



Minutes
City of Irrigon Council Meeting
May 21, 2024 – 6:00 PM
Irrigon City Hall – 500 NE Main Ave
Irrigon, OR 97844

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

Mayor Michelle Patton called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Audience present: None

- **Mayor's Comments**

Mayor Michelle Patton wanted to address numerous social media posts questioning the sirens from fire trucks and police. She went on to explain that these were part of small parades that the community participates in to send our local youth off to various sporting events. This year has proven to be a very successful year for our school sports teams, from baseball to tennis, the youth have excelled, and the participation of the residents has been overwhelmingly positive and appreciated by school staff, coaches, families, and youth. The mayor gave dates for the class of 2024 graduating students and a schedule of events leading up to the ceremony. She encouraged residents to continue to cheer on the hardworking students in our community.

Mayor Patton stated that Nelson Construction is nearing completion of the sidewalk project that has been happening along Hwy 730. Patton paid compliment to the construction crew and that the sidewalks look amazing and are a great addition to the city landscape.

The mayor wanted to address a post she made on social media regarding the recent changes in the ambulance service for Irrigon. There seems to be a misunderstanding leading local resident to believe that Irrigon no longer has an ambulance located in town. While there have been ongoing negotiations between Morrow County Health District, Boardman Rural Fire District, and Morrow County Board of Commissioners regarding the Ambulance Service Area (ASA), there is an ambulance staged in the City of Irrigon. There is a house rented for paramedics/EMT's that staff the ambulance, ensuring staff can be close during scheduled shifts. Michelle also said that she has met most of the paramedics and they are very kind and caring people. If residents have a chance to say hello and get to know them they should. Patton went on to remind residents of Irrigon that the political issues regarding the ASA aren't issues that should be blamed on or taken out on those that are here to provide a service to the community.

1. **Public comment-**

There was no public comment.

2. ***Consent Agenda** (The Consent Agenda allows the council to approve all items together without discussion or individual motions. A councilor can request an item be removed for discussion.)

- a. Approval of Minutes – May 21, 2024
- b. City Managers Report and Staff Updates
- c. Accounts Payable
- d. Law Enforcement
- e. Municipal Court
- f. Correspondence

City Councilor Melvin Lambert moved to approve and accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

City Councilor Marlina Avila Serratos seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. ***Quote for paving SE Greenwood Ave by Granite**

The City of Irrigon put out for three (3) bids to pave the road located at SE Greenwood paved. The city received one eligible quote out of three. American Rock – did not submit, and Morrow County Public Works was unable to bid as they are in their current budget year. Granite Construction came in at \$105,693.00. This will include all the prep work including leveling, compacting, etc. for paving the road. The city has used Granite for several years on various projects and they have consistently produced good work. Funding for this project will come from saved revenue from user fee charges. There will be no tax dollars used on this project.

City Councilor Daren Strong moved to accept the paving quote from Granite Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$105,693.00 as presented.

Councilor Benji Calvert seconded the motion.

Councilor Heather Bishop asked why the city has been unable to get more quotes from companies on projects that have come before the council. Bishop stated that it seemed like the past few projects there has not been any bidding from contractors. Staff reported to Bishop that numerous cities were having this issue, and it is a lot to do with large corporations like Amazon taking a lot of the contractors and providing them with long term projects. Councilor Calvert also stated that supply and demand is still an issue with many contractors across states.

There was no further discussion.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. *Resolution 24-03 "2024" Wage Table Update

The City Council was provided with a copy of the Wage Table Update in the council packets for review. The Wage Table Update is periodically presented to the council to ensure that the city staff wages are kept in line with the NW Regional Consumer Price Index (NW-CPI). Inflation continues and is reflected in the update; however, it is not as high as previous years, but is projected to rise through the rest of the year.

The increase in the presented Resolution 24-03 does reflect a 3.3% percent increase according to the NW-CPI as reflected in January 2024, has been figured into next fiscal year's budget and is recommended for approval by the annual budget committee.

City Councilor Benji Calvert moved to adopt Resolution 24-03 updating the City's wage table as noted and continue to follow the City Council action of using the January NW-CPI as approved by the budget committee and presented.

Councilor Melvin Lambert seconded the motion.

Councilor Heather Bishop asked a question regarding the wage table worksheet that was put in the council packet. Staff explained the worksheet showed the step process in which employees would potentially be hired on depending on their experience.

There was no further discussion.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Hearing 2024-2025 Budget and Receiving State Revenues per ORS 221.770

State Revenue Sharing Law, ORS 221.770, mandates public hearings be held by the city council, giving citizens an opportunity to comment on State Revenue Sharing.

Oregon Budget Law, ORS 294.453, requires a public hearing be conducted to receive testimony from any person present regarding the budget that was approved by the budget committee.

Mayor Michelle Patton opened the public hearing at 6:22 PM.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Patton closed the public hearing at 6:22 PM.

6. *Resolution 24-05 City to Receive State Revenues

It is an annual requirement by the State of Oregon if any city is to receive state revenue sharing. Upon adoption of Resolution 24-05, it will be forwarded to the Secretary of State.

City Councilor Heather Bishop moved to adopt Resolution 24-05 as presented, electing to receive state revenues.

Councilor Benji Calvert seconded the motion.

Councilor Bishop asked what fund the State Revenue money goes into. Staff informed the council it is to go into the General Fund-unspecified.

There was no further discussion.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. *Resolution 24-06 Adopting FY 2024-2025 Budget and Imposing Tax

According to State Budget Law, it is a requirement for the city to adopt its annual budget. With this resolution all appropriations, imposing and categorizing of taxes will be adopted for the 2024-25 Fiscal Year. The budget has been properly published, with applicable public hearings and the Budget Committee has met and recommended approval to the City Council for adoption as presented.

Councilor Melvin Lambert moved to adopt Resolution 24-06 as presented in adopting the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget making appropriations and imposing taxes.

Councilor Daren Strong seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

Motion passed unanimously.


8. Items for Future Council Meetings

- FY 2024 Audit Engagement Letter – June 2024
- SCA Grant – Sidewalk Project NE Main Ave. – June 2024
- Food Pod Loan with UEC – June 2024
- CREZ III IGA (POM and MC) – June 2024
- Ordinance 260-23 "Camping and Homelessness" – TBD
- Lexipol Policies Ord-259-23 – TBD
- Boards and Commissions (Irrigon Code) TBD
- Public Contracting & Purchasing Policy – TBD

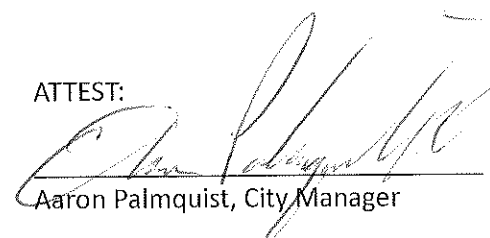
City Councilor Melvin Lambert adjourned the meeting at 6:31 PM

Next Regular Meeting Date – June 18, 2024

SIGNED:


Michelle Patton, Mayor

ATTEST:


Aaron Palmquist, City Manager