

**MINUTES FROM
A MEETING OF THE HINES COMMON COUNCIL
February 22, 2022**

Present:

Mayor:

Nikki Morgan

Council:

Councilors Amity York, Robert Beers, Marsallai Quick, Misty Shepherd and Dean Brizendine were present.

City Staff:

Kirby Letham City Administrator

Public Audience:

Dan Porter, Misti Porter, Eldon Hart, Guy McKay, Elizabeth Frommelt, Mark Frommelt, Brad Erbe, Bill Hart, Hilda Allison, Deanna Thrall

***Mayor Nikki Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and led the flag salute.**

Approval of February 22, 2022 Agenda

Councilor Beers made a motion to approve the February 22, 2022 agenda as presented. Councilor Quick seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from February 8, 2022

Councilor Quick made a motion to approve the February 8, 2022 minutes. Councilor Brizendine seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Accounts Payable for February 17, and February 22, 2022

Councilor Beers made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable for February 17, 2022 in the amount of \$300.00 and February 22, 2022 in the amount of \$9,816.11. Councilor York seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Department Head Reports

City Administrator Kirby Letham –

- The MOA has been signed by all parties allowing the City to move forward with the water project. He will be meeting with the archaeologists and the Tribe next week, and the contractor and we will get a schedule in place.
- Watch for the budget schedule. In the next day or so he will send out a proposed schedule for the budget meetings.
- If the Council has not, you should be receiving an email from the Oregon Government Ethics Committee. If there are any questions, contact Administrator Letham for assistance.

Public Comment Non-Agenda Items (Speaking time limits may apply)

None

New Business

Information Access Prime Pharmacy – Beth Frommelt – She and her husband are opening a pharmacy in Burns. They will be different from most pharmacies as they will be what is called a “direct pay model,” they won’t bill insurance. They will be a “safety net” for those that are under insured or have no insurance. With low overhead they will be able to keep their costs down. They are hoping to open March 1st. They will be located across the street from the Post Office in Burns on South Broadway.

City Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.

Public Hearing was called to order at 6:40pm.

City Administrator Letham introduced the subject of this evening’s public hearing.

In the course of his work to partition a lot located at the corner of South Saginaw and West Hanley, Mr. Springer, from Benchmark Land Surveying noticed there is an area of approximately 110 sf that would need to be vacated by the City to correct the location of the City’s right-of-way and the adjacent property line.

This ordinance would adopt the suggested street vacation as drawn and allow the maps to be recorded to correct the property lines as shown on the proposed maps.

Mayor Morgan outlined the steps for a Public Hearing:

- 1. Open the hearing**
- 2. She read the following into record:** “The purpose of this hearing is to initiate proceedings to vacate a portion of city right-of-way. At the request of Mike Springer licensed surveyor with Benchmark Land Surveying, Inc., and property owner Robert C. Littleton, who owns the property at the corner of South Saginaw and West Hanley, commonly known as Map and Tax Lot Number T23S, R30E, Section 23DC, Tax Lot 01500, it is proposed that the city vacate the following: All that portion of South Saginaw Avenue as said avenue is depicted on the plat of Tract 4, Stafford, Derbes & Roy subdivision, lying southerly of the north line and easterly of the east right of way line of South Saginaw Avenue as depicted on the plat of Jones Addition. Situated in the SE ¼ Section 23, T23S, R30E, W.M., City of Hines, Harney County, Oregon. The portion of South Saginaw to be vacated contains 110 square feet.”
- 3. The Council will now hear testimony or comment in the following order:**
 - a. Presentation of proposed street vacation by City Staff** – City Administrator Letham showed a map to the Council showing errors were made in previous surveys. Mike Springer found the errors in the process of completing the survey that had been requested by Mr. Littleton.
 - b. Comment from Parties in Favor of the Street Vacation** – Mr. Springer spoke at a previous meeting.
 - c. Parties Opposed** – None
 - d. Neutral Parties or Additional Comment** – City Administrator added neutral comment. The City is giving up this land, however, the small amount of land involved makes no difference to the City. It returns land to the property owner that should have been his anyway.
- 4. After all comments are heard in relation to the purpose of the hearing, the hearing may be closed.**
 - the Mayor called for additional comment there was none,

The hearing was closed at 6:46pm.

