

MINUTES  
Warrenton City Commission  
October 25, 2022  
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: Mark Baldwin, Mayor Henry Balensifer, Tom Dyer, Gerald Poe, and Paul Mitchell

Staff Present: City Manager Esther Moberg, Police Chief Mathew Workman, Finance Director April Clark, Public Works Operations Manager Kyle Sharpsteen, Utility Maintenance Worker Mike Ulness, Deputy City Recorder Brittney Johnson, and City Recorder Dawne Shaw

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Commission Meeting Minutes – 10.11.22
- B. Monthly Finance Report – August 2022
- C. Police Department Monthly Report – September 2022
- D. Community Center Annual Report – July 2021-June 2022

Mayor Balensifer asked Police Chief Workman to give a brief overview of the Buoy 10 season; Police Chief Workman reported that the Buoy 10 season was the same as previous years, there was no increase or decrease in disturbances.

**Commissioner Dyer made the motion to approve the consent calendar as presented with the amended minutes. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

**Baldwin – aye; Balensifer - aye; Dyer – aye; Poe – aye; Mitchell – aye**

COMMISSIONER REPORTS - None

Mayor Balensifer noted at the beginning of the year they will revisit the board assignments.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

BUSINESS ITEMS

City Manager Esther Moberg presented Ordinance No. 1258 for its second reading and adoption. She reviewed the agenda memo; there were no further questions.

**Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to conduct the second reading, by title only, of Ordinance No. 1258. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

**Baldwin – aye; Balensifer - aye; Dyer – aye; Poe – aye; Mitchell – aye**

Mayor Balensifer conducted the second reading, by title only, of Ordinance No. 1258.

**Commissioner Poe made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1258. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

**Baldwin – aye; Balensifer - aye; Dyer – aye; Poe – aye; Mitchell – aye**

DISCUSSION ITEMS – None

GOOD OF THE ORDER

City Manager Esther Moberg gave an update on the recent water shut off; that the first day of the shut off there was problem with the water lines and most of Hammond had their water turned off vs the original plan where 1/3 of the residents water was supposed to be turned off. She also noted that the water turn off lasted longer than planned and the last valve turn on was around 7:30pm. The second and third day of the water turn off went a lot better. She noted they are working on Food Cart licenses, with one going in by November 1<sup>st</sup>. The city is working with a contractor for grey water access for the remaining food cart pods, and when complete more food carts will be able to move into the pod. Brief discussion continued.

Commissioner Poe gave an update on a nuisance property on Iredale; noting there is still a lot of commotion and hazards on the property.

Commissioner Baldwin discussed a ribbon cutting for Scoular; noting they are ready to go and currently waiting on dry wall, which is hard to find at the moment.

Commissioner Dyer noted he was surprised to find out it is legal to fish the Skipanon.

Commissioner Mitchell noted his wife became an American citizen. Constituents mentioned empty lots with overgrown grass, and he would like the city to investigate it. City Manager Moberg noted the nuisance form on the website they can be directed to.

City Recorder Dawne Shaw introduced new Deputy City Recorder Brittney Johnson.

Mayor Balensifer stated the Oregon Mayor's Association (OMA) issued a letter calling on legislature to support funding for homeless services to help cities deal with biohazards, garbage pickup and mental health services. Clatsop County has the highest count for homeless persons per capita in the state by a sizeable margin. OMA has been working on developing a policy proposal that includes capital projects and operational funds. Warrenton would get a quarter of a million dollars in funds that would greatly help our community. There is a Task Force of 25 mayors, and the hope is to have all 254 mayors sign the letter. He also noted all the fish in the Skipanon River. Mayor Balensifer asked Chief Workman about an abandoned van on Alder; Chief Workman will look into it. Mayor Balensifer also addressed Chief Workman on the record about parking enforcement on private lots. Chief Workman stated if the lot is open to the public, they can enforce. He noted if the spaces are not properly marked, they cannot enforce.

There being no further business, Mayor Balensifer adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m., and announced the Commission will now meet in executive session under the authority of ORS 192.660(2)(e); *to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions; and ORS 192.660(2)(h); to consult with counsel regarding the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.*

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Respectfully prepared and submitted by Brittney Johnson, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:   
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Dawne Shaw, CMC, City Recorder

APPROVED:  1  
~~Henry A. Balensifer III, Mayor~~  
*Mark Baldwin, Mayor Pro-tem*