
CITY OF PILOT ROCK

Council Meeting
July 28, 2022, 6:00 PM

A. Called to Order

Having a quorum, the Regular Council meeting was called to order by **Mayor Randy Gawith** at 6:00 PM. Council members present were **Councilor Derek Turner, Councilor Tegan Kaneaster, and Councilor Vernon Sandy. Councilor Raymond Doherty and Councilor Aliina Kirby attended via phone conferencing. Councilor Paula Evoniuk was absent.** Department Heads present were **Chief William Caldera, and City Recorder Teri Bacus. Public Works Director Steve Draper was absent. Citizens present were Tiffany Schademan, Clint Markle, Janelle Hampton, David Douglas, Dawn Farrow, Diana Van De Voort, Lance Saling, Don Siler, and Betty Newby.**

B. INVOCATION

Pastor Clint Markle gave the invocation

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

David Douglas addressed City Council and is in the process of purchasing the Old Schoolhouse next to the Family Dollar Store. The property is currently zoned C-1 commercial, and he would like to renovate the building into 5 apartments to rent. Pilot Rock Municipal Code for C-1 commercial does not address using property for residential use without a business. City Recorder explains that there are two ways to address the situation. The first is a request for a conditional use and keep the zoning as commercial. The second way is to rezone to R-1 general residential zone. Councilor Turner agrees that additional housing would be beneficial to the community. The property is currently in escrow. Councilor Sandy asks about adequate parking and David explains that the property has enough room for additional parking. He adds that he would approve the project. David states that he will get with the City Recorder to begin the process. Councilor Doherty states that the apartments do not fit under commercial, and he would approve a zone change. The future affects of the rezoning was discussed.

Dawn Farrow addressed City Council with a safe home project. She explains a specific incident that happened outside her home with a stranger stopping and watching children playing. She states that it made her very uncomfortable. She would like to start a program with homes that have been vetted by our Police Department as safe homes. Citizens that would like to participate would complete an application and after the screening process, they would receive a special sign to be visibly placed. Chief Caldera asks if she has done any research on this project and she answers, she has not. He continues that anything that keeps our city safe is a good idea. However, the screening process would be challenging. He is limited on what information can be released regarding criminal history. He is willing to work with her to begin this project. He also states that in the meanwhile, if a suspicious incident occurs, any information collected such as description of the individual, make and model of the vehicle or a license plate would be very helpful. Chief also explained the process of probable cause. A community watch program was discussed but is difficult to sustain due to lack of involvement.

City Recorder requests to add an employee vacation request to the agenda. **Councilor Turner made a motion to approve adding the request to the agenda and Councilor Sandy seconded. Councilor Doherty voted yes, Councilor Kirby voted yes, and Councilor Kaneaster voted yes. Motion carried: 5 Yes – 0 No**

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E. PRESENTATIONS

F. ACTION ITEMS

F-1 Ordinance No. 592 Occupied Recreational Vehicles (RV) – City Recorder presents Ordinance No. 592 which contains two recommended changes from the City Attorney. She also explains that the strikethrough lines in areas is the current language in the City’s code that will be deleted. The first change is the new chapter 18.120 Section (4) (1) (e) and adds “If the recreational vehicle has no internal plumbing then no water fee will be charged. **Councilor Turner made a motion to approve the addition.** Citizen Don Siler states that he believes this is unfair since the principal home is already paying the full fee. Councilor Kaneaster explains that since it is a separate dwelling, it is the same as a duplex which has two separate meters. **Councilor Kaneaster seconded. Councilor Doherty voted yes, Councilor Kirby voted yes, and Councilor Sandy voted nay. Motion carried: 4 Yes – 1 No**

The second change is chapter 18.120 Section (4) (1) (f) which changed from “or any monies paid for the upkeep of the developed area as mentioned previously” to “or any monies paid for the maintenance of the developed area in a manner to prevent nuisance”. **Councilor Doherty made a motion to approve the language change and Councilor Turner seconded. Councilor Kaneaster voted yes, Councilor Sandy voted yes, and Councilor Kirby voted yes. Motion carried: 5 Yes – 0 No**

City Recorder explains that this is the last change prior to the first reading. **Councilor Turner made a motion to approve scheduling first reading and Councilor Kaneaster seconded. Councilor Doherty voted yes, Councilor Kirby voted yes, and Councilor Sandy voted nay. Motion carried: 4 Yes – 1 No**

F-2 Psilocybin Election – City Recorder explains measure 109 which legalized the use of psilocybin mushrooms in certain circumstances. The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will oversee the license, control, and regulation of the manufacturing of psilocybin products. Cities and counties that desire to prohibit the establishment of psilocybin related businesses may do so by referral at a statewide general election. Voters have already approved the measure at the 2020 election and therefore the only way to ban in local jurisdictions is to refer to the next election which is in November 2022. She explains that another choice is to approve a moratorium which bans the licensing for two years. This is to allow the OHA to complete the required two-year development period and provide further guidelines. She further explains that the product psilocybin will be used for PTSD, anxiety, depression, addiction, and other mental health issues. The OHA will also require an approved land use compatibility statement from the city to be provided with the license. She also explains that the city can choose to do nothing, and the OHA will begin issuing licenses January 2, 2023. **Councilor Sandy made a motion for the moratorium for two years awaiting further guidelines.** The lack of certainty of the OHA rulemaking was discussed. Chief Caldera explains that his experience with those who have used this product has been negative. He provided a couple of examples and recommends banning at the upcoming election. He also explains transposition of senses and its effects. **No second was made.** There was further discussion on the two-year ban. **Motion failed. Councilor Turner made a motion to outright ban the issuing of psilocybin licenses and**

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Councilor Sandy seconded. Councilor Doherty voted yes, Councilor Kirby voted yes, and Councilor Kaneaster voted yes. Motion carried: 5 Yes – 0 No

F-3 Employee Vacation - City Recorder presents a vacation request from Chief Caldera. **Councilor Turner made a motion to approve the vacation request and Councilor Sandy seconded. Councilor Doherty voted yes, Councilor Kaneaster voted yes, and Councilor Kirby voted yes. Motion carried: 5 Yes – 0 No**

G-1 Department Head Report – Chief Caldera provided an update on the next Police Officer hiring process. He currently has five applicants.

