



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES January 24, 2023

The scheduled meeting of the Ontario City Council was called to order by Mayor Deborah Folden at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council members present were Deborah Folden, Susann Mills, Sam Baker, John Kirby, Penny Bakefelt, Eddie Melendrez, and Ken Hart.

Members of staff present were Dan Cummings, Tori Barnett, Corinna Hysell, Clint Benson, Kari Ott, Casey Mordhorst, Jason Cooper, and Andy Wood.

The meeting was recorded, and copies are available at City Hall.

AGENDA

This Agenda was posted on January 20, 2022. Copies of the Agenda are available from the City Hall Customer Service Counter and on the city's website www.ontariooregon.org.

HART moved, MILLS seconded, **TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED**. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Baker-yes; Kirby-yes; Hart-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Melendrez-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Clint Shock, Ontario: *Thank you very much. I really appreciate you giving your time and effort for our city, and I just want to thank all of you. I appreciate you very much. It takes a lot of time and effort to do a competent job of reading all this stuff, and it's not just the few hours that you're at these meetings, so thank you.*

Norm Crume, Ontario: (Transcribed from submitted letter) *On January 10th, Officers Danielle Llamas, Aaron Phillips, and Chris Bolyard of the OPD responded to a suspected sighting of a perpetrator of a theft that happened at my business on January 9th. Upon arriving to where I saw the perp they asked me the details of what had transpired then went to confront the perp. At contact there was found to be the perp, a female with outstanding warrants, and a male in possession of drugs. The female was arrested, and I retrieved my stolen property. Without my surveillance system (purchased with the assistance of a grant from the Ontario City Council) and the diligence and expertise of these three officers, this would not have been a success story. Again, thank you officers Llamas, Phillips and Bolyard for your great work.*

CONSENT AGENDA

HART moved, KIRBY seconded, **TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA, WHICH INCLUDED THE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 2023**. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Baker-yes; Kirby-yes; Hart-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Melendrez-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.



NEW BUSINESS**Appointments: City Committees**

Tori Barnett, City Recorder, presented. Following the presentation of applicants for the various committees, she informed the Council, along with the viewing audience, that there were still a few open spots, one on the Planning Commission, and one on the Diversity Advisory Committee. She encouraged the community to get involved.

The applicants for the various committees were as follows: Shay Myers, John Freeburg, and Shawn Coleman, Airport; Dain Bell and Michael Braden, Budget; Leanne Swetland, Billy Carter, and Dr. Benjamin Merrill, Diversity Advisory; Andrew Maeda and Efren Garza, Parks; Max Twombly, Planning; Al Christiani, Public Works; and Doug Dean and Cheryl Cruson, Visitors & Conventions Bureau.

Further, contingent upon the adoption of a proposed resolution to create a Homelessness TPM Ad Hoc Committee, which was up for action later in the meeting, if approved Penny Bakefelt and Eddie Melendrez would take the two Council appointments to the committee.

Michael Braden, applicant for a position on the Budget Board, stated he wanted to view them from this side of the chambers, and it was far less stressful. He thanked everyone for their diligent efforts of serving on the Council and Mayor. He appreciated it. He was requesting appointment to Budget Board. His history with the city was that he served on term on the Budget Board before serving a full term on City Council, and he was requesting the appointment so he could serve another four years for the City of Ontario.

Council consensus to approve the slate of applicants as presented.

Appointment: Council Liaisons

Tori Barnett, City Recorder, presented.

Following discussion the following Council Liaison appointments were made: John Kirby, Airport; Deborah Folden, Ken Hart, and Susann Mills, Audit; John Kirby and Eddie Melendrez, Business Loan Fund; Eddie Melendrez, Diversity Advisory; Penny Bakefelt and Ken Hart, Ontario Promise/529 Plan; Deborah Folden, Parks; Susann Mills, Planning; Sam Baker, Public Works; and Ken Hart, Visitors & Conventions Bureau.

Delinquent Utility Billing Accounts to Collection

Mayor Folden declared a direct conflict of interest, recused herself from the action, asked the Council President to run the action, and stepped down from the dais.

Kari Ott, Finance Director, presented.

HART moved, BAKER seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE LIST OF UTILITY BILLING WRITE OFFS AS PRESENTED AND AUTHORIZE SENDING THE APPLICABLE ACCOUNTS TO COLLECTIONS.** Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Baker-yes; Kirby-yes; Hart-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Melendrez-yes; Folden-recused. Motion carried 6/0/0/1.

Resolution #2023-101: Create Homelessness Advisory Ad Hoc Committee

Dan Cummings, City Manager, presented.

BAKER moved, BAKEFELT seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION #2023-101, A RESOLUTION CREATING THE HOMELESSNESS ADVISORY AD HOC COMMITTEE.** Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Baker-yes; Kirby-yes; Hart-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Melendrez-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.



Resolution #2023-102: Amending the Classification and Compensation Plan (Planning/Office Technician Position)

Dan Cummings, City Manager, presented.

MILLS moved, MELENDREZ seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION #2023-102, A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLAN TO ADD THE POSITION OF PLANNING AND OFFICE TECHNICIAN.** Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Baker-yes; Kirby-yes; Hart-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Melendrez-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS**Beck-Kiwanis Park: Pond Safety Letter**

Dan Cummings, City Manager, reminded the Council that at the previous meeting a citizen had spoken to the Council regarding a child that had drowned in the pond, asking the city to research safety features, such as fencing the pond area or putting signs up, to address safety issues around the pond. He took the issue before the Parks Committee, who held an intense discussion. There had been a family member present at that meeting, who offered suggestions and to help in contacting others around the area seeking citizen input on what they'd like to see there, or to help with fundraising or providing funding for fencing. There had been many options provided. The Parks Committee had not submitted a recommendation to Council, but kept it open on their agenda and were going to continue discussing the different options available as to what could be done. Nothing would be 100%. Gates could be left open, or warning signs would be more for adults as a small child would not read a sign and recognize the danger. Also, the letter that was in the packet had not been addressed to anyone; it had been dropped off at the front desk. And, the committee was not addressing just the one park, but were looking at all the parks and discussing any safety issues.

HAND-OUTS**Minutes:** (Attached)

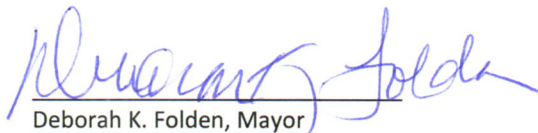
County Court: 01-04-2023; 01-09-2023; 01-11-2023

Check Register (Attached)

December, 2022; no questions.

ADJOURN

KIRBY moved, BAKER seconded, **THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.** Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Baker-yes; Kirby-yes; Hart-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Melendrez-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.

ACCEPTED:
Deborah K. Folden, Mayor**ATTEST**
Tori Barnett, MMC, City Recorder