

MINUTES
Warrenton City Commission
Regular Meeting – June 12, 2018
6:00 p.m.
Warrenton City Hall - Commission Chambers
225 S. Main
Warrenton, OR 97146

Mayor Balensifer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Present: Rick Newton, Tom Dyer and Mayor Henry Balensifer
Absent: Pam Ackley, Mark Baldwin

Staff Present: City Manager Linda Engbretson, Public Works Director Collin Stelzig, Harbormaster Jane Sweet, Fire Chief Tim Demers

Commissioner Newton made the motion to approve the consent calendar as presented. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Balensifer – aye; Newton – aye; Dyer – aye

Brief discussion followed on nuisances and the nuisance report included in the consent calendar. Mayor Balensifer introduced the new Building Official Bob Johnston.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS –

Commissioner Newton noted the Downtown & Thoroughfare Aesthetic Task Force will have a report at the June 26, 2018 City Commission meeting.

Commissioner Dyer gave a brief update on the nuisance cleanup on S. Main Avenue. He also noted Commissioner Ackley and Windermere employees recently cleaned up the Library's flower beds.

City Manager Linda Engbretson distributed information from the League of Oregon Cities, stating they are requesting input on legislative priorities. She noted this can be discussed at an upcoming meeting, and the deadline for input is August 3, 2018. Ms. Engbretson also noted staff will attend a Community Planning for Disaster Recovery meeting in Nehalem on the 19th of June.

Mayor Balensifer stated he would like to add a presentation from North Coast Prevention Works as agenda item 7-H, and move it to the beginning of the business items. There were no objections.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

Pastor Bill Van Nostran from First Presbyterian Church in Astoria stated he volunteers on the North Coast Prevention Works Coalition. He briefly explained the purpose of the coalition and presented a plaque to recognize the City of Warrenton for continued support of substance abuse prevention. Pastor Van Nostran also presented a plaque to recognize Police Chief Matt Workman for his continued involvement. Brief discussion followed.

Carl Peterson, General Manager of Recology introduced himself and Rhonda Green, the Recology Waste Zero Specialist. Mr. Peterson discussed recycling issues and challenges. He stated he would return in a few months to provide an update. Discussion followed.

Mayor Balensifer noted Resolution No. 2524, for recycling rate increases. He noted the increase percentages, as outlined in the resolution.

Commissioner Dyer made the motion to conduct the first reading by title only, of Resolution No. 2524; Adopting and Setting New Rates for Residential Recycling Services, effective July 1, 2018, and Repealing all Resolutions in Conflict. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Balensifer – aye; Newton – aye; Dyer – aye

Mayor Balensifer conducted the first reading, by title only of Resolution No. 2524.

Harbormaster Jane Sweet presented Resolution No. 2523 for the first reading, and outlined the moorage rental rates and fee increases. She noted the last time launch rates were increased was fifteen years ago. She explained the new offensive littering fine, and discussion followed. City Manager Linda Engbretson noted the letter in the agenda packet, from the State Marine Board, which states as a result of the fee increase, the City will no longer be eligible for the Maintenance Assistance Program (MAP) funding, and for any future Boating Facility Grants, the City will now be required to increase the match above 25%. However, Ms. Engbretson noted that by raising the rates the City will come out ahead.

Commissioner Dyer made the motion to conduct the first reading by title only, of Resolution No. 2523; Adopting and Setting Moorage Rental Rates and Fees in the Warrenton and Hammond Municipal Basins, and repeal any other resolutions in conflict. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Balensifer – aye; Newton – aye; Dyer – aye

Mayor Balensifer conducted the first reading, by title only of Resolution No. 2523.

Public Works Director Collin Stelzig presented Resolution No. 2521 for the first reading. He noted the budget committee approved a 7% water rate increase for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. He reviewed the rates and fees as outlined in Exhibits A & B. Brief discussion followed.

Commissioner Dyer made the motion to conduct the first reading by title only, of Resolution No. 2521; Adopting Water Department Rates and Fees, Establishing July 1, 2018 as the Effective Date, and Repealing all Resolutions in Conflict. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Balensifer – nay; Newton – aye; Dyer – aye

Mayor Balensifer conducted the first reading, by title only of Resolution No. 2521.

Public Works Director Collin Stelzig presented Resolution No. 2522 for the first reading. He stated the budget committee approved a 5% monthly sewer rate increase for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Commissioner Newton made the motion to conduct the first reading by title only, of Resolution No. 2521; Adopting Monthly Sewer Service Rates, Establishing July 1, 2018 as the Effective Date, and Repealing all Resolutions in Conflict. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Balensifer – aye; Newton – aye; Dyer – aye

Mayor Balensifer conducted the first reading, by title only of Resolution No. 2521.

City Manager Linda Engbretson presented Resolution No. 2519 for the first reading. She stated land use application fees have not been increased in eight years. She noted the proposed fee schedule included in the agenda packet. Ms. Engbretson stated with the increase in fees, the City hopes to be able to hire part time planning staff in the future, to help with the processing of land use applications. Brief discussion followed on the proposed increases. Mayor Balensifer stated he is not in opposition to the rate increase; however he would prefer to review the fees with the full Commission and the Community Development Director present to weigh in. Discussion continued and the consensus was to table the agenda item until a future meeting, date to be determined.

Finance Director April Clark presented Resolution No. 2520. She stated the Budget Committee agreed to a 4.4% increase to the current rental rates for the Meeting Room with Kitchen and a 5.7% increase for the Meeting Room Only. The Warrenton Community Center Advisory Board concurs with this recommendation. Brief discussion continued.

Commissioner Dyer made the motion to conduct the first reading by title only, of Resolution No. 2520; Adopting and Setting Rental Rates and Fees for the Warrenton Community Center, Effective July 1, 2018. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Balensifer – aye; Newton – aye; Dyer – aye

Mayor Balensifer conducted the first reading, by title only of Resolution No. 2520.

DISCUSSION ITEMS – None

GOOD OF THE ORDER –

Commissioner Dyer stated the High School graduation was successful, without any bad incidences, and noted his appreciation of the community support.

Mayor Balensifer stated he spent a week in Ohio and Illinois for business, and noted he spent some time on the waterfronts. He took mental notes of ideas the City can incorporate as we move forward on the Waterfront Development plan, and the joint session with the Port. He also noted he will do a live cast with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, on the elk issue. Discussion followed on signage to warn against feeding the elk. Mayor Balensifer also noted the new Walmart will open on the 13th of June.


City Manager Linda Engbretson said she found it humorous that there is a “For Sale by Owner” sign in front of the high school. She also stated there will not be an executive session this evening, and requested to defer her evaluation until the next meeting. There were no objections.

There being no further business Mayor Balensifer adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

APPROVED:


Henry A. Balensifer III, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dawne Shaw, Deputy City Recorder