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Greg Sheppard, City Councilor
Michele Tesdal, City Councilor
Todd Smith, City Councilor
Denny Nielsen, City Councilor
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- I. **Call to Order:** 6:31pm
- II. **Council Roll Call:** Councilor Greg Sheppard absent with medical leave. Mayor Page and Councilor's Tesdal, Smith, O'Donnell, Nielsen and McCall were all present. Staff Michelle Connor and Heather Stull were present.
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. **Approval of the Agenda:** Councilor Smith made a motion to approve the agenda and Councilor Nielsen seconded. All in favor, Councilor Sheppard was absent with notice.
- V. **Special Orders of Business**
 - a. Santiam Service Integration Presentation – Kim Dwyer – Discussed Service Integration Collaboration and the members who make up the collaboration teams. There are 5 teams including the North Santiam team to assist the communities from Mill City to Idanha.
 - b. Courtney's Place - Jen Benidedez -Courtney's Place 2nd Annual Fishing Trip was a success, and Jen was very grateful for all the assistance from the Detroit Lake Foundation, especially from Candy Page.

VI. Committee Reports – None.

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

VII. Resolutions, Orders and Administrative Action

- a. Authorization of "Intent to Award" Distribution System Improvements & Mayor to sign contract (Meza Excavation & Construction). – Michelle Connor – A bid went out to have some work on the distribution system. Originally Clester and Humbug were looked at but Humbug will not be done due to lack of funds. Meza was the lowest bidder at \$231,994.00. Councilor Nielsen made a motion to approve, and Councilor O'Donnell seconded. All in favor with Councilor Sheppard absent with notice. Motion passed.
- b. Authorization for DLF to close Patton St. for Santiam Music Festival – Michelle Connor – Councilor Nielsen made the motion and councilor Smith seconded. All in favor with Councilor Sheppard absent with notice. Motion passed.
- c. Ordinance 278 (ATV/Golf Carts/Etc.) Discussion – Todd Smith- In going through the Ordinance Officer's notes the city's biggest problem is E-scooters and E-bikes. It is not just a hazard as kids falling off, but people getting hit and almost run over. Councilor Smith found out that they can reach speeds of up to 40MPH and stated that there will have to be some kind of Ordinance for next spring. Councilor McCall stated that research should be done on smaller cities to see how they are dealing with this situation. It was suggested to put this issue on unfinished business. A stop sign was placed at Boulder & Kinney to slow the scooters and bikes down.

VIII. Consent Calendar

- a. Approval of the Budget Hearing Minutes – June 4, 2026. Councilor Nielsen made a motion to approve, and Councilor Smith seconded. All in favor with Councilor Sheppard absent with notice. Motion passed.
- b. Approval of City Council Minutes – June 14, 2026. Councilor O'Donnell made the motion to approve, and Councilor Smith seconded. All in favor with Councilor Sheppard absent with notice. Motion passed.
- c. Approval to Pay the Bills - Councilor O'Donnell made the motion to approve, and Councilor Smith seconded. All in favor with Councilor Sheppard absent with notice. Motion passed.

IX. Unfinished Business

- a. CIS – they will not pay the depreciation until the entire wildfire claim is done. The claim had been settled but a mandate from the insurance companies Re-insurance firm will now have to reopen the claim.
- b. City Hall Roof Damage – CIS requires 3 bids to follow standard procurement process. Councilor McCall will find builders to get those bids.

- c. Bill McCall – Property Division – The property has been marked up and waiting for the surveyor to come out. Councilor Nielsen stated that an amendment to the park plan or purchase the property from Councilor McCall. Mayor Page made a motion to enter negotiations with Councilor McCall to purchase the property, Councilor Smith seconded. All in favor with Councilor Sheppard absent with notice. Motion passed.
- d. Fee Schedule – Delayed until Fall
- e. Camping on City ROW -
- f. E-Scooters and Golf cart liability have been added to unfinished business.
- g. Illegal Fireworks – Added by Councilor Smith