Old Business

Ordinance 330: Street Vacate – A Portion of South Saginaw – Ordinance No. 330 is an ordinance vacating a portion of South Saginaw Avenue as depicted on the 1929 Plat of Tract 4, Stafford, Derbes & Roy Subdivision.

City Administrator Letham read Ordinance No. 330 in its entirety. *Councilor Beers made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 330 as presented. Councilor Quick seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.*

Music Fest Donation Request – Dan Porter – Mr. Porter began by saying the 2021 Music Fest was a big success and that without the donation from the City of Hines, it might not have happened. He presented the Council members with a handout showing a projected budget for the 2022 Music Fest. He ran through a list of bands that are supposed to perform. One as far away as Pennsylvania. The planned date is June 11, 2022 from 10am - midnight. He is asking the City of Hines for \$5,400 from TLT funds. He expects that number to come down as other donations come in. Last year the festival was in August, and it was extremely hot. They decided to move it to June. He would like to invite the Police and Fire Departments to be present. *Councilor Quick made a motion to donate up to \$5,500.00 for the Plectrum Music Fest. Councilor Brizendine seconded the motion. 4 Ayes, 1 Nay. Motion carried.*

Oktober Fest Permit – Dan Porter – Mr. Porter is asking for a permit to sell alcohol in the vicinity of Hines City Park. The planned date is October 8, 2022. The plan is to set up a beer garden on Barnes Ave, between the highway and West Circle Drive. Vendors will be set up in the Skate Park. Food vendors will be on the North side of the Skate park. Would like law enforcement to participate also. *Councilor York made a motion to approve an alcohol permit for Mr. Dan Porter, allowing him to hold the Oktober Fest event on October 8, 2022, conditional upon Mr. Porter showing proof of insurance and an OLCC license or permit. Seconded by Councilor Quick. All ayes, motion carried.*

New Business

Discussion: Regional Rural Revitalization (R3 or Tri-Cities) - John Day, Lakeview and Burns signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) in October 2021 to explore opportunities to collaborate between the three cities, with the specific goal of stimulating economic recovery and revitalization within their respective communities. The cities also desired to establish an agency to combine and share resources that would achieve greater efficiencies and economies of scale to execute housing and other public improvement projects. The group elected to call the new agency Regional Rural Revitalization (R3) Strategies to recognize its role in catalyzing the regional economic recovery. It will be organized under Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 190.010, which allows units of local government in Oregon to enter into agreements for the performance of any functions and activities that any party to the agreement, or its officers or agents, has the authority to perform. Administrator Letham urged the Council members to attend a meeting being held at the Burns City Hall, February 24th. He believes representatives from Lakeview and John Day are expected to be there. He then read the purpose. Purposes include: stimulating economic recovery and revitalization by pooling resources and enabling increased efficiency for each party to complete the projects; plan for the most effective and efficient use of combined resources to complete projects; recruit, select and employ the managing director; provide a forum for communication and consultation among the parties and provide an opportunity for a cooperative and equitable sharing of expenses, resources, data, expertise, and experience of each unit of local government; and carry out such other necessary and/or appropriate responsibilities and functions identified by the parties. Under the agreement a 5-member board with a managing director overseeing the operations. The board would help find projects and find funding for those projects, as well as manage the projects. Administrator Letham acknowledged that this structure and the talk of projects has been confusing to the public. He explained that the IGA between the cities would essentially create a new board with managing director. Under direction and consensus of the cities, this board would charge the director with managing finding funding opportunities and managing shared projects. *Councilor Beers* said that he read ORS 190 and ORS 190 dictates that a board will have 7-15 board members. *Administrator Letham* continued saying that this agreement allows them to work together without losing their autonomy. R3 will provide seven core services for its members: 1) Corporate strategy; 2) Capital finance and asset management; 3) Capital projects; 4) Capital equipment; 5) Public-private partnerships; 6)

