



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES February 10, 2026

The scheduled meeting of the Ontario City Council was called to order by Mayor Deborah Folden at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council members present were Deborah Folden, Susann Mills, Michael Braden, John Kirby, and Adriana Contreras. Penny Bakefelt and Ken Hart were excused.

Staff present were Dan Cummings, Tori Barnett, Corinna Hysell, Kari Ott, Jason Cooper, Clint Benson, Tatiana Burgess, Casey Mordhorst, Al Haun, Marshall Pierce, and Andy Wood.

AGENDA

This Agenda was posted Friday, February 6, 2026. Copies of the Agenda are available from the City Hall Customer Service Counter and on the city's website www.ontariooregon.org.

KIRBY moved, CONTRERAS seconded, **TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED**. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Hart-out; Contreras-yes; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-out; Folden-yes. Motion carried 5/0/2.

CONSENT AGENDA

MILLS moved, KIRBY seconded, **TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA, WHICH CONSISTED OF ADOPTION OF THE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2026**. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Hart-out; Contreras-yes; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-out; Folden-yes. Motion carried 5/0/2.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution #2026-104: Funding Lexipol Program

Kari Ott, Finance Director, presented.

At the January 27, 2026, City Council meeting, the Council approved hiring Lexipol to update the fire department policy manual and training system. The attached resolution would appropriate \$15,839 from the Reserve Fund Public Safety Department to implement the system, leaving \$526,755 in public safety contingency.

This was a subscription and would be an annual cost of \$12,889.00, which would be in the budget.

MILLS moved, KIRBY seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION #2026-104, A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$15,839 TO IMPLEMENT LEXIPOL'S POLICY MANUAL AND TRAINING SYSTEM FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER DAN CUMMINGS TO SIGN RELATED DOCUMENTS**. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Hart-out; Contreras-yes; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-out; Folden-yes. Motion carried 5/0/2.

Resolution #2026-105: Funds to Award a \$10,000 Grant to the Basque Club for Exterior Paint at the Ontario Train Depot Station in Memory of Gene Bates

Kari Ott, Finance Director, presented.

At the January 27, 2026, City Council meeting, the Council approved giving a grant to the Basque Club for exterior painting of the Ontario Train Depot. This grant would be given in memory of Gene Bates.

Liability insurance for the city came in just over \$10,000 under budget. This resolution would move \$10,000 from the liability insurance budget and appropriate it for a grant to the Basque Club. This would move funds from the Administrative Overhead budget to the Non-Departmental Appropriations budget.



KIRBY moved, CONTRERAS seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION #2026-105, A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO AWARD A \$10,000 GRANT TO THE BASQUE CLUB FOR EXTERIOR PAINT AT THE DEPOT IN MEMORY OF GENE BATES.** Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Hart-out; Contreras-yes; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-out; Folden-yes. Motion carried 5/0/2.

Ordinance #2843-2026: Billing for Vehicle Accidents within Ontario City Limits

Dan Cummings, City Manager, presented.

The Fire Department responded regularly to motor vehicle accidents, totaling 112 responses in calendar year 2025. ORS 478.310 allowed the city to bill for the cost of these services. Ontario Rural Fire Protection District had used Fire Recovery USA to bill for automobile accidents successfully since 2023. Costs for services continued to rise with income from fees and taxes remaining stagnant. Ontario Fire and Rescue would like to start billing for these responses within the City of Ontario.

In August 2023, the Ontario Rural Fire Protection District passed Resolution #5-2023, which established and implemented a program to charge mitigation rates for services provided by the Ontario Rural Fire Protection District for motor vehicle accidents occurring on transportation routes. Resolution #6-2023, authorized the Director to enter into a contract with Fire Recovery USA. This program had worked well for the District, resulting in revenues of \$12,015 in CY 2023, \$16,371 in CY 2024, and \$3,928 in CY 2025 (total of \$32,314 collected since implementation). Fire Department staff used the Fire Recovery USA online system to enter the vehicle crash report information, along with a copy of the incident report, and then Fire Recovery USA took care of billing and collections.

At the City Council meeting of January 27, 2026, the City Council approved the Fire Department's use of Fire Recovery USA to bill for motor vehicle accidents and other applicable incidents within the city limits and approved Ordinance #2843-2026 on First reading by Title Only. This action was being brought back to the City Council for the second reading of Ordinance #2843-2026.

