



**Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 10, 2020
MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Edison called to order the Regular Meeting of the Banks City Council at 7:03 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Present were: Pete Edison, Stephanie Jones, Marsha Kirk, Michael Nelson, Erica Harold-Heine, Mark Gregg, and Jeff Thompson (incoming Councilor)

Excused: Mike Lyda

Staff Present: Jolynn Becker, Angie Lanter, Denise Holmes, Dan Kearns,

CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

1. 2020 Banks Citizenship Award Presentation – Mayor Edison shared Leslee Sipp’s long history of tireless volunteer service in many areas of the city, as well as her work as an educator at Banks Elementary School. He presented her with the 2020 Banks Citizenship Award.

Ms. Sipp said she was surprised and humbled. She thanked the Mayor and Council and expressed her deep appreciation for the Banks community.

Incoming Councilor Jeff Thompson noted Ms. Sipp had been helping his family since they moved to Banks, and he could not say enough to thank her for all that she has done.

Mayor Edison called for a brief recess to allow time for pictures. He reconvened the meeting at 7:17 pm.

CITY REPORTS, BRIEFINGS, AND PROGRAMS

Police Monthly Briefing - Washington County Sheriff's Office - Deputy Frank Ward presented the Police Monthly Briefing for October. He clarified there was nothing the City could do to assist with the ongoing

calls received from one particular residence over the past few months as a minor was involved. The police were closely working with the Mental Health Response Team to provide resources that, if accepted, would likely eliminate the problem and help the family.

2. Library Director Report –Library Director Holmes highlighted several items in the Library Report, which was in the packet.
3. 100 Year Celebration Update – City Recorder Lanter announced that the giveaway item for November was an ice scraper. She invited the Councilors to ask Ms. Sipp any questions about Banks’ history.

Ms. Sipp shared her most memorable memory was a Christmas Eve when she was snowed in and a family, who had just moved in, had just gotten out of their driveway and needed food. She could not get out to help them, so she called Mark at Jim’s Thriftway about their plight, assuring he would be paid back. He said to just send them to the store, where he gave them gift cards and refused to take any money from her. This was just one example of how the Banks community took care of one another. She also noted how committed the Christmas Boxes group was to ensuring everyone had a wonderful Christmas, even if deadlines for requests were missed. People who had received help over the years also called to say they no longer needed help and would ask how they could now help others.

4. Economic Development Commission Update – City Manager Becker stated no meeting in November due to the Code Committee meeting that was held. She confirmed the businesses applying for the Façade Program had until November 15th to submit their budget documents, so Staff could complete the final paperwork.
5. Planning Commission Update – City Manager Becker reported a work session was held to review the processes and procedures for the Planning Commission. The City was seeking at least three Planning Commissioners to fill vacant positions and any recommendations or anyone interested should be directed to contact the City. She was still waiting on confirmation from Jeremy Bench and Tammy Buck, so five Commissioners would be needed if they were not interested. And Katherine, another Commissioner, decided not to re-up her term
6. City Manager Report – City Manager Becker noted her report was in the packet. Her additional comments and responses to questions were as follows:
 - She corrected the dates regarding the Police Services Levy under News & Updates noting the bond levy would go out on the May 2021 ballot, followed by November 2021, and then May 2022, giving three opportunities to pass the levy.
 - She agreed to better define the New Water Sources Tasks under Project Updates, especially completed Task 4, to provide more information for the Councilors.
 - She added the Christmas Tree Lighting event would be different this year due to COVID restrictions. The tree would be lit on December 1st, followed by the City Hall building and the Log Cabin. Staff was trying to get businesses on Main Street involved by putting up lights, so Main Street would be all lit up as people drove through during the holidays
 - She updated that a letter of interest had been submitted for a grant to fund a concept plan for the Port of Tillamook pathway. An application would be filled out in the next couple of months after she and the Mayor met with Hampton and Port of Tillamook.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- City Council Meeting Minutes – October 13th, 2020

Councilor Jones moved to approve the Consent Calendar; seconded by Councilor Harold-Heine. MOTION CARRIED 5-0. Ayes: Kirk, Jones, Harold-Heine, Gregg, Nelson; Nays: None.

PUBLIC HEARING – None

BUSINESS AGENDA – None

COUNCIL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Councilor Jones reported on the Annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale being held by the Friends of the Library (FOL), noting only small and large pies and several kinds were available. The main topic of conversation at last night's School Board meeting was that one-third of all middle school and high school students were currently failing a class. Brainstorming was happening to figure out what could be done to help. Although metrics had been changed, Banks was still in the phase where only ten students were allowed at a time in the classrooms, but only two students and their families were interested when approached to fill those slots. Students would have had to spend half of their allotted two-hour classroom time on the bus, which did not seem worthwhile to most families. The Public Advisory Board would not meet in November.

Councilor Kirk noted the meetings' schedules were a bit off due to COVID. Columbia-Pacific Economic Development (Col-Pac) and NW-ACT met in October and would meet again on November 12, which would include a review of ODOT's funding for the next cycle. Attendance at the State Park was still high, and the Banks Trailhead showed almost 7,000 people in October, likely due to good weather. The panels for the wayfinding sign were now completed and needed only to be mounted. She hoped the sign would be finished in the next week.

Councilor Nelson reported that the Library Board did not meet, and information on the Banks Fire District was included in tonight's packet.

Councilor Harold-Heine reported the Habitat for Humanity did not meet last month. Because they only met quarterly, she did not expect to see another Habitat meeting until December or January. The Boy Scouts would be putting out Food Bank donation bags around the neighborhood on November 28th and would pick up filled bags the following Saturday, December 5th.

Mayor Edison congratulated Mrs. Sipp and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Next month would be his last month as Mayor and he looked forward to being relegated to Council status again.

City Recorder Lanter announced that Portland State University would be offering its Leadership Boot Camp, a training class for newly elected officials, via Zoom on Saturday, December 12th from 8:30 am to 12:30. She heard from other cities that it was a very good training. Any interested City Councilors or incoming Councilors should contact her for registration.

City Attorney Kearns reported that Portland looked like a ghost town with the exception of homeless people and evening protest marches. No one worked in downtown Portland. Plenty of on-street parking was available, traffic was super light, and everything was closed up. Many businesses were boarded up in anticipation of the election, more so than during the protests over the summer.

Councilor Harold-Heine refuted his statement, stating she worked in the World Trade Center in downtown Portland and was not alone in her building. A small group of people still worked in the downtown core and it was absolutely safe during the day. Evening protests were happening in an area of three to four square blocks,

not the entirety of downtown. The situation was not as dire as many people believed. Many boarded up buildings downtown have been decorated by artists and looked lovely.

City Attorney Kearns said he would check in with City Manager Becker City Planner Lauren Scott about doing some housekeeping on nuisance and Code Enforcement issues. He recommended that Council circle back in 2021 to discuss ideas for updating that Code chapter.

Library Director Holmes congratulated the incoming Mayor and Council Members and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angelo Lanta". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.