



City Council Meeting – Monday, March 4, 2024
1355 N. Barlow St – Cornelius, OR 97113
In-Person/Hybrid Meeting

Roll Call: Council Present: Councilor Eden Lopez, Councilor Angeles Godinez, Councilor Doris Gonzalez, Council President John Colgan, and Mayor Jef Dalin.

Staff Present: Peter Brandom, City Manager; Barbara Fryer, Community Development Director; Mark Crowell, Public Works Director; Jim Geering, Fire Chief; Kevin Ritcheson, Fire Captain

1. **WORK SESSION – 6:00 PM**
 - A. West Council Creek Master Plan
 - B. Non-resident Medical Response Fee
2. **REGULAR SESSION – 7:00 PM**
 - A. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Mayor Jef Dalin called the regular City Council meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Council President Colgan motioned to adopt the agenda. The motion was not seconded and no vote was taken.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. City Council Meeting Minutes, February 5, 2024

Council President Colgan motioned to adopt the consent agenda. The motion was not seconded and no vote was taken.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT - None**
6. **RECOGNITION**
 - A. Lucas Anderson, Completion of One-Year Employment Probation
 - B. Kyle Joseph, Completion of One-Year Employment Probation

Jim Geering, Fire Chief, recognized Lucas Anderson and Kyle Joseph for their successful completion of the one-year probationary period. Chief Geering highlighted what an accomplishment it is to complete one year of training and testing for such a demanding and difficult job. Chief Geering noted that probationary fire fighters hold at-will employment and can be let go; that was not the case with Lucas and Kyle. Chief Geering noted the presence of two retired fire fighters at the meeting, reflecting on the culture and sense of family the fire department shares. Chief Geering offered individual recognition. Chief Geering recognized Lucas Anderson's prior volunteer experience and shared an anecdote about Lucas's enthusiasm upon receiving the firefighter position. Chief Geering commended Lucas's initiative, particularly noting their involvement with Tuesday night volunteer drills. Chief Geering recognized Kyle Joseph's prior service as a student volunteer, highlighting Kyle's experience holding a regular 24-hour shift alongside regular firefighters. Chief Geering praised Kyle's work ethic, kindness, and commitment to the community.

Kevin Ritcheson, Fire Captain, recognized Lucas and Kyle for their commitment to the fire service. Captain Ritcheson led the badge pinning ceremony with the assistance of Kyle's wife, Elaine, and Lucas's fiancé, Alexa.

Mayor Dalin addressed the council, commenting on the importance of the fire service to the community. Mayor Dalin expressed gratitude to the fire fighters and their families for their contributions and sacrifices.

7. PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

A. Cornelius Elementary School Choir Performance

Martin Garcia, Cornelius Elementary Choir Director, led a student musical performance.

B. 2024 City-led Community Event

Peter Brandom, City Manager, gave a report on the planned City-led Community Events for 2024. Brandom noted a change in reporting, focusing solely on events directly organized by the City. The State of the City is scheduled for April 22nd at the Forest Grove Auditorium. A Shred Event will take place in May or June. The Cornelius Farmer's Market will be held between June and September at the Dinsdale Plaza, between the library and City Hall. National Night Out will take place. Flicks in the Park will occur each weekend in August. Public Safety Open House is anticipated to be held in October. The Veteran's Day Ceremony will be on November 11th. The Community Dinner will be held on the Saturday before Thanksgiving, November 23rd. Brandom explained some of the changes to the Tree-Lighting Ceremony. Shop with a Cop will take place. The Police Department will have a School Supply Backpack event.

Council President Colgan asked about the State of the City being held in Forest Grove.

Mayor Dalin answered that it is a joint event that goes back and forth between the two cities.

Council President Colgan asked about the Dinsdale Plaza tree cost and how it compares to the cost to decorate the large tree at Veteran's Park.

Brandom answered that it compares favorably. The City expects to be able to source a tree without cost. The City still needs to determine the cost of a large tree stand.

Councilor Godinez asked if City staff has looked for sponsors to cover the cost of decorations at Veteran's Park. Godinez expressed appreciation for the idea of extending the event to include a farmer's market at Dinsdale Plaza. Godinez expressed dismay at the plan to discontinue the traditional tree decoration at Veteran's Park.

Mayor Dalin agreed and shared their own appreciation for the traditional ceremony and decorations at Veteran's Park. Dalin expressed support of the idea of finding sponsorship to offset the cost of decorating.

Brandom agreed to explore more options.

Mayor Dalin asked about the exclusion of Take Care of Cornelius Day.

Brandom answered that Take Care of Cornelius Day has a significant staff impact and the decision was made to discontinue the event for the foreseeable future. The City is looking to include targeted bulky waste collection and other smaller scale cleanup activities.

Mayor Dalin explained that at the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) meetings they are attending, discussions have occurred regarding standard and regular waste events. Discussion continued on the inclusion of waste management events.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution No. 2024-14. Library Service and Technology ACT (LSTA) Grant Application

Brandom was available for questions on behalf of Karen Hill, Library Director [A full summary is included in the City of Cornelius Agenda Report; Pages 91-92]. There were no questions.

Council President Colgan made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-14, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CORNELIUS PUBLIC LIBRARY TO APPLY FOR THE L.S.T.A. TEEN GRANT, and this action takes effect immediately. Seconded by Councilor Lopez. Motion passed 5-0. Ayes: Councilor Eden Lopez, Councilor Angeles Godinez, Councilor Doris Gonzalez, Council President John Colgan, and Mayor Jef Dalin.

11. REPORTS

- A. City Council:

Councilor Gonzalez reminded the Council that PlanetCon is coming up on 4-20-24 at Portland Community College (PCC).

B. Mayor Dalin:

Mayor Dalin reported on the MPAC meeting and Metropolitan Mayors Consortium meeting.

C. City Manager:

Brandom expressed thanks to the City staff for hosting students from the CTE program. Brandom reported there have been new applications submitted for residents to join the Youth Advisory Council (YAC). Brandom is hopeful the YAC will be reconstituted soon. Brandom reported the openings of two new businesses in Cornelius, Fuel-Up and On-Site Tire Pros. Brandom announced the Chamber Gala is happening on March 23rd. The groundbreaking for the Cornelius Elementary School is scheduled for April 3rd at 4:00 pm. A joint meeting with the Forest Grove School District and City of Forest Grove Council/Board will occur on April 8th at 5:00 pm.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Shift to Daylight Savings Time – Sunday, March 10, 2:00 am
- B. Monday, April 1, 2024 – 6:00 pm Work Session; 7:00 pm City Council Meeting

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dalin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Godinez. Motion carried 5-0. Ayes: Councilor Eden Lopez, Councilor Angeles Godinez, Councilor Doris Gonzalez, Council President John Colgan, and Mayor Jef Dalin

April 1, 2024
Date

Jef Dalin
City Recorder