

CITY OF COTTAGE GROVE  
CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA SESSION MINUTES  
September 8, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Solesbee at 8:30 am.

Those in attendance virtually and in person: Mayor Solesbee, Councilors Dreher, Ervin, Merryday, Savage and Stinnett.

Staff present virtually and in person: City Manager Richard Meyers, Assistant City Manager Jake Boone and Public Works and Development Director Faye Stewart.

Mayor Solesbee announced that the Council meeting will start with a 9/11 Moment of Silence and the swearing in of the new Police Chief.

Public Hearing

None

Resolutions and Ordinances

- (a) Resolution Declaring Real Property at 79030 Thornton Lane (Tax Lot 20-03-22-40-00104) to be Surplus

Public Works and Development Director Faye Stewart provided background information to Council regarding the original purchase of the property and the recent partition and rezoning. He presented to Council a resolution that would declare the property at 79030 Thornton Lane surplus and be offered for sale if approved.

Discussion was held and questions asked regarding the process for disposing of property, where the money from the sale will go, the lot size, age and condition of the property.

- (b) Second Vote on Ordinance No. 3175 Amending Section 2.56.030 Appointed Counsel's Fee of the Cottage Grove Municipal Code

City Manager Richard Meyers said this will be the second vote on the ordinance which would increase the appointed counsel's fee.

There was no discussion.

Business from the City Council

(a) Personal Services Agreement for City Manager Recruitment Services

City Manager Richard Meyers presented to Council an agreement drafted by the City Attorney for Personal Services. He said Council will also need to indicate who should be point of contact for GMP and approve the professional fees and expenses.

Discussion was held about the timing of the City Manager Recruitment Kickoff Meeting, dates and importance of a community forum and clarifying a Council liaison to GMP.

(b) City Manager Recruitment Kickoff Meeting

Discussion was held during the above mentioned agenda item.

(c) Concerns from Council

Request was made for help to plan and schedule a community meeting on homelessness.

Business from City Manager

(a) Report from the City Manager

City Manager reported that two new patrol vehicles have been received, bringing the fleet up to five operating police patrol vehicles. He added that the new vehicles will replace ones that have reached high mileage and required frequent maintenance.

Announcement was made inviting others to a clean-up effort on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am, that will take place on Gateway Blvd. from Main Street to Taylor Ave.

Mayor Solesbee excused herself from the meeting at 9:01 am.

Council President Greg Ervin adjourned the meeting at 9:03 am.

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Mindy Roberts, City Recorder

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Candace Solesbee, Mayor