X. Staff Reports

- a. Marina Excavation – Charles Bury -N/A
- b. Ordinance & Community Engagement Officer – Joe Davidson – N/A
- c. HBH Engineering - Matt Del Moro – The sand filters have been uncovered at the treatment plant, and the prelim inspection of the underdrains looks good at this point, but more testing will happen. The permanent membrane treatment plant is out to bid right now. The bid is due 7/29/2026. The reservoir is close to going out to bid. The Clester water main improvement will be out for bid soon. New pavilion/snow shelter is waiting on permits from Marion County.
- d. City Recorder – Michelle Connor – Stated that there are about 10 projects that are in the works. Reminded everyone that the election packets and signature validation need to be done by 8/18/2026 for incumbents and 8/25/2026 for new candidates. There are 3 openings on the Planning Commission.
- e. Planning – Liam Bean – N/A – Mayor Page stated he would like the monthly report that Liam provides to the city.
- f. Marion County Sheriff – N/A – Councilor Smith gave props to Marion County Sherrieff and search and rescue departments over the missing person that was successfully rescued. Mayor Page gave praise to Marion County Sherrieff Dept. over the 4th of July weekend.
- g. USFS – Michelle King – N/A
- h. Idanha-Detroit Rural Fire Protection District – Fred Patterson – N/A – Michelle Connor stated that the fire department has officially moved out of the building.
- i. City Clerk – Heather Stull – N/A

XI. Councilor's Reports –

Councilor Tesdal – Agrees with Councilor Nielsen on the work session and wants to discuss the fee's that will be charged to DLF for the use of the park. The park project - the playground has been demolished and was offered to Idanha, but they declined. The new playground has been ordered. ADA walkways were included in the grant so that will be coming soon. Feres lumber will donate wood for the pavilion, and this will help stay in budget. She suggested that the city use a different plumber for the drinking fountain in the park as it is just not getting done with the current plumber. Councilor O'Donnell stated that he has talked with the plumber and the last part will be fabricated and should be in next week. Councilor Tesdal also wants the heater in

the women's bathroom fixed as it is running constantly. Also, there were long lines for the bathrooms, and we need to increase porta-potties.

Councilor Smith- Would like to have the illegal fireworks issue put under unfinished business. He made a motion to have the con-ex box removal deadline pushed back until the end of summer the day after Labor Day 9/8/2026. Councilor McCall seconded. All in favor with Councilor Sheppard absent with notice. Motion passed.

Councilor McCall – Councilor McCall has been working on getting some business on Detroit Road and working with DEQ and with Marion County.

Councilor Neilsen-

Community Center Septic Expansion

The Community Center septic system expansion, led by Jessie Rodregas Construction, experienced delays due to a misunderstanding with Marion County regarding the need for a structural permit. This issue was resolved following discussions with Chris Trussel, the permitting administrator.

Business District Property Development

K&E Construction's Business District property development faced permit delays from Marion County. After engaging with county officials, the permit was granted, and construction is scheduled to begin the week of July 13.

Community Center Event Kitchen

Regarding the Community Center event kitchen, the initial bid process yielded only one qualified bid. The architect and engineer have revised the Request for Proposal (RFP) to attract a wider range of contractors, including outreach to smaller local firms with potentially lower overhead costs. The RFP has been submitted to DLF and USDA for review, with USDA expected to complete their assessment by the week of July 13.

Lake Level Activities

Lake level activities remain unchanged, with the Army Corps proceeding with the planned extreme drawdown this fall. There is no new information about Marion County's litigation efforts to halt the drawdown. However, the marina excavation projects are stalled again due to the Army Corps requiring an additional archaeological assessment for the area designated for depositing excavated materials. This summary highlights the current status and recent developments across multiple community projects, emphasizing resolved permit issues, ongoing procurement efforts, and regulatory challenges affecting lake and marina work.

- XII. Mayor's Report –** Mayor Page stated that with the Fire Department no longer using the bays in the building, that Public Works will move from the shed by the park into the bays. Councilor Nielsen stated that he thought the Council should have a work session for the transfer of Public Works to the City Hall building in September to go over the details of the move. Sunday Mayor Page attended the new fire hall opening and stressed what a good thing it was and it has a helipad. The 4th of July celebration was a success and was held in a safe manner. The mayor was sent a federal document to sign a declaration to the Army Core of Engineers in full support of the Marion County Injunction and putting a stop to the reckless actions of the ACE.

- a. The mayor stated he would only sign it if all the councilors were in support of the document and him signing it. If not, he would stand down on it. Councilor Nielsen made a motion of support and Councilor Tesdal seconded. All in favor with Councilor Sheppard absent with notice. Motion passed.

XIII. 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.

XIV. Other Business- Councilor O'Donnell will pay for the Memorial Garden water meter bill.

XV. Upcoming Meetings

- a. Regular Session – August 11, 2026 – Detroit City Hall 6:30 PM.

XVI. Adjourn: 8:20 PM



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