Commitment to providing superior quality service required funding to support these services. With property taxes not supporting Fire Department operations, it was imperative to explore additional funding sources that would help support the city's commitment to provide superior quality services. Many of the transportation accidents that occurred within the City of Ontario required a Fire Department response, and many of these transportation accidents involved vehicles registered in areas outside the city and state.

The cost of operating the Fire Department continued to rise due to inflation and operational improvements to the services being provided. As a conservative estimate of income that would be generated by billing for motor vehicle accident responses in the city, if half of these responses were for non-residents, and half of those calls were billable, the estimated annual income from this program would be \$13,132. Financial impacts to the Ontario community members and visitors to Ontario should be minimal. Patron's insurance premiums included costs related to emergency responses. Staff would be billing for monies already paid for by auto insurance holders. Staff was set up with Fire Recovery USA and had used the program in the Rural District since 2023. Cost of goods and services continued to rise, so finding and implementing additional revenue streams was imperative.

ORS 478.310(2)(a)-(b) allowed cities to charge for emergency services involving occurrences on a transportation route. *"When a district or city responds to a call for assistance arising from an incident involving an airplane crash or an occurrence on a transportation route within the city or district, the district or city may recover from the person or property receiving the direct fire or safety services as a result of the incident any cost incurred for the following: The contract or reasonable value of the use, including repairs and depreciation, of the apparatus and equipment used in accordance with a state standardized-costs schedule issued by the State Fire Marshal; and Other expenses or costs reasonably incurred in furnishing the assistance, as adopted by the service provider."*

BRADEN moved, MILLS seconded, **TO APPROVE ORDINANCE #2843-2026, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM TO CHARGE MITIGATION RATES FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF EMERGENCY AND NON-EMERGENCY SERVICES BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR SERVICES PROVIDED/RENDERED BY/FOR THE CITY OF ONTARIO ON SECOND AND FINAL READING BY TITLE ONLY.** Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Hart-out; Contreras-yes; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-out; Folden-yes. Motion carried 5/0/2.



CONTRERAS moved, MILLS seconded, THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ANY AND ALL CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS WITH FIRE RECOVERY USA FOR THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COST RECOVERY PROGRAM APPROVED UNDER ORDINANCE #2843-2026. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Hart-out; Contreras-yes; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-out; Folden-yes. Motion carried 5/0/2.

NEW BUSINESS

Liquor License Application: Select Players, LLC

Jason Cooper, Police Chief, presented.

Select Players Bar, LLC, under the trade name Select Pub, located at 189 South Oregon Street, Ontario, Oregon completed the "Full On-Premises, Other Public Location" liquor license sales application.

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission had updated the licensing procedure. Applications now came to the local government for endorsement before completing the application process through the State of Oregon Liquor Control Commission office in Salem. All necessary paperwork had been submitted to the City of Ontario. The Oregon Liquor Control Commission office was awaiting a recommendation from the Ontario City Council.

McShane Erlebach received a Limited On-Premises liquor license for Select Players located at 189 South Oregon Street, Ontario, Oregon, on October 8, 2024. He was now applying for the greater privilege of Full On-Premises liquor license/Other Public Location for the same location in the name of Select Players Bar LLC., which would operate under the name Select Pubs.

Select Players was an establishment on Oregon Street in Ontario that sold sporting goods and equipment. They also have golfing simulators, indoor driving bays, softball and baseball equipment, and batting cages. This was a setting for all age groups. Patrons could test out and purchase sporting equipment. This location currently held a Limited On-Premises liquor license through the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, which allowed for the sale of beer, wine and cider. Select Players Bar, LLC, was requesting to change the license from Limited On-Premises to Full On-Premises, Other Public Location. They would be adding the OLCC food and seating requirement for this location. To change the license type for this establishment required Select Players Bar LLC to complete the Full On-Premises/Other Public Location application. Once this step was completed, Select Pub would have the necessary license requiring renewal every year.

With the approval of this license, Select Players would offer non-alcoholic beverages as well as beer, wine, cider and now a selection of spirits to patrons enjoying the establishment. They would be adding the required seating and food menu choices required by OLCC for this type of license, which had the potential to bring more visitors to the city.

All legal steps were followed to completion, with no negative feedback; however, this had no true effect on the process, as the Oregon Liquor Control Commission could take the city's objections to the action into consideration, but was not obligated to do so. The OLCC was the ultimate authority on the issuance of the license.

Councilor Braden asked what the upgrade meant.

Chief Cooper stated limited-on premises meant beer and wine. When upgraded to a full, it allowed the ability to serve hard liquor along with the beer and wine. It was an expansion of the type of alcohol that could be served at that location.

