

CITY OF McMinnville  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Held via Zoom Video Conference and at the Kent L. Taylor Civic Hall on Gormley Plaza  
McMinnville, Oregon

Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Presiding: Remy Drabkin, Mayor

Recording Secretary: Claudia Cisneros

Councilors:	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
	Adam Garvin, Council President	
	Chris Chenoweth	
	Zack Geary	
	Kellie Menke	
	Jessica Payne	
	Sal Peralta (via zoom)	

Also present were City Recorder Claudia Cisneros, Library Director Jenny Berg, Interim City Attorney Walt Gowell, Finance Director Jennifer Cuellar, Community Development Director Heather Richards (via zoom), Parks & Recreation Director Susan Muir (via zoom), and members of the News Media – Jerry Eichten, McMinnville Community Media.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Drabkin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Kellie Menke led the pledge of allegiance.

3. INVITATION TO CITIZENS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Drabkin invited the public to comment.

Diana Riggs, business owner of Mac Market, encouraged Council to continue to invest and make improvements to the Alpine Avenue/The Granary District area.

Mark Riche, McMinnville resident, expressed his concerns about homeless and his unhappiness with previous Council decision of not obtaining homeless camps sites here in McMinnville.

Charles Gibbons, McMinnville resident, expressed his concerns about the homelessness activity occurring at Joe dancer park.

4. ADVICE/ INFORMATION ITEMS

4.a. Reports from Councilors on Committee & Board Assignments

Councilor Peralta had nothing to report.

Councilor Payne said Landscape meets tomorrow and the Audit Committee met on March 9<sup>th</sup> and got an in-depth report of the brief report received earlier today.

Councilor Menke reported on the Fox Ridge Road survey and on March 21<sup>st</sup> there will be community design workshop from 6-6pm then followed by the public action committee meeting.

Councilor Chenoweth said McMinnville Economic Vitality Leadership Council (MEVLC) met about the noble grant and signing an agreement with MISO 40/60 loan opportunity for underserved business.

Councilor Geary stated Diversity, Equity Inclusion Advisory Committee (DEIAC) met talked about kicking off the public engagement process NE neighborhood committee for infrastructure feasibility study. Then talked about the workplan for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars for furthering the city's mission. The public safety task force met and talked about creating flyers for businesses. McMinnville Urban Renewal Advisory Committee (MURAC) has not met and no upcoming meeting.

Council President Garvin stated Yamhill Communications Agency (YCOM) was supposed to meet today but it got postponed. Airport met on March 1<sup>st</sup> gearing up for master planning phase in August. Visit McMinnville meets tomorrow. The Fire District got final approval from Board of Commissioners and able to file final ballot measure. Asked City Council to sign the statement of support for the voters pamphlet.

Mayor Drabkin traveled to Washington DC with MW&L general manager John Dietz. Talked to the Northwest Federal delegation about low power rates. Reported on the actions MW&L Commission talked about at their last meeting. Ms. Cisneros will be reaching out to Council to get dates for a joint City Council and MW&L meetings. Provided progress on the Navigation Center.

There was continued discussion on the project with Community Development Director Richards.

4.b. Department Head Reports

Library Director Jenny Berg stated starting on March 27<sup>th</sup> a temporary fence will go around the plaza they are refreshing the plaza being powered washed and redone the work is being done by Paul Dramis.

Interim City Attorney Walt Gowell reported has been working on American Rescue Plan Action (ARPA) contract, some work on rebuild of sewer plant, and a subpoena review for the Police Department.

Finance Director Jennifer Cuellar had nothing to report.

City Recorder Claudia Cisneros stated there is a Scribner error on consent agenda item 5.a. the minutes of February 28, 2023 meeting page 19 of the packet, the year date should be February 28, 20223 not February 28, 2022. If the item is approved will amend that on the packet.

Community Development Director Heather Richards said submitted application for the 3<sup>rd</sup> street improvement project for Federal funds. Sent out flyer last week to 2,000 household description of natural hazardous planning program information on this can also be found on homepage of the city website.

Parks and Recreation Director Susan Muir said hope everyone has an opportunity to check the Wortman Gallery at the senior center. Have firmed up their sponsorship program for parks and recreation and found on the webpage. Soccer kick offs of this Saturday and it's over 900 kids registration highest that can track in numbers.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Consider **Resolution 2023-11**: A Resolution authorizing the approval of an intergovernmental agreement between the city of McMinnville and the city of Toledo Oregon regarding Municipal Judge appointments.

b. Consider the Minutes of the January 10, 2023 City Council Work Session & Regular Meeting.

c. Consider the Minutes of the January 14, 2023 City Council Goal Setting Meeting.

d. Consider the Minutes of the February 28, 2023 City Council Work Session & Regular Meeting.

e. Consider the request from Ricochet Wine Company, LLC for Winery Primary Location, OLCC Liquor License located at 1400 NE Alpha Drive.

f. Consider the request from Leah Jorgensen Cellars dba: LJC Wine Co. LLC for Winery 2nd Location, OLCC Liquor License located at 1400 NE Alpha Drive.

*Councilor Chenoweth MOVED to adopt the consent agenda with the amendment as stated by City Recorder for Item d; SECONDED by Councilor Menke. Motion PASSED unanimously 6-0.*

6. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Drabkin adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

*Claudia Cisneros*

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Claudia Cisneros, City Recorder