

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
SISTERS CITY COUNCIL  
520 E. CASCADE AVENUE  
APRIL 14, 2016

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Nancy Connolly      Council President  
David Asson          Council  
Amy Burgstahler      Councilor

**ABSENT:**

Chris Frye            Mayor  
Andrea Blum          Councilor

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Steve Bryant          City Attorney  
Patrick Davenport      CDD Director  
Paul Bertagna          PW Director  
Joe O'Neill            Finance Officer  
Kathy Nelson          City Recorder

**ABSENT:**

Andrew Gorayeb      City Manager

**I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Connolly at 7:02 p.m.

**II. PROCLAMATION – Week of the Young Child**

*Councilor Burgstahler moved to approve the Week of the Young Child proclamation.  
Councilor Asson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Council President Connolly** read a proclamation proclaiming April 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> the Week of the Young Child and urged all citizens to celebrate the youngest learners in our community by recognizing and supporting their needs.

**III. VISITOR COMMUNICATION**

**Jeff Campbell, 66488 Sizemore Road, Sisters, OR 97759**

**Mr. Campbell** noted the Council would be considering and voting on adopting a resolution to accept the nine principles of civility from the Speak Your Peace program. He asked for Council members to be mindful of their individual opinion and support a culture of inclusion and respect. He asked for Council members to think as community leaders and consider the community when voting to implement the resolution. He noted the tenets were simple and easy to use.

**Robyn Holdman, 14402 Crossroads Loop, Sisters, OR 97759**

**Ms. Holdman** introduced herself as the Chairperson for the Citizens 4 Community (C4C) Committee and stated she was in attendance to encourage the Council to adopt the Speak Your Peace resolution. She stated the Speak Your Peace project began after witnessing a decline in civic engagement due to a hostile environment. She reported C4C has received strong support from the community for the core values Speak Your Peace represents. She reported on the other agencies and groups that already adopted the principles.

**Kent Neff, read by Robyn Holdman**

**Ms. Holdman** read a letter written by Mr. Neff reflecting on the positive principles of the Speak Your Peace program and requesting the Council publically support the efforts of the Citizens 4 Community steering committee.

**Betty Schuler and Edie Jones, Healthy Beginning**

**Ms. Schuler** and **Ms. Jones** announced they were in attendance to speak in support of the Week of the Young Child Proclamation and describe the support Healthy Beginnings provides to young children in Sisters. They spoke on the importance of young children having their needs met in order to successfully develop.

**Clark Brody, 70424 Candy Flower, Black Butte Ranch, OR 97759**

**Mr. Brody** stated he joined the leadership team of the Citizens 4 Community and had presented the program to the Black Butte Ranch Fire Department, Police Department and Board of Directors, all of which adopted the tenets. He stated Sisters has its challenges and Speak Your Peace could be used as a platform to level the playing field. He stated it meets the test of common sense and begins with the individual.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Minutes

1. March 17, 2016 – Workshop
2. March 24, 2016 – Workshop
3. March 24, 2016 – Regular

B. Bills to Approve

1. April Accounts Payable

*Councilor Asson moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Burgstahler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**V. STAFF REPORTS**

A. April Staff/Council Work Plan – no questions

B. New Business License Report for February 2016 – list included

**VI. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**A. Discussion and Consideration of Resolution No. 2016-08: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF SISTERS' REPRESENTATION IN THE UPDATES TO THE DESCHUTES COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN**

This item was pulled from the agenda.

**B. Discussion and Consideration of Resolution No. 2016-09: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SISTERS ADOPTING CHANGES TO THE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE**

**Finance Officer O'Neill** explained the master fee changes were due to the transient room tax rate increase and to clarify the fees charged to transient merchants participating in public events.

*Councilor Asson moved to approve Resolution No. 2016-09 adopting changes to the master fee schedule. Councilor Burgstahler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**C. Discussion and Consideration of Resolution No. 2016-10: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SISTERS AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2007-17 PERTAINING TO CITY COUNCIL RULES**

**Councilor Burgstahler** announced since the nine tenets of Speak Your Peace had been incorporated into the Council rules she wanted to announce she was involved with the Citizens 4 Community committee and would be voting.

*Councilor Burgstahler moved to approve Resolution No. 2016-10 amending Resolution 2007-17 pertaining to City Council rules. Councilor Asson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**D. Discussion and Consideration of Resolution No. 2016-11: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SISTERS ACCEPTING THE NINE TOOLS OF CIVILITY**

**Councilor Asson** stated he was not supportive of the resolution and suggested it be pulled from the agenda until a time when more Council members were in attendance. **Council President Connolly** replied both Mayor Frye and Councilor Blum had voiced support of the resolution and did not feel there was any reason to wait for a vote.

*Councilor Burgstahler moved to approve Resolution No. 2016-11 accepting the nine tools of civility. Council President Connolly seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of two to one. Council President Connolly and Councilor Burgstahler voted in favor of the motion. Councilor Asson voted against the motion.*

**VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

**City Recorder Nelson** informed the Council they had received an invitation from the Rotary Club to attend the "Books for Kids" program assembly in May as a thank you to the Council for providing a Community Grant to support the program.

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**City Recorder Nelson** informed the Council that students from the University of Oregon's Folklife network would be hosting a presentation at City Hall on May 17<sup>th</sup>. She explained the program researches and identifies cultural traditions and folk artists and gives voice to their stories. The presentation will present some of their stories.

**Director Bertagna** reported the Hood Avenue project was nearing completion and he was obtaining pricing for seal coating. He reported the overnight park would open May 1<sup>st</sup> and weather permitting, paving would be completed in the park prior to the opening date. He reported the final coating for the tennis courts located on the school district property would be completely as soon as the weather warmed up some. Striping and installation of nets would follow.

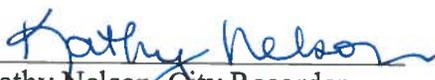
**VIII MAYOR/COUNCILOR BUSINESS**

**Councilor Burgstahler** distributed an outline for the first edition of the City newsletter. She reported the first edition would be June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Councilor Burgstahler** discussed the streamlined version of the Council goals and requested Council review them prior to voting on adopting them at the next regular meeting. She stated the five goals would be listed on the website with a dropdown menus for each so anyone could delve into the level of detail of interest to them.

**Council President Connolly** asked what type of response had been received from the "notify me" button on the City's website. **City Recorder Nelson** reported she had only received an email from two individuals who were already on her master distribution list.

**IX. ADJOURN – 7:45 p.m.**

  
Kathy Nelson, City Recorder

  
Chris Frye Mayor