

City of Falls City
City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes
Thursday August 4, 2016
Meeting Location: 320 N Main Street, Falls City, Oregon 97344

Council Present: Mayor Terry Ungricht, Lori Jean Sickles, Jennifer Drill, Tony Meier, Gerald Melin, Dennis Sickles and Julee Bishop

Staff Present: Domenica Protheroe, City Clerk and JoHanna Birr, City Clerk

Polk County Sheriff's Office Staff Present: Sergeants Tyrone Jenkins and Jason Ball, Sheriff Mark Garton via speakerphone.

Oregon State Legislature Representative Present: Dave Gomberg

Mayor Ungricht called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

1) Roll Call

Clerk Protheroe took roll call. Julee Bishop arrived at 6:03 pm.

2) Joint Meeting with Polk County Sheriff's Office to discuss vandalism in parks, break-ins, Neighborhood Watch, and other law related issues. Mayor Ungricht introduced Sergeant Jenkins, Sergeant Ball, and Representative Gomberg. The meeting was well attended with sixty-three (63) citizens, seven (7) Council members, and two (2) staff members present. Seventy-two (72) in total.

Council briefly discussed using a three-citizen panel in lieu of Municipal Court. The sheriff's office was considering enforcement of overlapping City and State codes. Representative Gomberg spoke on funding which was dependent on the results of the November 2016 vote on the corporate tax structure.

Arron Wenner of University Security and Alarm spoke on video surveillance options. Vandalism proof cameras are available and the system could be expanded in the future. Mr. Wenner agreed to send a proposal. Pros, cons, and legal issues related to video surveillance were mentioned.

Vandalism in the City's parks was discussed at great length. Other topics discussed included citizens taking photos or video of crimes in progress, intimidation by individuals, vacant homes, squatters, break-ins, speeding vehicles, drug issues, and vehicles parking in the Michael Harding Park. Sergeant Ball said the difficulty in pursuing crimes in our area, is that first-hand witnesses are reluctant to come forward. This lack of first-hand information makes it difficult on both victims and witnesses. Citizens and Polk County Sheriff's officials agreed two-way communication is necessary. Sheriff Garton spoke to attendees via speakerphone pledging his support in any way possible; stressing it must be a joint effort.

Citizens in attendance pledged a total of \$500.00 (five-hundred dollars) for vehicle barriers for Michael Harding (Falls) Park.

Sergeant Jenkins spoke in detail on the Neighborhood Watch program stating it can be a key element to deter crime. Seventeen (17) Individuals signed up to participate in Neighborhood Watch.

Clerk Protheroe distributed suggestion sheets (Exhibit A) and information sheet on how to report crimes and code complaints (Exhibit B)

The meeting ended in applause for Polk County Sheriff's Office attendees.

3) **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Attested:

 Mayor Terry Ungricht

 City Clerk Protheroe

Exhibit A

Please fill out this form with suggestions to improve Code Enforcement and Law Enforcement in Falls City. Thank YOU!

(*) Indicates required information

My Suggestion is (*):

My Suggestion Would Benefit (*):

Are you a City Resident or a Falls City Taxpayer? (*): YES I am/NO I am not

Optional Information

Name:

Telephone Number:

Email:

Would you like to help form or join a Neighborhood Watch Program?

Circle one: Yes No

Would you vote to support a Falls City Safety Levy?

Circle One: Yes No

Report Crimes to → Polk County Sheriff's Office

850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon 97338

For non-emergencies call 503.623.9251

For emergencies dial 911

Website complaint forms for drug activity: <http://www.co.polk.or.us/sheriff/drug-activity-complaint>

Website to report a crime: <http://www.co.polk.or.us/sheriff/report-crime>

Website to submit a tip: <http://www.co.polk.or.us/sheriff/submit-tip>

Animal Control → Polk County Sheriff's Office

850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon 97338 Phone: 503.623.9251

Exhibit B

Report Falls City Code Violations to → Falls City

299 Mill Street, Falls City, Oregon 97344 Phone: 503.787.3631

Complaint forms are available at City Hall and on the website: www.fallscityoregon.gov

See other side for event information!

Are you interested in helping to form or volunteering for Neighborhood Watch?

Call Falls City City Hall 503.787.3.3631 or stop by 299 Mill Street, Falls City, Oregon

Upcoming and on-going events

August 16, 2016 at 7:00 pm Town Hall Meeting "How to keep the City Safe" Community Center Community 320 N. Main Street, Falls City, Oregon

August 25, 2016 at 6:30 PM Popsicles in the Park! Lower Park (Fay Wilson Memorial Park)
We live in a beautiful area and want it to be a healthy and fun place for parents, kids, families and all community members. Join together for a family friendly walk through the park ending with free popsicles for all!

Second Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM City Council Meeting Community Center 320 N. Main Street, Falls City, Oregon