CONTRERAS moved, KIRBY seconded, THE CITY COUNCIL RECOMMEND THE NEW FULL ON-PREMISES/OTHER PUBLIC LOCATION LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR SELECT PLAYERS BAR, LLC. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Hart-out; Contreras-yes; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-out; Folden-yes. Motion carried 5/0/2.



Ordinance #2844-2026: Amend OMC 2-5-1, Parks Committee

Dan Cummings, City Manager, presented.

On December 17, 2019, the City Council approved Ordinances #2767-2019, repealing the Parks and Recreation Board and creating the Parks Committee. The Committee established under Ordinance #2767-2019 consisted of one member from the Kiwanis Club, one member from the Lions Club, one member from the Rotary Club, one member from the Recreation District selected members or staff, two Members at Large from within the Recreation District, and one member from the City Council.

On January 27, 2026, the Council approved restructuring the Committee to reduce the number of citizens at large, currently two, down to one, and dedicating the other citizen at large position to a member of the Revitalize Ontario Committee, specifically geared towards Moore Park. This would keep the Committee at seven members.

By adopting proposed Ordinance #2844-2026, the Council would amend Title 2, Chapter 8, Section 4, of the Ontario Municipal Code. Staff would ask this action be completed as soon as possible to allow for new members to represent the Moore Park development.

CONTRERAS moved, KIRBY seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE ORDINANCE #2844-2026, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ONTARIO MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 2, CHAPTER 5, SECTION 1, PARKS COMMITTEE ON FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY.** Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Hart-out; Contreras-yes; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-out; Folden-yes. Motion carried 5/0/2.

MILLS moved, CONTRERAS seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE ORDINANCE #2844-2026, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ONTARIO MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 2, CHAPTER 5, SECTION 1, PARKS COMMITTEE ON SECOND AND FINAL READING BY TITLE ONLY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Hart-out; Contreras-yes; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-out; Folden-yes. Motion carried 5/0/2.

Resolution #2026-103: Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between the City of Ontario and the Ontario Police Sergeants' Association

Dan Cummings, City Manager, presented.

In 2024, the Oregon Legislators changed Oregon Law to allow Police Sergeants to join an existing Police Association or create their own Police Sergeant Association. Since this was a newly formed Association, a history was being provided in a public forum to document the creation of the Ontario Police Sergeants' Association.

April 10, 2024: the Ontario Police Sergeants Association filed a petition under ORS 243.682(2) and OAR 115-025-0030 to certify, without an election, the Association as the exclusive representative of a unit of all police sergeants employed at the City of Ontario. A majority of eligible employees in the proposed bargaining unit signed valid authorization cards designating the Association as the exclusive representative of the proposed bargaining unit.

April 11, 2024: the Board's Election Coordinator caused a notice of the petition to be posted. Pursuant to the terms of the notice posting and OAR 115-025-0060, objections to the proposed bargaining unit or a request for an election were due within 14 days of the date of the notice posting (i.e., by May 3, 2024). There were no objections to the petition or a request for an election.

April 4, 2025: the city, through their labor attorney, received a letter, via email, containing a Notice of Intent to bargain a contract with the newly formed Ontario Sergeants Association.

May 21, 2025: representatives from the City of Ontario, which consisted of City Manager Dan Cummings, Acting Police Chief Jason Cooper, Lt. James Swank, Finance Director Kari Ott, and Labor Attorney Adam Collier, met with representatives of the Ontario Police Sergeants Association and their labor attorney. At that time, the Association submitted their First Proposal.

June 11, 2025: City submitted a counterproposal to the Association's first proposal.

June 18, 2025: Association submitted their second proposal.



July 28, 2025: City and Association met again to negotiate, and the city countered the Association's second proposal.

August 26, 2025: City and Association met, and the Association submitted their third proposal. After meeting and breaking to discuss the city's counter, the Association presented a fourth proposal. Negotiations ended for the day.

September 29, 2025: Association filed a Mediation Request with the State of Oregon Employment Relation Board. Association sent an email about going to mediation. City responded to the Association and agreed to mediation.

December 8, 2025: City and Association met in mediation with a state-selected mediator. An agreement was made, and the City Attorney was directed to finalize the drafting of the agreement. It was stated that the Association would sign the final Agreement once they received it from the city.

December 19, 2025: Based on the Agreement in Mediation, the City Attorney finalized the Agreement, and it was sent to the Association attorney for signing.

January 13, 2026: Association's attorney responded with a question about the Agreement.

