

**CANBY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 4, 2019**

PRESIDING: Mayor Brian Hodson

COUNCIL PRESENT: Trygve Berge, Tim Dale, Traci Hensley, Greg Parker, Sarah Spoon and Shawn Varwig.

STAFF PRESENT: Scott McClure, City Administrator; Joseph Lindsay, City Attorney; and Melissa Bisset, City Recorder

OTHERS PRESENT: Irene Breshears, Fire Chief Jim Davis, Bob Hill, Luana Hill, Carol Rosen of the *Canby Herald* and two local Girl Scout Troops.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hodson called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Council Chambers followed by the opening ceremonies.

INTRODUCTION OF GIRL SCOUTS TROOPS: Alea Lell, President of Troop 21716 shared her speech about being president and serving others. Isabelle Stewart from Troop 45166 introduced herself.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PROCLAMATION: Kiwanis Canby Community Food and Toy Drive

Mayor Hodson read the proclamation acknowledging the Kiwanis Canby Community Food and Toy Drive.

Luana Hill of Kiwanis explained that the Food and Toy Drive is a community wide effort.

CITIZEN INPUT & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Irene Breshears, Canby resident, spoke about proclamations and noted that they are important to their groups. She found a news article stating that there was going to be a review because the City does not have a proclamation policy. She provided three sample proclamation policies and thought that there were 24 opportunities for proclamations as the Council meets twice per month. She felt some types of proclamations were frivolous and some were serious. She felt that the Kiwanis Canby Community Food and Toy Drive was an important event. She shared the definition of proclamation. She commented on the three proclamations she had requested: Iwo Jima Remembrance Day, Letter Carriers Food Drive, and POW MIA Recognition Day. She thought that they were worthy causes. Ms. Breshears stated that many of these things were for the community and for significant events.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS: Mayor Hodson announced that there is a new non-profit organization called Pass It On. They are accepting used sports equipment to provide to families who cannot afford the cost of sports gear.

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Region 1 Area Commission on Transportation recently met. ODOT had 200 people and 70 snowplows ready to maintain roads. There was an update on tolling on I-205 and I-5. He noted there were several community events coming up and the events are posted on the Canby Area Chamber of Commerce website.

Mayor Hodson thanked the Canby Center for serving over 140 people for Thanksgiving.

Mayor Hodson stated that he had heard from Truck Drivers who were having difficulties finding truck route signage. He asked Staff to look into the signage.

COUNCILOR COMMENTS & LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilor Berge shared that there was one more opening on the Planning Commission.

Councilor Parker shared that he attended the Heritage and Landmark Commission meeting on Monday. They are conducting a survey and preparing a celebration of the 150 platting of Canby. He commented on City Staff for standing their ground on enforcing the requirements related to Historic standards.

Councilor Hensley stated that there were three applicants for the Traffic Safety Commission opening.

Council President Dale shared the Budget Committee had two openings.

Councilor Varwig noted there was one opening on the Library Board.

Councilor Spoon stated that CTV Channel 5 had some upcoming learning opportunities. She shared about the Library Open House and the Friends of the Library Tour of Homes. She noted that the Bridging Cultures event had over 500 in attendance and it was an amazing event.

****Councilor Spoon moved to remove the appointment to the Planning Commission from the consent agenda in order to have discussion on the topic. Motion was seconded by Councilor Parker and passed 6-0.**

CONSENT AGENDA: **Council President Dale moved to adopt the minutes of the November 20, 2019 City Council Meeting and the Reappointment to Planning Commission of Larry Boatright. Motion was seconded by Councilor Hensley and passed 6-0.

APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING COMMISSION:

Councilor Spoon expressed her concerns about Jason Taylor's application. She stated that the Planning Commission's job is to ensure that applications meet the laws as they exist and there's some discretion but not the will of the people. She stated that 2/3 of Mr. Taylor's application was about ideology and 1/3 was about following the will of the people. She felt there was not anything in his application that showed he was interested and willing to fulfill the role of a Planning Commissioner. It was noted that there were two applicants. Mayor Hodson reviewed the application process for Boards, Commissions and Committees. He stated that there was an interview of both candidates. The interview panel included Mayor Hodson, Councilor Berge (Planning Commission Liaison), Planning Commission Chair John Savory and Planning Director Bryan Brown. Mayor Hodson stated that the interview panel made sure that Mr. Taylor understood the role and expectations of Planning Commissioner. Mayor Hodson reviewed Mr. Taylor's qualifications.

Councilor Parker stated that there was contradictory information. He noted that there is not discretion on the Planning Commission and one must follow the law. He saw language in the application about going with the will of the people. He thought that one size does not fit all with the Boards, Commission and Committee application. He felt that there should be specific questions asked related to the Board, Commission or Committee as part of the application process.

Discussion ensued regarding the application, appointment and removal process of commission members.

Councilor Spoon stated that the application was concerning and felt that it stated that the applicant doesn't want to do the job. She wanted to see the application of the other candidate. She felt that she could not make a good decision based on the information she was presented.

Councilor Berge stated that both candidates were very strong. He explained that during the interview, nothing in Mr. Taylor's application came out in the fashion discussed. He stated that the Planning Commission position is a nonpartisan position and he did not hold weight on political affiliation.

Councilor Spoon expressed concern with the information in the application stating that it is very partisan and noted that was the only information she had to work with.

Council President Dale also felt it would be good to have specialized questions. He felt that the appointment process had worked well for many years. He stated that he found Mr. Taylor to be a capable leader, had a servant's heart, and was a great person who steered a local HOA for many years. He found him to be very good at respecting the law and respecting the intent and spirit of the law.

****Councilor Hensley moved to appoint Jason Taylor to Planning Commission for a term expiring December 31, 2021. Motion was seconded by Council President Dale and passed 4-2. Councilor Parker and Councilor Spoon were opposed.**

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BUSINESS & STAFF REPORTS:

Scott McClure, City Administrator, shared that he completed a tour of all Park facilities with Jeff Snyder. He commented that there would be some projects to make progress on.

He shared that he had met with the School Superintendent who expressed some flexibility with the leases on the Adult Center and the Pool.

It was noted that there would be public input taken on the Splash Pad design options.

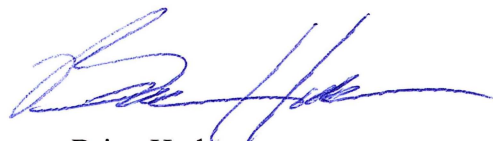
ACTION REVIEW:

1. Approved the Consent Agenda.
2. Approved the appointment to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Hodson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:00 p.m.



Melissa Bisset
City Recorder



Brian Hodson
Mayor