

MINUTES
Warrenton City Commission
May 12, 2020
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: Mayor Balensifer, Tom Dyer, Mark Baldwin, Pam Ackley (via Zoom), and Rick Newton (via Zoom)

Staff Present: City Manager Linda Engbretson, Library Director Kelly Knudsen, Finance Director April Clark, Police Chief Mathew Workman and City Recorder Dawne Shaw

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes – 4.28.20

Commissioner Newton noted two corrections to the minutes. The first being it was not noted that two individuals attended by phone. The second being in the conversation over spring cleaning the minutes state there were three choices, but the choices are not listed. He would like the options listed and summarized.

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

Baldwin – aye; Ackley – aye; Dyer – aye; Balensifer – aye; Newton - aye

COMMISSIONER REPORTS –

Commissioner Ackley noted she was really pleased with what a great job Kelsey Balensifer did with the Spruce UP Warrenton Art Contest.

Commissioner Newton concurred on the great job Kelsey Balensifer did. He also noted Salvation Army call that he and Mayor Balensifer attended; he did not hear back from them, but he reached out to the Food Bank; they are doing okay. He stated that the Food Pantry at the church is hurting for produce, but the Food Bank stated they could potentially donate to the Food Pantry; hopefully they can share resources. He continued to state that he spoke to CCA about housing vouchers and such, but no one has reported back to him on what they can do.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PUBLIC HEARING – None

BUSINESS ITEMS

Library Director, Kelly Knudsen, discussed Resolution No. 2562 to increase fees and fines for the Warrenton Community Library. She reviewed the proposed fees and fines and noted the last time they were increased was in 2011. Mayor Balensifer summarized the proposal to clarify for the public's benefit: if you're an in city resident you do not have to pay for a library card because you are already paying for that through your tax levy. If you live outside the city limits of Warrenton, which includes individuals who have a county five-digit address but a City of Warrenton zip code you have to buy a \$10 card to use Warrenton only. It would be \$70 if you wanted to access Warrenton, Astoria, and Seaside. He asked Ms. Knudsen to summarize how the library drive through has been working? Ms. Knudsen noted there are issues, but it is going well; many people are using it. Commissioner Newton asked for clarification on the \$70 card. Ms. Knudsen clarified. Commissioner Newton asked about the ROCC program. Ms. Knudsen confirmed its still going strong and it is for ages 0-19 to receive free cards. Brief discussion continued on the Clatsop Community College Library. Mayor Balensifer asked if there was consensus to start moving the ball forward to push Clatsop Community College to get on the same system so we can all be connected. There was unanimous consensus.

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to conduct the first reading, by title only, of Resolution No. 2562. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Baldwin – aye; Ackley – aye; Newton – aye; Dyer – aye; Balensifer – aye

Mayor Balensifer conducted the first reading, by title only, of Resolution No. 2562; a Resolution Setting Fees and Fines for Library Services and Repealing all Resolutions in Conflict.

Mayor Balensifer noted the nomination of David Burkhart to the Warrenton Budget Committee as outlined in his nomination letter (Exhibit 1). He noted Position No. 1 was vacated by Rebecca Sievers when she resigned earlier this month.

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to appoint David Burkhart to Position No. 1 on the Warrenton City Budget Committee. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Baldwin – aye; Ackley – aye; Newton – aye; Dyer – aye; Balensifer – aye

DISCUSSION ITEMS - None

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GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Dyer noted he has been busy with personal issues.

Commissioner Baldwin stated he would like to think the resolution passed by Warrenton City Commission last meeting, pertaining to the unemployment Benefit issues, has done some good. He noted there has been movement for his employees on receiving their benefits.

Commissioner Ackley asked if our application has been approved for phase 1. Mayor Balensifer noted it was sent to the state last night and he is waiting to hear back. Ms. Engbretson noted the state has accepted our application and her understanding is that the application has been forwarded on to the Oregon Health District. She continued to report that she hopes to hear something by Thursday. Discussion continued on the matter of Seaside opening their beaches on May 18.

Commissioner Newton noted his daughter was finally able to get through to the unemployment office to get her file corrected. He continued to note that he sent a letter to Representative Tiffany Mitchell and Oregon State Senator Betsy Johnson to inform them of the current situation.

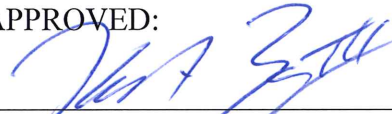
Mayor Balensifer asked Commissioner Ackley about a fishing derby. Commissioner Ackley noted it is the NSIA and their derby is scheduled for May 30th. They canceled the banquet portion, but they are encouraging everyone to go fishing. She noted concerns of guide boats, social distancing issues, and bringing people into our community. She noted the money raised in the derby is not spent here in our community; a lot of people are concerned about it. Mayor Balensifer concurred that he does not like people coming from out of town into our community, willfully violating rules, while our locals are trying to follow the rules. Ms. Engbretson noted commercial fishing is not open and the guides are considered commercial and not approved to launch. She continued to note there has not been an event application submitted for this event. Commissioner Baldwin noted he was under the impression that even in phase 2 of reopening there will be some sort of stay in your community effort. Commissioner Baldwin asked Chief Workman if that was truly the case for Phase 2 and asked if there is anything that can be done in regard to citations. discussion continued. Ms. Engbretson noted she will check in with Harbormaster, Jane Sweet, to see if she has heard anything about the derby. Mayor Balensifer asked if the commission was in consensus on that sentiment? There was unanimous consensus.

Mayor Balensifer noted it has been a busy week; as we move closer to the finish line, or out of the gate again, there is a lot more balancing and more to manage. Cities are doing the best they can for their constituents.

There being no further business Mayor Balensifer adjourned the regular meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully prepared and submitted by Lindsay Duarte, Deputy City Recorder

APPROVED:



Henry A. Balensifer III, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dawne Shaw, CMC, City Recorder