January 20, 2026: After consulting with city staff, the City Attorney notified the Association that the language in the Agreement was exactly as both parties agreed to in mediation.

February 2, 2026: The Association approved the Agreement and had their presiding President sign the Agreement. City staff and the City Labor Attorney, through mediation, arrived at an Agreement between the newly formed Ontario Police Sergeants' Association and the City of Ontario. The Agreement was now being presented to the City Council for final approval and ratification.

The financial impact was stated within the CBA and fit within the current budget. As agreed by both parties, the conditions established were active upon ratification of the Agreement, so it needed to be completed in a timely manner.

KIRBY moved, CONTRERAS seconded, THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION #2026-103, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT (CBA) BETWEEN THE ONTARIO POLICE SERGEANTS' ASSOCIATION AND THE CITY OF ONTARIO AS PER THE ATTACHED CBA AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Hart-out; Contreras-yes; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-out; Folden-yes. Motion carried 5/0/2.

JUB Contract to Design and Construct the Heliparking Pad – AIP25

Andy Wood, Airport Manager, presented.

FAA AIP Handbook - Order 5100.20C outlined Programming Control and Reporting Procedures Grant-In-Aid Program procedures. The next process was to have the Engineer Agreement AIP25 - Heliparking pad effective as of February 11, 2026, with the project formulation, design, bidding, and construction services.

The ODAV Aviation Review Committee forwarded a recommendation to the ODAV Board to approve the priority one AIP25 Heliparking Pad Project on January 15, 2026. The IFE process identified JUB fees as \$40,000.00 less than Century West Engineering. This project included design and construction phases of the Heliparking pad. Once the COAR Grant was approved, the FAA would reimburse the City of Ontario for the COAR Grant match.

The FAA and ODAV agreements were subject to the AIP Project Development Schedule. Engineer's Agreement approval of February 2026, with a proposed Bid Opening in March 2026. Grant issue was estimated at June-Aug 2026, with Construction in Aug-Oct 2026. The FAA standard procedure and process for this project was to have this engineering agreement up front. The COAR Grant for AIP funding was 90% approved by the Aviation Review Committee (ARC) of the Oregon Department of Aviation (ODAV). If there was a failure to comply with the grant conditions, the project funding might be forfeited.



The Ontario Airport Committee was now requesting the approval of the City Council to sign the JUB Agreement to Design and Construct the AIP-25 Heliparking Pad.

Councilor Braden stated he had not seen it on the report, so would Mr. Wood please state what the project bidding construction fees were.

Mr. Wood stated the fees were \$40,000 less than the Century West bid.

Councilor Braden stated he thought that was the declaration that due to the IFE they came in \$40k lower.

Mr. Wood stated that was correct.

Councilor Braden again asked what the total cost was.

Mr. Wood stated he would have to look that up and get back to him.

Councilor Braden stated he looked through Attachment A and Attachment B, and was seeing different numbers.

Mr. Wood stated it should be on the schedule at the bottom.

Councilor Braden asked if he meant Attachment 1-B, for \$78,700.

Mr. Wood stated that sounded correct, if that was the third page of the spreadsheet.

Councilor Braden stated the spreadsheet was longer than three pages. The third page read \$60,150, which was Attachment 1-B, and then there was Attachment 1-B-3 which read \$78,700.

Mr. Wood stated the total project design fee was \$60,150.

MILLS moved, CONTRERAS seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE JUB CONTRACT TO DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT THE AIP25 - HELIPARKING PAD.** Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Hart-out; Contreras-yes; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-out; Folden-yes. Motion carried 5/0/2.

Task Order (TO) Award: Anderson Perry (AP) – Water Management and Conservation Plan (WMCP)
Marshall Pierce, City Engineer, presented.

The city last updated their WMCP in 2017. The next update was due no later than December 9, 2026. The purpose of the plan update was to be a guide to develop and implement water management and conservation programs and policies to ensure sustainable use of water resources for municipal and agricultural water users. A completed WMCP provided a description of the water system, identified the sources of water used by the community, and explained how the water supplier would manage and conserve supplies to meet future needs.

The city was in a position to sign Anderson Perry and get this project kicked off. Anderson Perry was assisting the city with their water rights for the new surface intake as well, and were well versed in water rights. The project would be funded by the Utility Capitalization Fee. The plan should take around six months to complete and was due December 9th of this year. This was a required plan.

