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- I. Call to Order Mayor Trett called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.**
- II. Council Roll Call- Present Greg Sheppard, Eric Page, Tim Luke, Michele Tesdal, Todd Smith and Denny Nielsen and Mayor Jim Trett. Staff present Michelle Connor and Lindsay Meyer.**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Approval of the Agenda- Tim Luke made motion to approve the agenda seconded by Denny Nielsen.**
- 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

Septic Update – Marion County Public Works – Chris Einmo- Residential Septic grant for Detroit. Commercial Septic Grant. They are working with NSSA. NSSA role is to work with the Marion County Public Works and be an advocate for the towns they are representing. Marion County Public Works continues to reach out and to property owners this is reference to commercial properties. Brian Keller, went over the different phases of the subsurface investigation. Phase I is the excavation of test pits and infiltration testing to characterize shallow soils in two study areas near Detroit & Idanha. USFS access permit issued. Phase II – construction of the three monitoring wells and aquifer testing to characterize deep soils in Idanha. Additionally, three stilling wells will be installed near the McCoy site one in the Santiam River and two in McCoy Creek. Phase III- Construction of two additional monitoring wells and after testing and characterize deep soils at the McCoy site near Idanha. Brian went over site layouts and what this could possibly look like. Discussion was had about what sewer would cost once it is in place for the residents. Eric Page had conversation about how the downtown district has not been able to open any businesses. What are the options and how can the problem be solved. The commercial district needs to be operating. Presenter -There have been some challenges as far as commercial properties and what will they commit to as far a business. People are taking their time and thinking about it. Denny Nielsen there many different factors in this. There is not a lot of land to work with in the commercial district. Business owners are facing smaller lots. Funding plays a factor in a sewer system. Eric Page- This is a discussion that has been happening for many years now. Just wanting to find a solution to this. Tim Luke- I am having a hard time understanding why leaving the septic tanks in and look at the pipes that are already in place at these commercial properties.. There could be a simple solution. Denny Nielen suggested during our last meeting with NSSA about not worrying about the residential areas and concentrating on the businesses. Todd Smith had discussion about what is left for Commercial and residential property owners for the funds that are available. Numbers did get discussed. Update and questions ended at this time.

- a. New City Truck – Eric Page- A new city truck is needed. All council agreed to the purchase of a new city truck that is four-wheel drive. A motion was not needed for this because the purchase is under 10,000, this was stated by City Recorder Michelle Connor.
- b. Planning Commission Terms Discussion – Mayor Trett- Went over Planning Commission and the terms they serve. What COG has suggested was staggering it out so that not everyone expires at the same time. This is something that we can

discuss further. Michelle Connor went over the residency requirements and over the resolution of what is required for planning commission. Mayor Trett made motion to stager the expiration of Planning commission moving forward that way not all commission expire at once, seconded by Tim Luke. Discussion, Eric page asked if there is anyone one on the planning commission that is reapplying. Currently they have all expired.

- c. Detroit Flats Day Use Area Agreement – Michele Tesdal- An agreement has been drawn up and it is between City of Detroit and USFS. Eric Page made motion to accept the Detroit Flats Day use area agreement seconded by Greg Sheppard, all in favor motion passed unanimously.
- d. Review & Approval of Detroit Lake Foundation Lease Agreement – Denny Nielsen- We met with the Detroit Lake foundation about a lease. DLF will take care of that end of the building. Denny Nielen made motion to approve the commercial lease between the City and DLF, seconded by Eric Page. All in favor, motion passes unanimously.
- e. LA 22-01 Development Code Reading and Vote- Eric page made motion to accept and adopt LA 22-01 Development Code, seconded by Todd Smith, motion passes 5 yes 2 No, Greg Sheppard and Tim Luke voting no.

#### **IX. Consent Calendar**

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the City Council Regular Session September 12, 2023.
- b. Approval to Pay Bills- Eric Page made motion to to approve the consent calendar seconded by Denny Nielsen.

#### **X. Staff Reports**

- a. HBH Engineering – None
- b. City Recorder – Attended a conference for other city recorders. Spoke about the gym opening for open gym. The first big event will be the history jamboree that will be happening 10-21 and 10-22.
- c. Planning – None
- d. Marion County Sheriff - None
- e. USFS – Michelle King- None
- f. Idanha-Detroit Rural Fire Protection District- Survey plat has been submitted to Marion County for review. We are close with the building plans being done. You are going to see voters' pamphlet I have asked for a extension to operation 11 so that staff can be available during the busy season.
- g. North Santiam Sewer Authority
- h. City Clerk- Greg Shepard -street signs and Todd code enforcement.

#### **XI. Unfinished Business**

- a. City Street Signs – Greg Sheppard
- b. Ziply/CPI Franchise Fee – Matt Del Moro/Laura Conroy

- c. CIS Negotiations
- d. ORD 251 – Parking – Todd Smith
- e. Camping Ordinance

## **XII. Council Reports**

**Greg Sheppard-** Still waiting for striping to be completed it might have to be completed in Spring. Is looking into some other paving grants. We have till the end of 8-2024 to have street signs completed.

**Eric Page-** We did have some water loss in last months project with the construction of the new piping. Water plant the electrical conduit is complete. Brientbush pump station is starting that project at the end of October it should be completed in 6 weeks. Leak detection company coming in to have the company look and locate the leaks. The project on Small lane moving of water meters is being looked into.

**Tim Luke-** Septic took care of septic system at the park. We have a leak in the Women's restroom.

**Michele Tesdal-** I have new information on where to go for grants for our park.

**Todd Smith-** enforcement officer is being looked into. Looking into the fine that would be given and what that looks like for here.

**Denny Neilsen-** NSSA- our board continues to be very busy. We have been having discussions about funding the gap for the sewer projects in the canyon. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of this month the audio system will start being installed for council chambers.

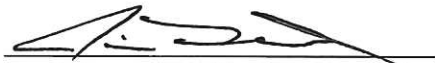
**Mayor's Report - None**

## **XIII. Other Business – None**

## **XIV. Upcoming Meetings.**

- a. Regular Council Meeting – October 24, 2023 – Detroit City Hall 6:30 PM.

## **XV. Adjourn Denny Nielsen made motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Michele Tesdal. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.**



Mayor, Jim Trett



City Recorder, Michelle Connor