

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES****August 10, 2023**

The special meeting of the Ontario City Council was called to order by Mayor Deborah Folden at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 10, 2023, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council members present were Deborah Folden, Susann Mills, John Kirby, Penny Bakefelt, Sam Baker, and Eddie Melendrez. Ken Hart was excused.

Members of staff present were Dan Cummings, Tori Barnett, Corinna Hysell, Paul Woods, and Al Haun.

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

AGENDA

This Agenda was posted on August 8, 2023. Copies of the Agenda are available from the City Hall Customer Service Counter and on the city's website www.ontariooregon.org.

KIRBY moved, MELENDREZ seconded, **TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED**. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Baker-yes; Kirby-yes; Hart-out; Bakefelt-yes; Melendrez-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 6/0/1.

OLD BUSINESS**BLM SEAT Baee Lease**

Dan Cummings, City Manager, presented.

KIRBY moved, MILLS seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE BLM LEASE FOR THE BLM SEAT BASE ON THE ONTARIO MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AS PRESENTED BY STAFF AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE THE FINAL MINOR ADJUSTMENTS NEEDED AND SIGN THE FINAL LEASE DOCUMENT ON COMPLETION**. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Baker-yes; Kirby-yes; Hart-out; Bakefelt-yes; Melendrez-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 6/0/1.

MELENDREZ moved, MILLS seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE ENGINEERING DESIGN CONTRACT WITH JUB FOR THE DESIGN OF THE BLM SEAT BASE AS PRESENTED, AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANGER TO SIGN THE CONTRACT**. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Baker-yes; Kirby-yes; Hart-out; Bakefelt-yes; Melendrez-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 6/0/1.

PUBLIC HEARING**Application to Use CDBG Funds for New Secondary River Water Intake to Support the City's Drinking Water Supply System**

It being the date advertised for a public hearing on the matter stated above, the Hearing was declared open. There were no objections to the city's jurisdiction to hear the action, no abstentions, no ex-parte contact, and no declarations of conflict of interest.

Paul Woods, City Engineer, presented.

The City of Ontario was eligible to apply for funding from the Community Development Block Grant program from Business Oregon. Funding could be used for public infrastructure, such as improvements to the city's drinking water supply system. The city was proposing to apply for the project award maximum of \$2.5 million dollars to fund the design, permitting, and construction of a secondary river water intake to improve the



reliability and capacity of the city's drinking water supply system. The improvement was a component of the city's overall Drinking Water Master Plan approved by the Oregon Health Authority in 2021. The location of the project was at the city's Water Treatment Plant at 1900 SE 5th Avenue. The project benefited residents throughout the City of Ontario. It was estimated that the project had benefited at least 11,495 persons of whom 57.88% were low or moderate income. If successful, the grant funds would help support the city's financial position without a match requirement. The application had to be submitted by August 31, 2023.

Councilor Kirby stated, for the record, Public Works monitored the city's water use, and at times when there was high water usage, the usage increased on the graph. The city had discussed the opportunity to grow with business and industry, and with the water the city currently had, and the growth being experienced, the city had put itself in a position where it couldn't handle much growth. So, this request was not a flamboyant thing done by the city; it was a way to provide water for current use, as well as future.

Mr. Woods agreed. Indicating a power point document, it was part of the city's Master Plan as approved by the Oregon Health Authority. Currently, "this" was a pump that flowed down in the river, and the current intake was having difficulties because of algae, and they were having to backwash, and more capacity was needed. This system was fairly rudimentary, so the ability to have this system not only increase in capacity, but to also provide redundancy, and seeing things such as more algae was in the river, this would greatly help to improve the situation, and would provide more reliability to existing customers, and to provide for new future customers. It was a very important project.

The Hearing was opened for public testimony.

Opponents: None. Proponents: None. There being no Proponent and no Opponent testimony, the Hearing was closed.

MILLS moved, BAKEFELT seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE INTENT TO APPLY FOR CDBG FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE DESIGN, PERMITTING, AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SECONDARY RIVER INTAKE TO IMPROVE THE CAPACITY AND RELIABILITY OF THE CITY'S DRINKING WATER SYSTEM, AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ALL GRANT APPLICATION DOCUMENTS.** Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Baker-yes; Kirby-yes; Hart-out; Bakefelt-yes; Melendrez-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 6/0/1.

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

- Councilor Kirby congratulated Councilor Bakefelt for the great National Night Out. There were a lot of happy people who attended. They, as a Council, needed to thank her.

Councilor Bakefelt stated it was heartwarming to see all the players come together, from first responders to the veterans, who actually gave funding at the event, but more importantly it was great to see the city folks come out, the citizens come out, and have a fun time. She was open to suggestions for next year on how to make it bigger and maybe better. She thanked all the NNO Committee members; she was getting the applause, which was appreciated, but she could have never done it alone. It was all the other folks that were in it together, and she considered it a "city" event, and she was very proud of it. She intended to do a better job on explaining what National Night Out was. She also thanked Councilor Susann Mills who sat in the dunk tank, as well as Chief Iwai, Officer Todd Harnden, who took care of the night move as well as the fishing poles and tackle boxes donation, city staff, such as City Manager Dan Cummings who sat in the dunk tank, and Tori and Corinna who took the lead on getting the city booth, raffle ticket, and condiments organized, making it convenient for everyone. It was really a team effort, and she was proud to be part of the team.

- Councilor Kirby reminded everyone of the Sprint Boat races this coming weekend. He'd been out there earlier, and it was amazing the changes over the past year. He believed it would be a much better show over last year's event.

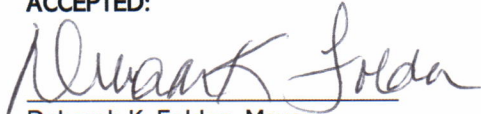


- Councilor Mills stated the Mr. Cummings looked great in a wet suit!
- Councilor Bakefelt reminded everyone that she was taking her grandson on a trip to Panama, and would be missing the next Council meeting.

ADJOURN

BAKER moved, MELENDREZ seconded, **THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED**. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Baker-yes; Kirby-yes; Hart-out; Bakefelt-yes; Melendrez-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 6/0/1.

ACCEPTED:


Deborah K. Folden, Mayor

ATTEST


Tori Barnett, MMC, City Recorder