BRADEN moved, CONTRERAS seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE ANDERSON PERRY TASK ORDER TO COMPLETE THE WMCP AS REQUIRED BY THE OREGON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (OAR) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OREGON WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000, AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS.** Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Hart-out; Contreras-yes; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-out; Folden-yes. Motion carried 5/0/2.

Appointments to Committee: Parks Committee
Tori Barnett, City Recorder, began the presentation.

Ms. Barnett stated she held a conversation earlier that day with Councilor Braden as a result of having the same name listed twice on the list, highlighted in yellow, and asked him if he wouldn't mind relaying the reasons to the Council.



Councilor Braden stated after the Council approved the ordinance earlier that night, Sandra Shelton, who was currently holding a citizen at large position on the Parks Committee, and if approved, would move over to being the Kiwanis representative. Tom Thompson would be the newly approved Revitalize Ontario representative, and the citizen at large position would not change. It read Tom Thomson twice in case the Council had not passed the previous changes to the Parks ordinance.

Ms. Barnett stated she was seeking Council consensus, with Mayor approval, to appoint Mr. Thompson to the new position on the Parks Committee as the Revitalize Ontario representative, and move Sandra Shelton into the Kiwanis Club representative position.

Consensus to appoint Sandra Shelton as the Kiwanis Club representative, and Tom Thompson as the Revitalize Ontario representative on the Parks Committee.

Purchase of Electronic Speed Sign

Ms. Barnett stated there was a hand-out given to Council that went with this next presentation.

Dan Cummings, City Manager, presented.

In 2022, the city purchased a speed sign that recorded the date, time, and speed of vehicles, and had been stationed in complaint areas to address public concerns. It had been very useful in reducing speeding in certain areas, as well as educating the public regarding posted speed limits. Currently, the city only had one sign and a few brackets, which allowed the movement of the sign to the problem areas.

Staff would like to discuss the possibility of purchasing an additional electronic speed sign, to allow placing the signs in different locations. There was currently one Shield 15 and a few brackets. The city still had possession of the speed trailer, but it didn't collect the data on the speed and number of speeding vehicles like the requested sign version would. It only showed the speed a vehicle was traveling when within range of the trailer.

The city currently owned the "Shield 15" (15-inch size) unit, and the overall initial cost was \$5,299. Staff located a "Speed Alert18 model" (18-inch size) that had the red and blue flashing lights integrated into the display, as well as a message board that flashed, for an overall initial cost of \$6,374.

Information from the company the city initially purchased the Shield and program from that should be noted were that the cost included: *The first year of the annual subscription was \$1,500 per unit. *Either unit listed above could tie into the department's existing dashboard, meaning it could access the data for both units. *The unit(s) have a 3-year warranty. *Both units were portable. *After the first year, the only re-occurring cost was \$1,500 per unit, so \$3,000 total annually for both units.

Further, staff would like to purchase an additional five (5) extra mounting brackets, which were \$131.58 each. This would allow the brackets to be mounted on the main road's problem areas. Overall, the purchase would result in an additional \$657.90 one-time cost, as the sign came with one bracket. There was a one-time cost of \$7,031.90, with a \$1,500 annual subscription for the new unit. It was proposed the \$7,032 would be appropriated from the public safety department of the Reserve Fund which would leave \$519,723 in public safety contingency. Staff would like to make the purchase, if approved, utilizing funds from the current 2025-2026 fiscal year budget.

The department used the existing unit to determine the hot spots on days and times of a higher number of speeders to determine areas for patrolling to control speeding. The current unit was also used to determine if complaints about speeders were factual, or maybe not actually in areas reported. When a unit was being utilized, there was a notable reduction in speeding as the unit showed the speeds when the sign was active; however, this trailer unit did not record anything, so staff could not determine if the unit was actually reducing speeding or not.

Staff would be pleased with either unit, but, obviously, the unit with red and blue flashing lights would be more beneficial, but the cost does increase for that unit. Staff proposed to purchase the unit within the current budget year, to receive the unit as quickly as possible. Staff was requesting Council authorization to purchase a Speed Alert18 model camera and five (5) extra brackets, and instruct staff to bring back a resolution for appropriating funding for the purchase.



Councilor Braden stated one of the biggest things he heard about when speaking with neighbors or people in the community, was the speed people traveled the Ontario streets. It was very much an area of concern. These speed signs made a large impact on educating and informing people, and it allowed staff to collect data, as well, which could be used for larger decisions like to maybe add a traffic enforcement officer solely for that position. He liked the idea of having an additional sign, and the city already had another one, but had staff considered requesting two new ones? The cause of this versus the impact was something he'd like to hear.