City Recorder states that a food truck is interested in using the empty city lot next to highway 395. Fees and liability issues were discussed. She also explains that the annual audit is three weeks away and auditor letters will be sent out to each councilor. She also reminds Councilor Kaneaster and Councilor Kirby are up for reelection and the candidate filing form is required to be submitted no later than August 29 for submission.

City Hall:

1. Completed June 7, 2022, City Council meeting minutes
2. Prepared Council packets
3. Routine updates on websites
4. Verified budget data input into system
5. Attended online training towards next certification
6. Processed payroll
7. Processed payroll liabilities
8. Submitted quarterly reports for payroll to State and Federal Depts
9. Phoncon meeting with attorney for occupied RV ordinance
10. Attended CIS employee medical benefits training.
11. Completed articles for newsletter
12. Completed annual workers compensation report
13. Updates in DEQ website for flood mitigation permits/certifications
14. Completed month end files for auditor
15. Provided support to auditors on pre-work audit
16. Scheduled annual audit for Aug 22-26
17. Assisted Sunthurst in completing grant documents for construction grant
18. Completed annual review of insurance with
19. Processed final lagoon payment
20. Dropped off required budget documents to county assessor
21. Submitted required documents for state revenue sharing
22. Mailed out annual water quality report

Police Department: July 5 report

1. Report of an assault between two neighbors, however neither one of them wanted to pursue charges.
2. Report of loud motorcycles/four-wheelers racing around a homemade track in a residential neighborhood.
A complaint to be signed by a private citizen.

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3. Looked into a prowler report. A suspect was identified and will be located and contacted. Complainant did not wish to pursue trespass charges.
4. Thus far, the city has only received three applications for its open police officer position. The closing date was June 17th, 2022.
5. Received a flash flood warning so preparation was made with the fire department for mitigation of such an event.
6. Report of a female screaming. She was located and she was experiencing from delusional behavior.
7. Issued 26 warning notices for citizens having tall grass and weeds.
8. Checked on a 14-year-old female who was having suicidal ideations.
9. Report of a violation of a no-contact order.
10. Report of a sexual exploitation of a 16-year-old girl.
11. Resident complained that her neighbor's chickens were running loose, and they were getting in her yard. The owner was advised of city ordinance.
12. Received a report about two children being neglected by their father.
13. Received a report of a person in a pickup swerving all over the road. The driver was found but was not impaired.
14. Took a report of a scam over a citizen's Facebook page.
15. Received a report of sexual touching between an eight-year-old and a three-year-old.
16. Report of a dog attacking another dog. The owner of the offending dog was cited on three different city ordinance violations.
17. Notified a citizen to clean up sacks of garbage found in her yard, or she would be cited.
18. Assisted Pendleton PD on a restraining order violation.
19. Investigated a possible child neglect case.
20. Report of a loose horse north of town on Hwy. 395.
21. Report of a scam involving a \$50,000 federal grant.
22. Received a trespass complaint from a downtown business.
23. Assisted OSP & Oregon Department of Forestry on a fire.
24. Report of a scam where money was withdrawn from the victim's bank account.
25. The police department was made aware of a vehicle that had been repossessed.
26. A resident was cited and released on a Wasco County warrant for firearm offenses.
27. Received a report that there was a stolen vehicle driving around town from Gresham, OR. The vehicle was not located.
28. Provided a citizen information about illegal fireworks.
29. Provided extra patrol around the churches because of Roe VS. Wade being overturned.
30. A citizen was cited for Assault IV after an altercation at a downtown business.
31. Investigated a harassment case between two adults.
32. An incident was reported about a dog scratching another person's vehicle at the Bike Pit.
33. Assisted Pendleton PD on a report of shots being fired.

Public Works

1. Unwinterized park bathrooms
2. Repaired water leak on SW Cedar
3. Mowed & weed eating road right aways and alleys
4. Park was mowed weekly

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5. Repairs on #2 lift station. Getting prices to upgrade.
6. Several locates for the fiber contractors
7. Installed new service to RV park on Birch
8. Getting all sprinkler systems up and running
9. Completed lead and copper test
10. Have interested party to purchase industrial property

H. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilor Turner made a motion to approve the consent calendar and Councilor Kaneaster seconded. Councilor Doherty voted yes, Councilor Sandy voted yes, and Councilor Kirby voted yes. Motion carried: 5 Yes – 0 No

Bills \$32,973.67

I. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Turner provides an update on the skate park. A location has been identified and he is waiting for a cost quote to present.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE

L. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Turner made a motion to adjourn, and Councilor Kaneaster seconded. Councilor Sandy voted yes, Councilor Doherty voted yes, and Councilor Kirby voted yes. Motion carried: 5 Yes – 0 No

Mayor Randy Gawith adjourned the meeting at 6:59 pm.

APPROVED_____

Randy Gawith, Mayor

ATTEST_____

Teri Bacus, City Recorder