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- I. **Call to Order Mayor Trett called meeting to order at -6:30 PM**
- II. **Council Roll Call- Mayor Trett, Greg Sheppard, Eric Page, Tim Luke, Todd Smith, Denny Nielsen, Michele Tesdal not in an attendance with notice. Staff present Michelle Connor, Lindsay Meyer.**
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. **Approval of the Agenda- Denny Nielsen made motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Eric Page, all in favor, motion passes unanimously with Michele Tesdal not present with notice.**
- V. **Special Orders of Business- None**
- VI. **Committee Reports- None**

This time is set aside for committees established by law, ordinance or other authority to report to the City Council on the committee's ongoing work.

VII. Public Comments- None

This is the time set aside for comments from the public on matters not on the agenda. Commenters are limited to three (3) minutes. Time may not be yielded. Questions from the Council or staff to commenters shall not be counted against the allotted three (3) minutes.

VIII. Resolutions, Orders and Administrative Action

- a. 135 Weber – Easement- Ken Woodward 135 Webber St Detroit. Eric Page speaking, we are putting three phase power to the water plant. Mr. Woodward provided easement some time ago to the City for the city water line. Ken wants to get easement for CPI when they are up there to run a power line into his additional lot up on Weber. Marion County does not have an issue with this, CPI does not either. I see no reason for the city to have any concern. Ken Woodward reiterated what Eric page had just spoke about. Tim Luke made motion to approve the easement at 135 Weber, seconded by Greg Sheppard, all in favor, motion passes unanimously with Michele Tesdal not present with notice.
- b. Discussion on Water Treatment Plant Rental – Eric Page- Post wildfire the plant that was most readily available provides 70 gallons a minute to reload our water tank. We have discovered on multiple occasions that the plant cannot keep up with the demand in the city. FEMA has approved the project they have not approved the dollar amount needed on the project. A request has been sent to the insurance company as well. Having another temporary water treatment plant will double our capacity to 140 gallons per minute. Plant # 1 insurance purchased that, plant #2 would be on a rental basis. Having the ability to be able to have water for safety such as fire. Currently we can barely scrap by on a busy weekend. This does not anyway impact the water rates. We will move forward with this.
- c. Breitenbush Pump Station Bid – Matt Del Moro- We had received to bids one from ORR, INC and one from Olson, LLC. The insurance company in review to the bids, did not like the price and did not want to pay. That has put us a month and half back and forth with the insurance company. Orr, INC has said accept the bid or reject it. The insurance company did say that they still feel that the bid is too high however they are willing to turn it over to the insurance committee so that the actual cash value of the bid be paid to ORR, INC. Michelle Connor talked with the insurance company and they say that it has been approved. We are needing to accept or deny the bid by 7-31-2023. Eric Page made motion to accept the bid for Orr, Inc and the Breitenbush pump station, seconded by Todd Smith. We are not able to get this is writing that until the whole is process is complete with the approval. Tim Luke voiced his concerns about what if the bid does not go through. There is a small risk with not having it in writing. Eric page voiced his concerns about the pump station being out in the elements and how that is not a good situation. Matt stated again that it does not affect the water rates at this time. All in favor, motion passes unanimously, with Michele Tesdal not present with notice.
- d. Resolution 651 – Water Rate Increase- Matt Del Moro- In early 2023 the Council engaged with hbh City Engineers to begin a rate study review. This would be a

short- term rate study. This would project out five years from now. In five years from now the existing water master plan will have expired. The State will require a new updated master plan. With a new updated master plan will come a new rate study. The point of the study was to look at water rates and compare them to expenses and revenues being brought into the City. The Phase I, Phase II, and phase III of the water system rebuild that had started in 2017 thru 2020. Debt servicing payments would begin in the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The payments had been paused after the fire. The end goal is to make sure we are in loan compliance and also that we are making sure that we are balancing the City's budget. The loan that the City has will need to be paid back within the next 30 years. The City entered into an agreement with Business Oregon for the safe drinking water state revolving loan fund. That loan amount came to roughly 302 million dollars and of that amount one million was forgiven by the state. 2.2 million is owed back by the city over the next 30 years this will need to be paid back. Matt Del Moro went over the water rate increase spreadsheet.

Mayor Trett opened the meeting for public comment on the Resolution 651-

Both owners and operators from the marinas were there to discuss their concerns, the audio you are not able to hear. Discussion was had between marina owners and council.

Kimberly Tyler 210 Lakecrest- Discussion was had between Kimberly and council about meters, water rates and how to distribute the cost to not solely affect the businesses.

Mike B 150 & 160 Butte N- Has concerns about the rate increases for residential customers, as well as for the commercial customers. The concern for the commercial is that it may put the businesses that we do have out of business or drive them out of town.

A motion was made by Eric Page to table resolution 651 with a work session in-between 8-8-2023., Seconded by Denny Nielsen, all in favor, motion passes unanimously, Michele Tesdal not present with notice.

IX. Consent Calendar

- a. Approval of the corrected Minutes of the Detroit City Council – June 13, 2023 and Special Session July 4, 2023
- b. Approval to Pay the Bills

Denny Nielsen made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Eric Page, all in favor, motion passed unanimously, with Michele Tesdal not present with notice.

X. Staff Reports

- a. HBH Engineering – none
- b. City Recorder – Meters we if it is an undeveloped property there is no charge for water. We currently bill anyone who had water prior to the fire unless they told us differently.
- c. Planning -None
- d. Marion County Sheriff – None
- e. USFS – Michelle King- None
- f. Idanha-Detroit Rural Fire Protection District- None
- g. North Santiam Sewer Authority _none
- h. STR Committee – Nancy Powell- None
- i. City Clerk- None

XI. Unfinished Business

- a. Ordinance 251 – Parking on going
- b. Policy on Water Meters – Getting direction from Mcrae- On going
- c. State Camping Ordinance – On going
- d. City Hall Rental Fees- On going
- e. Marina Excavation Resolution- On going

XII. Council Reports

Greg Sheppard- I had a meeting with Jesse Rodriguez we went over the E Forest Avenue Project. I would like to do more striping in town this year, however funding will be needed to do so. I would like to do a crack seal all the way down main street that will run all the way down to Santiam. It would be about a 2,000-foot run we do have a working agreement with ODOT, but the HWY comes first with them and if they have time. They would be able to do it cheaper than a contractor. We are putting a street light in Melgard court.

Tim Luke- the roof repair has been done on the bathrooms and so have the faucets in the women’s restroom. The repairs on the doors are scheduled for this coming week. I am getting a bid for the internal cracks and painting that has happened form the leaks and freezing. I did send a proposal to all council. Drinking fountains at the parks we have not been able to locate the parts, we might need to replace the whole unit.

Denny Nielsen- We have started our visioning project for the business district several weeks ago and on Saturday afternoon form 2-6 SERA will be at the east of the park, they will be available to meet with people to answer questions. I just wanted to alert anyone about the audio issues that we are having. We have identified some grant money and all though we will not be able to move forward with the entire project to do all of the electronics as well as the acoustic mitigation we are going to look into this further and possibly separately.

XIII. Mayor’s Report- None


XIV. Other Business – None

XV. Upcoming Meetings

a. Regular Council/Public Hearing – August 8, 2023 – Detroit City Hall 6:30 PM.

XVI. Adjourn – Motion was made by Todd Smith to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Eric Page, all in favor Mayor Trett adjourned the meeting at 7:54 PM.


James R. Trett, Mayor


Michelle Connor, City Recorder