



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 28, 2023

The scheduled meeting of the Ontario City Council was called to order by Mayor Deborah Folden at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council members present were Deborah Folden, Susann Mills, John Kirby, Eddie Melendrez, Ken Hart, and Penny Bakefelt. Sam Baker arrived at 6:06 p.m.

Members of staff present were Dan Cummings, Tori Barnett, Corinna Hysell, Clint Benson, Kari Ott, Casey Mordhorst, Al Haun, Paul Woods, Michael Iwai, Marcy Siriwardene, and Jen Braden.

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

AGENDA

This Agenda was posted on March 24, 2023. 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-out; Kirby-yes; Hart-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Melendrez-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 6/0/1.

CONSENT AGENDA

MILLS moved, BAKEFELT seconded, **TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA, WHICH INCLUDED THE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 14, 2023**. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Baker-out; Kirby-yes; Hart-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Melendrez-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 6/0/1.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Randall Lanais, Four Rivers Recovery: *I just wanted to take a couple minutes of your time. I opened up Four Rivers Recovery here in Ontario. We are an out-patient recovery center to help people struggling with substance abuse. Basic classes, one on ones, just basic stuff. What I'm trying to add – mental health and MAT, which is Medicated Assistant Treatment. It's a huge task, but I'm going to try to see what we can do, maybe to cut down on some wait times from other agencies. We'd love to work with the community. It's not about, to me it's more about the community then anything else, helping pull people up is something I'm passionate about and I'm just looking forward to helping and maybe add some of that human element back into it. I do have some, if you guys want to take a look at them, some pamphlets. We're there at the Family Eye Center, where the old Family Eye Center used to be. It's a great building, good staff. We're just trying to get started, get come clients, and make this thing work. Thank you.*

SPECIAL ACTION

Joint Meeting with Ontario Planning Commission Regarding the Ontario North-South Connector Trail Plan

The Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Commission members present were Blu Fortner, Mike Allen, Antonio Sunseri, John Breidenbach and Max Twombly. Ralph Poole was excused. James Grissett attended online.

The meeting was recorded on tape and the tape is on file at the City Community Development Center. The Agenda for this meeting was emailed on or before March 21, 2023. Copies of the Agenda were available at the City Community Development Center.

Adoption of Agenda

BREIDENBACH moved, FORTNER seconded, **TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED**. Roll call vote: Fortner-yes; Allen-yes; Grissett-yes; Sunseri-yes; Breidenbach-yes; Twombly-yes; Poole-out. Motion carried 6/0/1.

North-South Connector Trail Plan

Nick Foster presented a Power Point presentation on the North-South Connector Trail Plan.

Commissioner Fortner asked if maintenance costs had been factored into the budget of the newly proposed trail.

Mr. Foster said that only the estimated construction costs had been determined at that time.

Commissioner Allen asked if the proposed trail would affect any adjacent property owners.

Mr. Foster stated that only one section of right of way would affect property owners.

Commissioner Grissett asked about the amount of public input and the number of people who responded to the public meetings on the trail.

Mr. Foster answered that there were many avenues of advertising used; social media, flyers, and even door to door advertising. Only one person questioned did not want any trails.

Commissioner Breidenbach stated that he spoke to several commercial business owners who didn't want to take the effort to participate in the trail meetings.

Commissioner Fortner asked if there would be any trash receptacles placed along the route.

Mr. Foster said that trash receptacles were factored into the project cost estimate.

Councilor Hart asked if we had the funds to maintain the trail since the current trail near where he lived was an eyesore.

Commissioner Breidenbach stated that a big request that he would get from new visitors was for a place to ride their bikes, walk, and take their dogs. He thought that the new design was a good design.

Motion to Adjourn

BREIDENBACH moved, FORTNER seconded, **THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED**. Roll call vote: Fortner-yes; Allen-yes; Grissett-yes; Sunseri-yes; Breidenbach-yes; Twombly-yes; Poole-out. Motion carried 6/0/1.

