

Finance Director Steve Weber presented a resolution approving a 2021-23 Supplemental Budget. Multiple circumstances fall under ORS 294.471; the first is an amendment to the agreement between School District #6 and the Police Department, and the second involves the sale of assets. ORS 294.463 (1) allows the transfers of appropriations to be made within a fund when authorized by an ordinance or resolution of the governing body.

With the adoption of the changes contained in this second supplemental budget (\$346,035), the amended 2021-23 biennial budget will increase to \$66,799,390. The originally adopted budget was \$63,498,670.

Mike Parsons moved to approve Resolution 1734 a Resolution Approving a 2021-23 Supplemental Budget.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Parsons, At Large
SECONDER:	Tanea Browning, Ward IV
AYES:	Williams, Olsen, Johnson, Thueson, Browning, Hernandez, Parsons

C. Resolution No. _____, A Resolution of the City of Central Point Setting a Water Rate Adjustment Effective March 21, 2023

Parks and Public Works Director Matt Samitore presented to the council a resolution of the City of Central Point Setting a Water Rate Adjustment Effective March 21, 2023.

The Medford Water Commission recently completed an annual rate review/analysis (analysis performed by HDR Engineering) and determined that the “other cities” water rate category, which includes the City of Central Point, should be increased by 8-12% beginning March 21, 2023. Additionally the City has seen a near 20% increase in the costs of goods including ductile iron pipe, water meters and fire hydrants.

Using a combination of factors including rate of growth, adjusted capital improvement plans and staffing, the City has concluded we need a 7% increase for 2022-2023 to keep existing service levels and keep updating/upgrading the system for current and future residents. Capital Improvements for the next two years will include an upgraded waterline across highway 99 near the Providence clinic which will help distribute water evenly across the highway. Additional improvements will be replacing 100 plus year old pipe in the downtown core area as well as improvements associated with grant projects such as West Pine Street.

Rob Hernandez moved to approve Resolution 1735 A Resolution of the City of Central Point Setting a Water Rate Adjustment Effective March 21, 2023.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rob Hernandez, At Large
SECONDER:	Kelley Johnson, Ward II
AYES:	Williams, Olsen, Johnson, Thueson, Browning, Hernandez, Parsons

VIII. BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Little League Cost Estimates

Matt Samitore presented to the council the Baseball Complex Update. The City met with RH2 Engineering on 2/1/2023 to discuss the cost estimates for the Little League Complex Renovations. Unfortunately, none of the numbers associated with the project are currently within budget. RH2 presented three options for the City, and only two are potentially viable. Each option includes new turf infields, grass outfields, revised scoreboards, benches, and bleachers. From there, each option is dramatically different.

There was discussion on which way the council would like the city to proceed, council was concerned that if the plans changed from turf to dirt fields would the existing sponsors want to continue to sponsor the project.

Mr. Samitore will address the concerns and bring back updated plans to the council in approximately six (6) weeks.

IX. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hank Williams reported that:

- He attended the SOREDI/RVCOG Event for newly elected officials.

- He and Stephanie Holtey interviewed Alicia Van Riggs who wants to be on the Planning Commission, she will be appointed at the next meeting.

X. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Parks and Public Works Director Matt Samitore presented the City Managers Report:

- Chris had a successful surgery.
- Kids from Jewett delivered hearts around City Hall for Valentine's Day.
- Bollard signs have been installed on Pine St at 2nd St and 4th St.
- The Rogue Valley Tribune is up and running.
- There has been a significant hiring process; the parks maintenance worker will be starting Monday, they have filled the recreation specialist position, and they will be starting soon. Friday, they will be interviewing to fill the Community Planner position, and next week they will be interviewing for the lead equipment mechanic position.

XI. COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Mike parsons reported that:

- He attended the January Rogue Valley Sewer Service Board of Directors meeting. Four board members are up for re-election in May, he included.
- He attended the January Study Session.
- He attended the January Jackson County Local Public Policy Coordinating Council meeting. Speakers were Sheriff Nate Sickler, Jackson County Code Enforcement Alicia Brown, and Water Resources and Water master Justin Dillon. Discussion was on the current state dealing with illegal grows and the status of the current years grows.
- The Central Point Volunteer Program, has initiated the initial phase of training for a 4th new recruit, Donna Epstein. Donna will be a valuable asset with the volunteers program, as well as an asset for the renewed guardian angel program.
- He attended the Elected Officials forum facilitated by RVCOG and SOREDI, and that included the mixer.
- The Central Point Volunteer Program had a January monthly meeting that included discussion of upcoming events, and are initiating plans to reintroduce Guardian Angel service to Central Point Retirement and Assisted Living facilities.
- He attended the Virtual Public Meeting on the New Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities Rules meeting.
- March 4th the Polar Plunge is returning to the Rogue Valley Country Club. All proceeds and donation go directly to the Special Olympics. Members of the Central Point Police Department and a volunteer will be taking the plunge.

Council Member Rob Hernandez reported that:

- He has been working with the Crater Foundation.
- He has been working with the Central Point Rotary.

Council Member Tanea Browning reported that:

- She attended League of Oregon Cities committee meetings
- She is working on a pollinator project for cooperation on plantings at Skyman arboretum and seeds in a ball February Gather & Make.
- She is working with two high school students on a Creekside project.
- She attended the Bear Creek Restoration Initiative group call, this group is different than the Envision Bear Creek project, their focus is to restore the Bear Creek riparian environment to a wide belt of native trees and shrubs, clean water, and complex habitat condition.
- She attended the Medford Water Commission meeting
- She attended the Newly Elected Officials meet and greet with RVCOG and SOREDI

Council Member Kelley Johnson reported that she attended the RVCOG and SOREDI Newly Elected Officials Event.

Council Member Neil Olsen reported that:

- He attended the RVCOG SOREDI Newly Elected Officials Event
- He attended the Virtual Public Meeting on the New Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities Rules meeting.
- He attended the school board meeting

XII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Finance Director Steve Weber reported that we are closing in on the 2021 Financial Audit, which will be presented at the next council meeting.

Police Chief Scott Logue reported that:

- A significant case came up after the last council meeting, and he was here until 11 pm.
- Tonight before the council meeting, there was an attempted robbery at the purple parrot.
- Next Friday, the 17th, we have an officer graduating from the academy.

Planning Director Stephanie Holtey reported that:

- She had a good interview with Alicia Van Riggs, detail oriented and passionate about community engagement.
- That the climate-friendly and equitable virtual meeting was held Monday night, and 8 out of 11 attendees were from Central Point.
- They have four applications from the Smiths for the development of the commercial property east of Pear Valley.

City Attorney Sydnee Dreyer reported that she has been working with Matt on resolutions coming to the council soon.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. ADJOURNMENT


neil mike seconded 8:25PM

The foregoing minutes of the February 9, 2023, Council meeting were approved by the City Council at its meeting of February 23, 2023.

Dated:


Mayor Hank Williams

ATTEST:


City Recorder