

**TOLEDO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

April 20, 2022

6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Betty Kamikawa called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. electronically via Zoom in Toledo, Oregon.

Present	Absent	
	X	Mayor Rod Cross
X		Council President Betty Kamikawa
X		Councilor Jackie Kauffman
X		Councilor Rob Duprau
X		Councilor Todd Michels
X		Councilor Wade Carey
X		Councilor Tracy Mix

Staff present: City Manager (CM) Judy Richter, City Recorder (CR) Lisa Figueroa, Police Chief (PC) Michael Pace, Public Works Director (PWD) Bill Zuspan, Fire Chief (FC) Larry Robeson, City Attorney (CA) Mike Adams, Lead Dispatcher Cassie Griffith, Police Officer Conor Ringwald, Dispatcher Samantha Daniels

2. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Oath of Office & Swearing in

PC Pace introduced Officer Conor Ringwald and performed his oath of office.

Proclamation – Arbor Day

CP Kamikawa read a proclamation and proclaimed April 23, 2022 as Arbor Day.

CP Kamikawa read a proclamation and proclaimed the month of April, 2022 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Presentation Sexual Assault Awareness presentation

Executive Director Amber Wishoff addressed the City Council and provided a short presentation about the number of cases of sexual assault within Lincoln County, how the coronavirus pandemic affected existing cases as well as how it impacted the number of cases that could have been reported.

PC Pace and Lead Dispatcher Cassie Griffith introduced the new dispatcher, Samantha Daniels. Ms. Daniels read the Dispatcher Oath.

The Council recessed at 6:28 p.m. and reconvened at 6:38 p.m.

**3. JOINT MEETING WITH THE GREATER TOLEDO POOL & RECREATION
POOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

This discussion was cancelled and would be rescheduled for a future date.

4. INTERVIEW

The City Council interviewed applicant Ricky Dyson for the Budget Committee.

5. VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from the meeting held March 16 and the work sessions held February 23 and March 23, 2022

CR Figueroa noted the Council asked she review the audio from February 23 to confirm a motion that was in that meeting. She said she confirmed the minutes included a typographical error, which was corrected.

Motion – It was moved and seconded (Mix/Kauffman) to approve the consent agenda as presented and the motion carried unanimously.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Water and Sewer rate study review in anticipation of setting new rates in May

CM Richter indicated the water and sewer rates will be up for consideration in May and she said she wanted to start the discussion now. She noted the current rates are included in the packet as well as the water and sewer rate study. She indicated there will be information included in the newsletter regarding rate increases. She said it is difficult because there is a huge inflation increase but in spite of the increases she implied the water and sewer funds are doing well. Staff answered clarification questions in regards to the street light fee and replacing necessary parts for improvements and upcoming projects. The Council deliberated options and noted there are some residents that live on a fixed income that could be impacted by an increase. They discussed the need to catch up to current costs and increases and considered developing a schedule that would allow the City to apply increases every other year. There was discussion about the vacation use policy and CM Richter referenced the water/rate study from Civil West Engineering, which recommended the City eliminate that program and require people to pay a base rate regardless of not being in the house. After further discussion, the Council asked staff to bring back information on the rate increases in the last five years for reference.

8. DECISION ITEMS

Interview and consider appointment of individual to the Budget Committee

Motion – It was moved and seconded (Mix/Michels) to appoint Ricky Dyson to fill a vacancy on the Budget Committee and the motion carried unanimously.

Permit application – Consume Alcohol in public places for Cycle Oregon event

CR Figueroa presented the council report and noted the applicant will host a beer garden in conjunction with the Cycle Oregon event that is scheduled in May. She said the police department performed a background check and had no issues.

Motion – It was moved and seconded (Carey/Michels) to approve the application request to consume alcohol in public places from the Old Gold and the motion carried unanimously.

Contract Award for water main and service line replacements and authorize the City Manager to sign the Task Order

PWD Zuspan presented the council report. He said the City received four bids and he expected it to be much higher.

Motion – It was moved and seconded (Mix/Kauffman) to award a contract to Laskey-Clifton for up to \$310,000 for water main and service line replacements and authorize the City Manager to sign the Task Order and the motion carried unanimously.

9. REPORTS AND COMMENTS

LD Trusty informed the Council of the Library's Arbor Day event on Saturday, April 23. She said the Library also purchased several ukuleles to host community ukulele nights. She said the Library will also host the Oregon Coast Council for the Arts' paperbooks arts festival. She listed other upcoming events and reported the meeting room is open to the public now.

PC Pace updated the Council on department activities and new rules that are in place. He said the department is getting up to speed on those laws.

FC Robeson said the department is preparing for an upcoming live fire event. He said several members completed a pumper operator class, which finished in Newport last weekend. He informed the Council about an emergency preparedness fair event on May 2 at the High School. He said there will be one for the kids during school hours and then one for the community between 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Staff listed the organizations that will participate in the fair.

PWD Zuspan provided a department report. He said the pipe for Mill Creek was ordered and should arrive by early May. He said the department is preparing for several upcoming projects and he has hired a new employee as a trainee for the treatment plants.

CA Adams reported to the Council and said Alivelim Holdings filed a writ of review challenging the resolutions by the Council, which will require staff to collect several documents and send them to the Court Clerk within the month.

CM Richter reminded the Council there is a Budget Committee meeting on Tuesday, May 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fire Department meeting room.

Councilor Duprau commented on the recent Port of Toledo Board meeting and noted they found a document dated 1912, which stated the Port of Toledo would pay 60% of all the dredging.

Councilor Carey noted any generation site that has over 200 kilowatts in capacity, it is treated as a power/resource generator and has a responsibility to find a buyer for the power. He said the facility can use as much of the power as it needs but it cannot find its way outside of the site's meter.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Approve:

Attest:

/s/Mayor Rod Cross

/s/City Recorder Lisa Figueroa