

Jim Trett, Mayor  
Greg Sheppard, City Councilor  
Eric Page, City Councilor  
Tim Luke, City Councilor  
Michele Tesdal, City Councilor  
Todd Smith, City Councilor  
Denny Nielsen, Councilor

Michelle Connor, City Recorder



City of Detroit, Oregon  
City Council Work Session  
Minutes  
April 25, 2023  
6:30 p.m.

Mailing Address:  
P.O. Box 589  
Detroit, Oregon 97342

(503) 854-3496

Email: [detroit@wvi.com](mailto:detroit@wvi.com)

City of Detroit  
345 Santiam Avenue W.

Zoom ID: 860 7650 3010  
Password: 297231

The City of Detroit is an equal opportunity provider and does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, country of origin, religion, sexual orientation or identity, disability, or other immutable characteristics. Those with a disability who wish to request an accommodation or aid in order to participate in this meeting should contact the City Recorder at (503) 854-3496 or by email at [detroit@wvi.com](mailto:detroit@wvi.com).

Meetings of the City Council of Detroit will be broadcast via Zoom, as well as on other form(s) of electronic media as they become available. If you require additional assistance to participate in this public meeting, please contact the City of Detroit at least 48 business hours prior to the meeting (503) 854-3496 or by email at [detroit@wvi.com](mailto:detroit@wvi.com).

- I. Call to Order- Eric Page Called meeting to order at 6:33 PM.**
- II. Council Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance Greg Sheppard, Eric Page, Tim Luke, Michele Tesdal, Todd Smith, and Denny Nielson all present. Mayor Jim Trett absent with notice. Staff present City Recorder Michelle Connor.**
- III. Approval of Agenda- Todd Smith made motion to approve agenda seconded by Tim Luke.**
- IV. Special Orders of Business**
  - a. Ordinance temporarily allowing businesses to be able to park an RV for worker housing only- Denny Nielson made motion that we make an exception for workforce accommodations within the City commercial property until such accommodations become available. Discussion was had
  - b. Park Plan Discussion – Michele Tesdal- Paper work was submitted for funds for Park play ground and other ideas for the park. A park design is needed the one that we have is outdated.
  - c. Short Term Rental Policy Discussion- Michele Tesdal spoke about the structure of the short-term rentals. Would like to have something put in place so that things are more regulated. To ensure safety in the community.

Tel: 503-854-3496 ~ e-mail: [detroit@wvi.com](mailto:detroit@wvi.com)

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM – Closed for lunch 12:30 PM to 1:00 PM

- d. Water Rate Study – Matt Del Moro- Pre- fire there were 373 connections. Currently there are 364 connections. Detroit short term rate study. Option I would increase the fixed rate by \$ 54.00 a month for residential with a 10.00-dollar overage charge for usage over 3,000 gallons. The rate would also increase for commercial property owners as well with the same 10.00-dollar overage charge of over 2,000. This would account and allow the city to save for future improvements for the water systems that will be needed eventually. Option II would increase the fixed rate 12.00 dollars for residential and increase would also happen for commercial property owners as well. This would still include a 10.00-dollar overage charge for over 2,000. Option II would allow for the City to pay bills and wages for City employees. For residential those who use less than 250 gallons of water a month the service charge would remain at 60.00 a month. Discussion was had about maybe readjusting these figurers and having this discussion about water rates again.

**V. Resolutions, Orders and Administrative Action- None**


- VI. Other Business-** Denny Nielson we need to sit down and have a discussion with the fire district about use fees for use of the civic center. What is currently happening with the water project? The contractor is underway the snow shelter is torn down and is bundled up at City Hall. The next step is Structural filling material to fill in the old reservoir site. The problem that has occurred is that the dump trucks are too big to fit down Guy Moore. The possibility of using the old City Hall site to store the gravel and take it up as needed is an option.

**VII. Upcoming Meetings**

- a. Special Session/Budget Meeting – May 4, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.  
b. Regular Council Meeting/Public Hearing – May 9, 2023 6:30 p.m.

**Adjourn.**

  
James R. Trett, Mayor

  
Michelle Connor, City Recorder