

City of Paisley
Minutes of January 3, 2023
Public Hearing & Regular Council Meeting

- 1.0 Call To Order/ Pledge of Allegiance** The Regular Council meeting of the City of Paisley was held on January 3, 2023 at Paisley City Hall. President Toni Balie called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Council Members in attendance were Toni Bailie, Lora Mayea, Wes Houston, Travis Garner and Keith Harra via phone. Others in attendance: Collette Broadfoot, Chelsea Jones, Gene Cormie, Nellie Garner, Michael Hernandez, Kathy Funk, Krissy Funk, Rick Wann, Carrie Wann, Stu Burgess, Bev Scherer, Gary Scherer, Dustin Withers, Paige Sully via Zoom, and Melissa Walton, recording minutes.
- 2.0 Seating New Council**
- 2.1 Oath of Office** Toni handed the meeting over to the Recorder to swear in the new Council members; Toni Bailie, Wes Houston, and Keith Harra (via telephone).
- 2.2 Nominations and Voting for Mayor and President** The call was put out for nominations for Mayor. **Lora Mayea moved, Wes Houston 2nd, to nominate Keith Harra as Mayor. The public was asked if they had any opinion, there was none. All Council voted yes for Keith, MCU.** The call was put out for nominations for President. **Wes Houston moved, Travis Garner 2nd, to nominate Lora Mayea as President. All Council voted yes for Lora for President, MCU.** It was discussed who would run the meeting; Keith was not hearing very well on the phone and did not want to run the remainder of the meeting. Lora Mayea will proceed with tonight's meeting.
- 3.0 Public Hearing – Sheriff's Deputy Housing** After Lora read the public hearing notice she also laid out the ground rules for the public hearing; to stand if wanting to speak and after being recognized to remain standing while speaking. When finished speaking to sit back down and the next person can proceed in the same manner. Lora recognized Sheriff Mike Taylor. Sheriff Taylor began by saying he could probably put it to rest right now. The Sheriff's Office will in no circumstance accept gratuities for being a sheriff's deputy and doing their job. Sheriff Taylor further stated he has been trying to get a deputy here for a couple years. He had been working with the school to rent a house if one became available. There had been discussion of discounting the rent but Sheriff Taylor was adamant that not happen. He will not allow a deputy to live in any housing where the rate is discounted or free. He compared it to going out to eat and someone offering to buy a meal; they cannot accept it. The offer is appreciated but they will not accept any gratuity. Gary Scherer stated his son in law has been a deputy of over 20 years and has never accepted any rent assistance. He does not believe they should now. Stu Burgess asked about the economic trade off; if the deputy lived here, during his off hours would he be able to help out. Sheriff Taylor said when the deputy is off duty, they are off duty. No one is to call them for assistance. If someone needs assistance they need to call 911. The call is logged and an officer will be dispatched. If there is no one on duty the call goes to the call out supervisor. This person determines the severity of the call and will proceed from there. Even if the deputy (in Paisley) is called out, he will wait for back up. Gene Cormie asked if it was an ethical and or illegal issue for Krissy to try and obtain housing for her son, who happens to be the deputy, while she was in office. It was stated that was why the motion had been rescinded by Council. Lora clarified that

on June 13 money was added to the budget for housing a deputy. In November, Council voted to not pay the rent and fully rescinded the original June motion in December after being advised that it was done incorrectly. Council had been told that there were a lot of people in the public that wanted to speak on this so the public hearing had been set. Sheriff Taylor continued on to say that the idea was not criminal, but was it unethical? Depended on how you look at it; if it was done for law enforcement in general then it was brought forward with good intentions, if it was done only for someone's child, eventually that child will be gone and another deputy would take their place. It all depends on the motivation but he believes that it was done to have a deputy present in Paisley. Lora stated that a deputy would be welcome in town but the City has decided not to pay the housing and even if Council did decide to pay the housing the Sheriff would not allow it.

4.0 Reports

4.1 Public Works Duane Hand came out and pulled the pump motor, tried installing the new pump but it isn't correct and doesn't fit. Travis wants to get a different head shaft put on that motor and then there will be two motors for the City's use. Melissa stated there is money in the budget for the repair. Duane Hand also looked at the electricity in the treatment building and looked at the electricity for the generator. He will help us plumb in when it's time. Dustin Withers is helping Travis with the generator. Dennis O'Leary told Melissa we have permission to go forward with testing the well behind the Catholic Church and checking those well levels. Travis is giving his 30 day notice; he doesn't have the time needed to do this and work his own business. He said there is a local person interested in the job and Travis is willing to help the new person learn the job. **Toni Baillie moved, Keith Harra 2nd, to put the job out to bid as soon as possible and the accept Travis Way's resignation with regrets, MCU.**

Dustin Withers asks if Council is ready to move forward with picking up a generator now that we have an electrician willing to hook it up. Rick Wann doesn't recommend we buy a Cummins NW generator as they don't honor the warranty. Dustin says these generators are from the Oregon Office of Emergency Management. The Fire Department will submit the request; we can request a size but cannot request a brand. The City will not have to pay anything for the generator but will have to pay for getting it hooked up and he believes there is some warranty available from the manufacturer. The generator will be trailer mounted so we will not have to build a storage building and it can be moved when necessary. **Travis Garner moves, Keith Harra 2^{nds}, to get a generator for Paisley for water system and emergency use, MCU.**

4.2 Recorder Melissa is working on setting up email accounts for each Councilor that will be used for City business only. Nothing will go to their private accounts and no personal business should be done through these emails. Paige Sully recommends Councilors do not use texting for communicating about City business. Melissa reminded Councilors about serial meetings; Councilors talking to each other about City business, having more than two Councilors participating in a business discussion makes it a serial meeting because they are not discussing business in front of or including the public in their discussion. Serial meetings are illegal.

4.3 Mayor None

4.4 **Committee/Board Reports** Chelsea stated the Mosquito Festival Committee is not planning to do many fundraisers; they are leaning more towards sponsors for this next year.

5.0 **Business**

5.1 **Sheriff's Deputy Housing** Already discussed and decided.

5.2 **Cards** At the previous meeting, Council had decided to send Thank You cards to all the people who helped with the water issues during the Thanksgiving Holiday.

5.0 **Consent Calendar** Toni Bailie moved, Travis Garner 2nd, to approve the December 20, 2022 Public Hearing Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes along with the December Invoices, MCU.

5.0 **Public Appearances** Krissy Funk asked about the vector control bid and gave Council a business card from someone interested in the position. Melissa talked with Paige Sully about the ins and outs of forming a vector control district. Paige said they are expensive to set up, they require a lot of time and commitment and she does not recommend it. It would also have to be place on a ballot and she said a lot of places have trouble getting them passed because it is an extra tax.

Krissy also reminded Council of a meeting in front of the legislatures to discuss the homelessness laws on the 25th at 9:00 am. Travis would like to find out if there was a way of getting the City declared as historical to help with the homelessness issue. Melissa asked to clarify that the homelessness ordinance that needs to be established is to set a buffer between the City and the homeless. It sets rules as to where people can and cannot sleep, park, set up camp for public property. It was asked that Melissa email House Bill 3115 to all Councilors.

6.0 **Executive Session** None

7.0 **Adjournment** Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Next Meeting: The next Regular Meeting will be held January 17, 2023 at 5:00 pm at City Hall.

Melissa Walton, Recorder / Treasurer

Date

Approval

Keith Harra, Mayor or Lora Mayea, President

Date