

COTTAGE GROVE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Ervin called the meeting to order at 8:30 am in the Bradsby Conference Room at City Hall.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilors Alex Dreher, Greg Ervin, Mike Fleck, Dana Merryday, Jon Stinnett and Chalice Savage.

PRESENT VIA
GOTOMEETING: Mayor Solesbee.

COUNCIL ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Incoming City Manager Mike Sauerwein, Interim City Manager/Public Works & Development Director Faye Stewart and City Recorder Mindy Roberts.

STAFF PRESENT
VIA GOTOMEETING:

CITY ATTORNEY: None.

MEDIA PRESENT:

SPECIAL MEETING

(a) Reaffirmation of Declaration of Emergency

Interim City Manager/Public Works & Development Director Faye Stewart recapped details of the severe winter storm that hit Cottage Grove and the surrounding area on Saturday, January 13, 2024. He summarized the events that transpired and the steps that Staff has taken to maintain services and respond to the needs of the community.

He informed Council of the process he followed to issue a Local Declaration of State of Emergency and addressed the need for Council to reaffirm the declaration. He added that if the emergency is recognized, State or Federal funds might be identified to recover some of the costs associated.

Discussion held about steps that may need to be taken in order for Staff to recoup lost wages, resources available for people to dispose of tree and limb debris, clarification of the fresh water locations and the mobilization of the portable shower trailer.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR FLECK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR SAVAGE THAT CITY COUNCIL REAFFIRM THE LOCAL DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY ISSUED BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024 AT 8:55 AM AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE LOCAL DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY.

Council President Ervin announced the motion and called the vote.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Councilor Dreher	Councilor Stinnett	Councilor Savage	Councilor Fleck	Councilor Merryday	Councilor Ervin	Mayor Solesbee
AYES	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS							
ABSTAIN							

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council President Ervin adjourned the Special Meeting of the City Council at 8:51 am.

The next regular City Council Meeting will be held February 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Mindy Roberts, City Recorder

Candace Solesbee, Mayor