

**CITY OF MYRTLE POINT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Monday, May 2, 2022 – 7:30 p.m.,
Flora M. Laird Memorial Library Meeting Room
435 Fifth Street, Myrtle Point**

Council Members

Present in Meeting Room:

Samantha Clayburn, Mayor
Michael Hogan, City Councilor
Mike Wood, City Councilor

Daniel Martin, Council President
Leif Schrader, City Councilor

Attending Remotely:

Stephanie Martell, City Councilor

Absent:

Gary Sullivan, City Councilor

Staff and Others

Present in Meeting Room:

Wayne Ramsey, Public Works
Scott Robinson, Chief of Police

Bob Love, Public Works
Darin Nicholson, City Manager

Attending Remotely:

Ginny Groce, Accountant

Kathy Lewis

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Clayburn called the City Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Clayburn asked the City Council members to state their names for the roll.

CONSENT ITEMS

- A. City Council Meeting Minutes – Mayor Clayburn announced the Minutes of the April 18, 2022 Regular Meeting. Councilor Hogan moved to accept the minutes as submitted. Councilor Wood seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Public Hearing – Proposed Garbage Rate Increase

Mayor Clayburn announced the Public Hearing on the Proposed Garbage Rate Increase and closed the Regular Meeting at 7:31 p.m. Kathy Lewis noted that the City Manager had made an error in the background information provided regarding the proposed rate increase. The background information identified a 5% increase, equivalent to an increase of \$0.96 per 32-gallon can per month for weekly garbage service; the actual increase requested by J&L Sanitation was 3.5%, equivalent to an increase of \$0.71 per 32-gallon can per month. Manager Nicholson acknowledged that he had failed to properly update the background information since the previous rate increase request. Ms. Lewis then commented that it has only been eight months since the previous rate increase. She suggested implementing a policy to prohibit rate increases more frequently than once in a 12-month period. Manager

Nicholson stated that garbage service is provided under a franchise agreement, but all the agreement specifies regarding rate increases is that they must be approved by the City Council prior to implementing. There was some discussion about previous garbage service rate increases and the time of year at which they occurred. Manager Nicholson indicated that the last rate increase went into effect on October 1, 2021 and he thought the previous increase before that took effect on April 1, 2020. He also stated that his recollection from when John Murray came to City Hall to drop off the letter requesting the rate increase was that the need for the increase is based mostly on recent increases in fuel costs. There were no other comments and Mayor Clayburn closed the Public Hearing at 7:34 p.m.

B. Resolution 2022-04 – Establishing Garbage Rates

Councilor Martin moved to approve Resolution 2022-04 Establishing Garbage Rates. Councilor Martell seconded the motion. Mayor Clayburn opened discussion on the matter and stated that she liked the idea of limiting rate increases to once a year, but also understood that there are extenuating circumstances. Councilor Wood commented that they could always say no. Mayor Clayburn agreed. Manager Nicholson indicated that he could ask J&L Sanitation to revise their request to include a minimum date through which the rates would remain effective. Councilor Martin pointed out that if rate increases were limited to once per calendar year, the current request would be in compliance. He spoke about some other possible ways in which a limitation on the frequency of rate increases could be imposed. Manager Nicholson suggested that the City Council could specify in the motion a date through which the rate increase should remain effective. Councilor Schrader indicated that he believed the requested rate increase would not actually offset increased fuel costs. There was some other related discussion. Following discussion, Mayor Clayburn called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously

PETITIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mayor Clayburn called for petitions from the audience. There were none.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- A. Myrtle Point Library Foundation Meeting – May 3, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
- B. Myrtle Point Budget Committee 2nd Meeting – May 9, 2022, 7:30 p.m.
- C. Flora M. Laird Memorial Library Board Meeting – May 10, 2022, 11:00 a.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. None

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Staff Reports:

- 1. Manager Nicholson reported on the following:
 - a. 618-620 Spruce Building Demolition – Manager Nicholson explained that demolition of the building had started that morning. He explained the contractor's process and indicated that when he went by the site at the end of the day, most of the roof appeared to be collapsed into the building. The contractor planned to pull the walls inward once the roof was removed. The sidewalk was closed for safety and the contractor had a piece of equipment parked in front of the building to limit the potential of vehicles being damaged by debris. Councilor Martin asked if the businesses planned to close during the process. Manager Nicholson indicated that Spruce Street Bar & Grill was closed on Monday like normal but he expected that they would reopen the following day. He also stated that he had spoken to the florist and she planned to remain open. Councilor Schrader asked how long the contractor

- expected the process to take. Manager Nicholson said he thought it would be just a few days. Councilor Schrader also asked how that aligned with the original date scheduled for demolition to be completed. Manager Nicholson said that May 6th was the originally specified completion date and he expected the contractor would be substantially finished by then. There was some other related discussion.
- b. Nuisance Update – At a recent meeting, Mayor Clayburn mentioned a nuisance violation due to excessive garbage at a residence on Hermann Street. Notice was issued to the homeowner regarding the violation and, since the nuisance had not been abated, it was planned to issue a citation. If the homeowner fails to address the matter after citation and a Municipal Court hearing, steps would be taken to abate the nuisance and charge the homeowner for the costs.
 - c. Oregon Parks & Recreation Department Grant – The Oregon Parks & Recreation Department grant application for playground rehabilitation at Rotary Park was due on May 1st. The application was submitted on Friday, April 29th. Manager Nicholson explained that the review committee meets every other month and the final decision was not expected until either September or possibly November.
2. Accountant Groce had nothing to report.
 3. Senior Maintenance Worker Ramsey reported that things were going well although some of the Public Works personnel had been taking time off for personal or family reasons.
 4. Police Chief Robinson reported that on the previous Monday, the department picked up two vehicles which it had purchased from North Bend PD; on Tuesday, the department's newest officer, Justin Angove, was sworn in; on Wednesday, Officer Mike Harris tendered his resignation; he plans to move back to Oklahoma where his wife is from; and on Saturday, Officer Nathan George had an emergency appendectomy. Chief Robinson reported that he will be patrolling some to cover shifts not otherwise covered by other officers.
- B. City Council Concerns & Comments
1. Councilor Wood reported that he had received a report of trash being left around the horseshoe pits and also some possible damage. There was some discussion which followed. The trash included beer cans or bottles. Mayor Clayburn asked if there was a policy about drinking at the park. Police Chief Robinson confirmed that there was and indicated it is prohibited by City ordinance.
 2. Mayor Clayburn commented that in her newspaper column that week she had requested public input regarding the possibility of developing a dog park.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business for the City of Myrtle Point, Mayor Clayburn adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:54 p.m.

06/06/2022
_____ Samantha Clayburn, Mayor City of Myrtle Point