
City of Falls City
City Council Emergency Meeting Minutes
Wednesday February 17, 2021 5:00 PM
COVID-19 Related Conference Call (425)-436-6370, Code #251514

Council Present: Lori Jean Sickles, Tony Meier, Amy Houghtaling, Dennis Sickles, T.J. Bailey

Staff Present: AJ Foscoli, City Manager; Jamie Ward, City Recorder

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Gordon called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Clerk Ward took roll call. Councilor Dennis Sickles arrived at 5:04 p.m. Councilor A. Houghtaling was absent.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Gordon led the pledge.

3. Motion to adopt the entire Agenda.

A motion was made by Councilor T. Meier and seconded by Councilor T. Bailey to adopt the entire agenda with additions including Council President and fire budget documents. Motion carried 4-0-0-2. Ayes: Lori Jean Sickles, Jennifer Drill, Tony Meier, T.J. Bailey.

4. Emergency Declaration

- a. Oregon Governor Kate Brown declared a state of emergency in nine (9) counties on Saturday February 13, 2021 after severe winter weather blew through Northwest Oregon. Strong winds, freezing rain, ice and snow have led to hundreds of thousands of people without power, road closures and trees. Falls City is one of those 9 Counties and begun seeing the affects of an ice storm Friday February 12, 2021. The Public Works Department worked around the clock to maintain the generators at both water treatment plants, and Carey Court Lift Station, as well as began the process of clearing the path to and from the treatment plants and city right of ways. As the power outages continued through the weekend the generator at the teal creek treatment plant malfunctioned and public works had to contact Dean Bender, Emergency Management Manager for Polk County to borrow a generator till the water pump could be replaced in ours. Monday, February 16, 2021 Mayor Gordon deemed it necessary to issue an emergency declaration with City Recorder, Jamie Ward until one could be approved naming City Manager, AJ Foscoli as Emergency Manager. Falls City had major damage from this weather event on almost every city street in and outside of city limits. The estimated cost for repair and clean up will exceed more than the city can pay and this emergency declaration will help to ensure emergency funds are dispersed correctly. The city will need to higher contract workers to help with that clean up process. This Declaration will last until February 20. 2021.
- b. RESOLUTION 02-2021-Ratifying the Temporary State of Emergency declared by Mayor Gordon within the boundaries of the city and delegating authority to the City Manager.

A motion was made by Councilor T. Bailey and seconded by Councilor D. Sickles to adopt RESOLUTION 02-2021. A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE TEMPORARY STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED BY MAYOR GORDON WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY



AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE CITY MANAGER. Motion carried 5-0-0-1. Ayes: Lori Jean Sickles, Jennifer Drill, Tony Meier, Dennis Sickles, T.J. Bailey.

- a. Mayor Gordon wanted to say Thank you to Chief Bob Young, Jon Creekmore, Jay Epperson, AJ Foscoli, and Jamie Ward for working so hard to get everything working again.

5. Adjourn

No Motion Made

The meeting adjourned at 5:11 pm.

Attested:  _____ Mayor, Jeremy Gordon
 _____ City Recorder, Jamie Ward