Strategic Teaming, Contract Management and Negotiations 7) Regional planning, GIS and other data-driven services. *Administrator Letham* said that he would make a list of the questions that the Council members may have and do his best to come back with answers. *Councilor Beers* is concerned that if we opted out of a specific project would we still be required to pay 25% of the costs involved? He asked if equipment is purchased, who stores it? How are transport costs figured? *Councilor Quick* asked if costs are shared on a proportionate basis, how are grants awarded? Does everyone share equally? *Councilor Brizendine* asked that if a piece of equipment were purchased, who would hire the crew? A lot of large pieces of equipment need a specific crew. Might end up with equipment and no one to run it. Also asked if a large piece of equipment was purchased and not used except for a couple times a year, is it really cost effective? *The Mayor* asked how are priorities set for projects? *Councilor Quick* asked if a city could get outvoted if the consortium doesn't agree with the priority? *Councilor York* asked who decides how much the manager gets paid? *Administrator Letham* said it will be up to the board. *Councilor York* asked who decides who is elected to the board? The example doesn't show it being an even representation amongst the cities. She would like to see a better example of how this would benefit us, rather than cost us. *The Mayor* would like to know who is the managing director? What labor pool will this person be pulled from? *Multiple Councilors* and the Mayor agree there are many unanswered questions. *Councilor York* said we need to do what the residents want.

Questions brought up in this meeting about R3 will be reviewed and answered at the next Council meeting on March 8, 2022.

Public Comment Period (Speaking time limits may apply):

Hilda Allison – Do you want to pool assets with people who are in the red? Look further than what they are telling you. Research this.

Brad Erbe – Hines is unique. He agrees with being a friendly neighbor, but how many neighbors do you want to help?

Bill Hart – He agreed with a lot of the questions that he heard from the Councilors. He suggested that if the City wants to know what residents think, give them the chance to send in written questions. He had multiple questions. 1) Finding funding, if the agency is awarded a grant, does it affect the amount each participant has to put into the pot? 2) Agency = Consortium 3) If a City chooses to not participate in a project, can the City decision be overridden by the consortium? Does the City's funds still go towards a project the City is not participating in? 4) Is the Agency an independent body, or can it be vetoed by one of the participating cities? 5) What are the metrics to show the Return on Investment (ROI) for a city? 6) Are we funding projects outside our area and then is it a couple years before it becomes our "turn"? 7) When is the 30-day opt out period? If a city has already paid their yearly amount, what happens if you opt out before the fiscal year end? 8) Although a city might maintain its autonomy you are still committed to pay the annual share. 9) This could offer buying power possibly. 10) A case study might show how this would work, from the first step and through the process. Show how it could work. 11) Does each city provide an equipment inventory to the other cities? *Administrator Letham* said yes, it would allow the cities to borrow equipment from each other. He applauds the Council on being slow to jump on this.

Deanna Thrall – Chamber Director – Report out of Chamber activities

- **Chamber Banquet** – Just wrapped that up. Kirby Letham was chosen as Man of the Year
- **Bird Festival** – Will be a hybrid event due to Covid restrictions.
- **Skull 120** – At last check there are already 70 riders registered. The Tribe will have cultural presentations, such as drumming, etc. There is also a 1,000-mile bike trail ride being put together.

- **Adventure Harney** – Is the platform the Chamber is hoping to use to help bring tourism in through recreation etc.
- **Community Clean-up Day** – Would like to start with the parks and spread out throughout both communities. Would like to see this as an annual event. She's looking at the 2nd Saturday of May.

Eldon Hart – On the Agency, how will they fill the extra board position? If there are 3 cities who gets to fill the other two positions?

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilor Brizendine – I think we need to wait on the R3 program.

Councilor Shepherd – Asked Administrator Letham if there are any updates on the abatement program? One resident has been advised that abatement must be cleared by March 15th. He is waiting to hear back from one owner.

Councilor Quick – Wait on the R3 program. Would like to discuss the abatement ordinance at the next meeting.

Councilor Beers – Wait on the R3 program.

Councilor York – A lot of reservations on the R3 program and appreciates the community members speaking up.

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2022, at 6:30pm.

Adjournment:

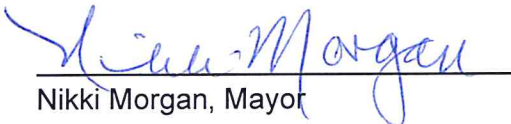
There being no further business, Councilor Beers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Brizendine seconded the motion. All ayes, the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kirby Letham

City Administrator

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON March 8, 2022.


Nikki Morgan, Mayor