NEW BUSINESS

Bid Award: Chip Seal Oil

Casey Mordhorst, Public Works Director, presented.

HART moved, MELENDREZ seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPT THE CHIP SEAL OIL BIDS AND AWARD THE PROJECT TO ALBINA ASPHALT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$80,000**. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Baker-yes; Kirby-yes; Hart-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Melendrez-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.



Resolution #2023-103: Reallocate Funds to Ontario Recreation District for Repair Work on the Beck-Kiwanis Baseball Field

Andrew Maeda, District Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation. *(Attached)*

Kari Ott, Finance Director, presented.

Councilor Kirby stated he would feel more comfortable if the actual amount of \$50K was in the motion.

KIRBY moved, MELENDREZ seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION #2023-103: A RESOLUTION TO REALLOCATE FUNDS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50K, TO ONTARIO RECREATION DISTRICT FOR REPAIR WORK ON THE BECK-KIWANIS BASEBALL FIELD.** Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Baker-yes; Kirby-yes; Hart-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Melendrez-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.

Resolution #2023-104: Transfer Funds – SANS Equipment Purchase

Kari Ott, Finance Director, presented.

Mr. Cummings stated staff would be coming back to Council on a semi-related issue, that being a server had gone down. The SANS purchase before them, the Storage Area Network, crashed, and that was being replaced. The old system would be used as a backup for redundancy, which the city did not currently have. Last week, the police server crashed. There were three different servers, so staff was looking into the status of all three. Were they all three the same age? Replace this one and have another crash? Staff would be coming back to Council after meeting with IT to determine the best replacement process.

Chief Iwai informed the Council the SANS was not just for police; it was the entire storage network for the city. The servers were three separate servers. Also, the department could not integrate the new evidence module without the upgrade to the system.

MILLS moved, MELENDREZ seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION #2023-104: A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE STORAGE AREA NETWORK SYSTEM.** Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Baker-yes; Kirby-yes; Hart-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Melendrez-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES**Finance – Monthly Report**

Kari Ott, Finance Director, presented.

Community Development – Quarterly Report

Dan Cummings, Community Development Director, presented.

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

County Court: 03-08-2023; 03-15-2023

Public Works: 02-21-2023

Parks: 02-16-2023



CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

- Councilor Bakefelt stated that May 6th was the Chocolate & Wine Walk downtown; April 1st was the Spring Fling downtown; she now had Save the Date flyers for the Nation Night Out event; she attended the Osakasayama student greeting here at City Hall; she attended the Center Ball; they held the first homeless ad hoc committee to review TPMs; she did a ride along with Sgt. Laurenson and Officer Phillips, and encouraged the Council to take advantage of that; her next stop was Public Works.
- Councilor Mills congratulated Chief Iwai on the completion of the National FBI Academy training program.

Chief Iwai stated it was a great experience and thanked the Council and Mr. Cummings for allowing him to attend. He also thanked Lt. Cooper and Lt. Swank for covering the department during his absence. He encouraged anyone who had the opportunity to take it.

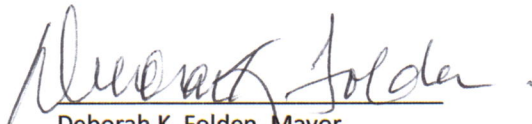
- John Breidenbach stated the Visitors & Conventions Bureau Board meeting will be held April 13th because he would be out of town during the original date.
- Dan Cummings stated, through an invitation from the Public Works Department, staff would like to do a ribbon cutting for the restrooms at Beck-Kiwanis Park, similar to what they did for Goodfellow. It had taken almost three years of budgeting to get the money together to get those bathrooms upgraded at the park. They were ready to open those up. The ribbon cutting would be April 11th at 11:00 a.m. at the park. They'd like to have the Mayor and Council present, along with the general public. Right after the cutting, they'd open the doors for use.

Councilor Baker suggested inviting former Council Michael Braden to the ribbon cutting, as he had been instrumental in fighting to get this project done.

ADJOURN

HART 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