

BOARDMAN CITY COUNCIL- WORKSHOP – JANUARY 28, 2023
BOARDMAN CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor Keefer called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilors present: Paul Keefer, Heather Baumgartner, Cristina Cuevas, Roy Drago Jr., Karen Pettigrew and Isaac Williams (arrived at 8:07am)

Councilors absent: Brenda Profitt - Excused

Staff: Richard Stokoe-City Manager Pro Tem, and Jackie McCauley-Acting Recorder

Audience: Mike Lees-Anderson Perry & Associates, Matt Hughart-Kittleson & Associates (via Zoom)

Mayor Keefer welcomed everyone and introduced Matt Hughart and Mike Lees.

Traffic Study – Kittleson & Associates

City Manager Pro Tem Stokoe said about a year ago the city contacted Kittleson & Associates regarding concerns with traffic flows from Columbia Avenue to Wilson Lane, the intersection at Faler Road and SW Mt. Hood Avenue and issues of traffic backing up onto the city's off ramps.

8:07 a.m. – Councilor Williams arrived.

Matt Hughart of Kittleson & Associates shared a Powerpoint presentation explaining how they collected information and possible solutions to each of these areas for the council to consider. Some of the solutions include round-a-bouts at both the north end and the south end of the Main Street overpass, a traffic signal at Main Street and Boardman Avenue and a four-way stop at Faler Road and SW Mt. Hood Avenue.

There was other discussion about the possibility of an overpass or underpass at I84 connecting North and South Olson Road.

Mike Lees said this traffic study will help with applying for state and/or federal funding should the city apply for any of these projects.

Update on Bond Projects and Other Projects with Cost Estimates

Mike Lees showed time-lapse videos of both the lagoon and the Collector Well #3 projects. The wastewater portion of the bond project is wrapping up and will be complete in the next couple of months. The water project started in August and most of the heavy-lifting portion of that job is done. Next week the city will go out for bids for the pump station, booster pump station and the reservoir. He anticipates those projects starting in May and to be completed in June of 2024.

Mr. Lees then went through a list of city projects needing attention and the cost estimates for each. Councilor Pettigrew feels the city should make the SE Front Street to Oregon Trail a priority as it is located within the Central Urban Renewal District and would have funding through the URA before the URA's expiration date.

City Manager Pro Tem Stokoe said developers for the Chaparral Subdivision have asked about changing the minimum lot size in the Residential Zone from 8000 to 5000. He said they will be coming to city council to ask for this.

The council then prioritized the top five projects as follows:

1. SE Front Street to Oregon Trail Boulevard roadway.
2. NW Columbia Avenue water/sewer line replacement.

3. Traffic signal at Boardman Avenue and N. Main Street.
4. S. Main Street from the BPA line to Wilson Lane roadway.
5. Formation of a new Urban Renewal Agency on the northeast portion of Front Street from Main to Olson.

City Manager Pro Tem Stokoe said the city has asked Anderson Perry & Associates about their planning services they provide. Originally, the city hired Carla McLane temporarily until the city was able to hire and train a new planner. She offered her services for six to nine months. Currently she has worked over nine months, and the city may not have her much longer. Mr. Lees said planning is fairly new to Anderson Perry and they work with a sub-contractor, OTAC. The city will start with a transient business license project to see how planning would work through Anderson Perry & Associates.

Good of the Order

Mayor Keefer asked councilors if they had any topic to discuss for the Good of the Order.

Councilor Drago said he is concerned about the recycling depot cleanliness. It appears people are dumping Styrofoam on the ground or they are putting it in with the cardboard. He asked if the city could monitor this with perhaps a motion sensor camera. City Manager Pro Tem Stokoe said the city's current solid waste provider, Sanitary Disposal, Inc. is proposing a significant rate increase. They anticipate recycling changes coming due to new state mandates.

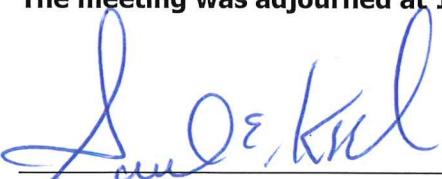
Councilor Drago said he has been approached about the possibility of moving the cemetery to utilize the current location for commercial/industrial purposes. He has also been approached about forming a water district. There was general discussion about possible legislation mandating the West Glen Subdivision hook up to city water. Councilor Pettigrew said she would email the other councilors with the wording from Senator Merkley regarding this legislation.

There was a brief review of next week's events regarding the city manager hiring process and what times and dates the council would need to be available. Mayor Keefer wants to schedule a executive session prior to the February 7, 2023 city council meeting regarding the city manager hiring. The council will meet at 6:00 p.m.

There was brief discussion of when to release the city manager candidates' names to the public and what motion should be made in open session to proceed with the hiring of one of the candidates.

Councilor Williams reminded everyone about not using the "Reply All" on emails for the council. It may constitute a violation of the Oregon Public Meetings Law.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:36 p.m.


Paul Keefer – Mayor
Jackie McCauley – Acting Recorder