

CITY OF FALMOUTH

Mayor Luke Price
City Clerk/Treasurer Susan L. Bishop

Council Members

Joyce Carson
Sabrina Hazen
Amy Hurst
David Klaber
Bob Pettit

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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING January 16, 2024

Minutes

City Council convened at 7:00 p.m., Mayor Luke Price presiding.

Present were Councilmembers Joyce Carson, Sabrina Hazen, Amy Hurst, David Klaber, and Bob Pettit. Also in attendance were City Attorney Brandon Voelker and City Clerk Susan Bishop.

Mayor Price called the meeting to order.

Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and observed a moment of invocation presented by Councilmember Amy Hurst.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting December 19, 2023, special meeting December 29, 2023, special meeting/hearing January 2, 2024, and special meeting January 9, 2024 was made by Councilmember Bob Pettit, second by Councilmember Joyce Carson. All aye. Motion passed.

New Business:

Paul Maddox with Maddox & Associates was in attendance to give council a copy of the completed FY 2022-2023 audit. He reported that things went smoothly, and he was available for any questions that council may have.

Kathryn Robertson with Acelecom Telecommunication was in attendance seeking a Franchise Agreement seeking use of city's right-of-way for fiber internet services. City Attorney Brandon Voelker explained that an ordinance would have to be drafted, two readings, and be published before the city could enter into an agreement. An ordinance would be ready for a first reading by the 02.06.24 caucus meeting.

Mayor /Price informed council of an offer from Mark Kobasuk that he wished to purchase an additional 2.5 acres total of 10 acres for \$50,000.00 of the Klee property. Mr. Kobasuk will pay for all survey and closing cost.

Motion was made by Councilmember David Klaber to authorize the mayor to sign purchase agreement, second by Councilmember Joyce Carson. All aye. Motion passed.

Discussion was had regarding gifting 2 parcels of land to the American Legion containing a cemetery. No official action was taken, and the council directed the mayor to contact Don Wells in regard to this and how to proceed.

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Ordinance to change dates of caucus and regular meetings to the first and third Thursday will be available for a first reading by the 02.06.24 caucus meeting.

Discussion about accepting letters of interest for the vacant council seat was had. Council set a deadline of February 2nd @ noon and would like all letters of interest to be dropped off at city hall or emailed to the city clerk. City Clerk would compile all letters of interest and send them to councilmembers to review and council would potentially fill the vacant seat at a special called meeting 02.06.24.

Pendleton County Youth Fair submitted a formal request for a donation. Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Pettit to donate the Blue-Ribbon Package \$250.00, second by Councilmember Sabrina Hazen. All aye. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Discussion regarding fire hydrants was had. Mayor Price suggested amending the budget to reallocate ARPA funds for city infrastructure. He mentioned these funds must be used by the end of 2024 or we lose them. Will be doing an RFQ for Engineering Services to be on a retainer. Mayor Price will also be contacting Tyson Hermes for a meeting.

Water Rate Study is still in progress. Analysis is needed to determine accurate numbers as well as discussions with the water districts about moving forward with one county wide district.

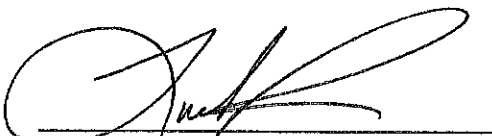
Announcements:


Mayor Price read the announcements.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Amy Hurst, second by Councilmember Sabrina Hazen. All aye. Motion passed

The meeting was adjourned.



Mayor, Luke Price

Attest: City Clerk, Susan L. Bishop