Mr. Cummings stated he didn't want to get greedy, but staff would love to have three total, one existing, two new.

Councilor Braden stated they all recognized that in this city, there were plenty of places the signs could be moved around, to keep people to keep checking their speed. If the motion was amended to purchase two new systems, would five brackets be sufficient?

Mr. Cummings stated if he wanted to double the machines, he'd like to double the brackets. That would really expand the capability of the systems. It would be money well spent.

Chief Cooper stated with those devices, staff had the capability to shut off the display. The unit would still function and collect data. From an education or data point to show that it was a deterrent, staff had done some previous studies and compared them when the unit was on and displaying the speed compared to when it was off, and there was a clear difference in speed variances. It was most assuredly effective.

Councilor Braden appreciated staff's mindfulness to the dollars spent. Asking for one was a big deal, however....

BRADEN moved, CONTRERAS seconded, THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TWO SPEED ALERT18 MODEL CAMERA AND TEN (10) EXTRA BRACKETS AND INSTRUCT STAFF TO BRING BACK A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE AND APPROPRIATE FUNDING. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Hart-out; Contreras-yes; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-out; Folden-yes. Motion carried 5/0/2.

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

Finance: Monthly Report

Kari Ott, Finance Director, presented.

Fire: Quarterly Report

Clint Benson, Fire Chief, presented.

DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

NPDES Permit

Casey Mordhorst, Public Works Director, stated on February 1st, the city received their NPDES Permit for wastewater discharge. It became effective March 1, 2026, and continued for the next five years. This process was over two-year negotiation sessions back and forth with DEQ, the Jacobs compliance crew, staff, and Marshall Pierce was a huge part of that team. It really focused on Arsenic over the next five years, and eliminating it from the collection system. There were milestones in the permit where they had to do a project every other year to try to eliminate I and I, (infiltration and inflow) as groundwater in this area was really high in Arsenic. They were cleaning up the collection system to meet the levels they would be required to meet. They did get them to agree to extend the scheduled compliance, so staff was not having to meet the levels in 2034; it had been pushed to 2041, and gave them time to put the money in the collection system. They were still going to focus on eliminating private wells that were also high in Arsenic that was getting into the collection system. They did provide a lot of documentation to them, so they had some of the sample collections reduced. The department was really focusing on Arsenic and potentially in 2041, they would have to meet the very low 2.1 parts per billion in Arsenic. That was going to be a very tough road ahead, but staff was going to push that cleanup.



Mr. Cummings thanked Public Works and the DEQ staff for all their hard work. They'd worked well together, and it was a long process.

Councilor Kirby asked about the reference Casey made about private wells.

Mr. Mordhorst stated there were approximately 41 accounts on private wells. Years ago, that had been allowed. If someone had a sewer problem, they just hooked into the city's system, but they were not required to hook into the water. The issue couldn't be forced. They were all residential wells.

Mr. Cummings stated the city policy had been changed to no longer allow wells to be hooked into the city system. If someone wanted to hook into city sewer, they had to hook into city water, as well. That was to help eliminate the Arsenic problem. And it was not a cheap action, and staff was looking into some incentive options to get better compliance.

HAND-OUTS

Minutes

Airport: 01-05-2026; County Court: 01-21-2026

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND EX-OFFICIO REPORTS.

Dan Cummings stated someone he neglected to mention when discussing the Sergeants' negotiations was Finance Director Kari Ott. She was a vital part of that team, and kept them moving forward. She was so fast at providing numbers, she was able to explain the impact certain amounts would have on the budget. So, thank you to Kari, and big apologies for not mentioning earlier that she was part of that team.

Councilor Kirby stated he had announced previously that he had conducted a survey, and had received the results. Subsequent to that, it was brought to his attention that he might be breaking the law with regard to conducting a campaign. He contacted the Oregon Ethics Commission and the Oregon Secretary of State's Office, and now the \$88 he had expended would have to be noted as a donation to his account, and that would have to be filed. He also thought he'd sent those survey results to both Dan and Tori, but while those results went somewhere, they didn't go to either of them. There had been at least 150 responses. He thanked those who had responded, and to the others who had reached out through his city email address.

ADJOURN

MILLS moved, KIRBY seconded, **THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED**. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Hart-out; Contreras-yes; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-out; Folden-yes. Motion carried 5/0/2. Meeting concluded at 7:16pm.

ACCEPTED:



Deborah K. Folden, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tori Barnett, MMC, City Recorder

