



Minutes
City of Irrigon Council Meeting
April 16, 2024 – 6:00 PM
Irrigon City Hall – 500 NE Main Ave, Irrigon, OR

- **Call to order/Pledge/Roll Call**

Mayor Michelle Patton called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilors present: Daren Strong, Mayor Michelle Patton, Hector Cano, Pro-Tem Benji Calvert, and Heather Bishop.

Zoom participant: Councilor Melvin Lambert

Councilor not present: Councilor Marlina Avila Serratos, prearranged absence.

Staff present: City Manager Aaron Palmquist, and City Clerk Trista Seastone.

Audience present: Ruth Bostick

- **Mayor's Comments**

Mayor Patton started the evening meeting acknowledging the current sidewalk project has started moving again. There were some weather-related delays, but work is moving ahead. Patton also reminded the community to be mindful of the speed in a construction zone and to not move any safety cones, they are there for a reason and placed accordingly.

Patton reminded everyone about the Time to Shine event at Stokes Landing on the evening of April 26th, tickets are still available for purchase. Mayor Patton stated that this year's Spring Sports for the schools have brought a lot of spectators, and it is nice to see the support for our youth.

City of Irrigon Spring Cleanup 2024 is scheduled for April 27th from 8:00 – 3:00 at the corner of Columbia and First Street. Fliers were sent to city residents and will need to be shown to staff to use the drop boxes. Staff at City Hall are keeping a list of residents that are elderly or indigent that need assistance getting items to the drop off. The city will have drivers come and pick up those items and take them to the site.

City Manager Aaron Palmquist and Mayor Michelle Patton attended the Chamber Luncheon this month and were guest speakers. Michelle stated it was nice to be asked to be a presenter, and she enjoyed meeting some new people.

The first week of May, the Future Farmers of America (FFA) annual hanging flower baskets will be available at the Irrigon High School. For details contact the school.

Southwest Greenwood Street was placed on the City Council's priority list in 2023 of roads that were ready for paving. Greenwood has the infrastructure in place and resources are available to have the project done this fiscal year. Granite is scheduled to come and provide a quote and

upon approval, a start date will be set. The next street on the priority list will be Southeast Fourth Street, time frame is to be determined.

1. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

2. *Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes March 19, 2024
- b. City Manager report and staff updates
- c. Accounts Payable
- d. Law Enforcement
- e. Municipal Court
- f. Correspondence

Councilor Heather Bishop moved to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

Councilor Benji Calvert seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. City Representation to Morrow County ASA Ad Hoc Committee

Morrow County is working on a new Ambulance Service Area (ASA) Ordinance. The Morrow County Board of Commissioners decided to form a committee to review and recommend any potential providers that may apply to provide coverage for the three-service areas. The commissioners requested that each of the five cities nominate one representative with a potential alternate from their respective cities to sit on this committee. The individuals could be from the council, staff, or a resident in the community.

- The individual should have no direct ties (familial or professional) to Boardman Fire Rescue District, Morrow County Health District, and/or any potential ambulance service providers.
- The individual should be able to consider proposals in a non-biased manner.
- The individual should be able to participate either in person or via Zoom/Teams in three to four meetings during May.

Mayor Michelle Patton appointed herself and Councilor Hector Cano as an alternate to represent the City of Irrigon.

4. *Resolution 24-02 Fostering an Environment of Equality, Fairness, and Respect policy

Grant applications have a requirement that the applicant formally adopts by resolution or ordinance, a policy that affirms and provides for an environment of equality and diversity. PRIDE is part of our values adopted in May of 2019; therefore, this resolution would meet the noted and required grant application process. Staff recommended the adoption of Resolution 24-02 and authorizing the mayor to sign as presented.

City Councilor Benji Calvert moved to accept and adopt Resolution 24-02 Policy on Fostering an Environment of Equality, Fairness, and Respect as presented.

City Councilor Daren Strong seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. *FY 24-25 Budget Committee Members

Each year the City Council reviews Budget Committee members to add or remove members as appropriate. It is a requirement that city budget committee members total no more than 14 individuals, seven (7) members of the City Council and seven (7) from the City of Irrigon. Those members selected and appointed from the public are to serve an appointment for three years. The terms must be staggered so that one third of the terms end each year (ORS 294.414 (5)). Members may be reappointed for additional years, at the discretion of the governing body.

Councilor Benji Calvert moved to approve the FY 2024-2025 Budget Committee members as presented and continue to the opportunity for additional members prior to the first Budget Committee meeting.

Councilor Hector Cano seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

Motion passed unanimously.

6. Items For Future Council Meeting


- Ordinance for 260-23 "Camping and Homelessness"-TBD
- Food Pod Project – Late Fall 2024
- Lexipol Policies Ord 259-23-TBD
- Boards and Commissions (Irrigon Code) – TBD
- Development Code – On Going
- Public Contracting & Purchasing Policy – TBD

Adjourned:

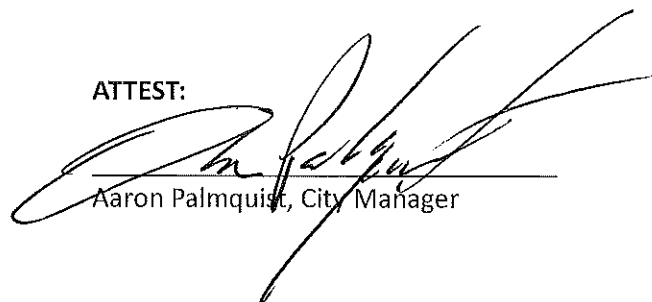
City Councilor Melvin Lambert adjourned the meeting at 6:33 pm.

Next scheduled meeting May 21, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

SIGNED:


Michelle Patton, Mayor

ATTEST:


Aaron Palmquist, City Manager