

**PHILOMATH CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
November 9, 2015**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of the City of Philomath was called to order on Monday, November 9, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Philomath City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Rocky Sloan.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor Rocky Sloan
Councilor Angie Baca
Councilor Doug Edmonds
Councilor Charla Koeppel
Councilor Sean Manning
Councilor Eric Niemann
Councilor Jason Leonard

Excused:

Staff Present:

City Manager Chris Workman	Police Chief Ken Rueben
City Attorney Jim Brewer	Finance Director Joan Swanson
City Recorder Ruth Post	Public Works Director Kevin Fear
Public Works Operations Supervisor Garry Black	

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- 3.1 City Council Minutes – October 12, 2015**
- 3.2 Park Advisory Board Minutes – October 6, 2015**
- 3.3 Park Advisory Board Minutes—November 3, 2015**
- 3.4 Finance/Administration Committee Minutes – October 8, 2015**
- 3.5 Finance/Administration Committee Minutes – October 28, 2015**

MOTION: Councilor Baca moved, Councilor Manning second, to approve the consent agenda and the council agenda for November 9, 2015, as presented. Motion APPROVED 7-0 (Yes: Baca, Koeppel, Manning, Edmonds, Leonard, Niemann and Sloan; No: None.)

4. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

- 4.1** None.

5. VISITORS/PETITIONS

- 5.1 Allen Lahey, Philomath, OR** – Mr. Lahey petitioned the Council to install a fire hydrant on North 7th Street because there is substandard spacing of hydrants. He stated it is too far of a distance between hydrants. He stated he has contacted the Fire Department's Life & Safety Officer and Public Works Director Kevin Fear with his request (Supplemental Agenda Item #5.1).
- 5.2 Jennifer Klammer, Corvallis, OR** – Ms. Klammer stated her support for Resolution 15-13 for formation of an OSU Extension Taxing District. She is a Master Gardener and 4-H Leader.

- 1 **5.3** Paula Lupeko, Philomath, OR – Ms. Lupeko stated her support for the Extension
2 Taxing District. She is a Master Gardener.
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4 **5.4** Nick Powell, Corvallis, OR – Mr. Powell stated his support for the Extension
5 Taxing District. He stated he is very familiar with the Master Woodland Managers
6 program.
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8 **5.5** Colleen Kutzler, Philomath, OR – Ms. Kutzler stated her support for the OSU
9 Extension Taxing District. She stated she works with 4-H.
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11 **5.6** Johnne Freeman, Philomath, OR – Ms. Freeman stated her support for the OSU
12 Extension Taxing District. She has been involved in 4-H.
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14 **5.7** Shirley Blake, Philomath, OR – Ms. Blake stated she is a 4-H alumni and stated
15 support for the OSU Extension Taxing District.
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17 **5.8** Rick Wells, Monmouth, OR – Mr. Wells stated his support of 4-H.
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19 **5.9** Stacy Magers, Philomath, OR – Mr. Magers stated his concern with farm animal
20 permits in the City that don't require high enough standards and don't allow for
21 follow-up inspections. He requested there be changes made to the permit
22 process, particularly signatures of neighbors, limits on numbers and follow-up
23 check ups. Mayor Sloan stated his support for a limit on the number of chickens.
24 He requested and received a consensus to refer this to the Police Committee.
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26 **6. STAFF REPORTS**

27 **6.1 City Manager** – Mr. Workman reported that he had excused the Police Chief and
28 Finance Director tonight. He reported that there are two vacancies on the Park
29 Advisory Board to be filled with the resignations of Ben Folgate and Patrick
30 McDonald and information will be posted this week to recruit replacements. He
31 reported on the Park Board's survey regarding the proposed North 11th Street
32 park and the workshop will be held this Saturday with a consultant who works on
33 natural playscape parks. He stated the consultant will use the information from
34 the workshop to develop a park plan to be submitted for grant funding.
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36 Mr. Workman stated he has received the grants for the Water and Sewer Master
37 Plans. He stated the outdoor shelter lighting has been completed at Kugler Hall.
38 He stated he has begun his final report to the Ford Family Foundation.
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40 Mr. Workman stated the reports on the Benton View Drive Local Improvement
41 District are underway and should be ready for the Council at the December
42 meeting. He stated his evaluation is due from the Council at the December
43 meeting in an executive session and evaluation forms will be handed out after
44 this meeting.
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46 **6.2 Public Works Operations Supervisor** – Mr. Black reported that 12 applications
47 have been received for their open position. He stated that leaf pickup is going
48 well with Republic Services. He also reported that plans are underway to update
49 the highway medians with more appropriate and drought tolerant plants. Mr.
50 Workman stated it costs approximately \$2,000 every time Public Works has to
51 clean up the medians as is. There was additional discussion about options to

1 consider. Mr. Workman stated the final recommendation will be forwarded to the
2 Public Works Committee.

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4 **6.3 City Recorder** – Ms. Post reported that a prospective initiative petition has been
5 received to amend the Zoning Code regarding jail zoning.

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7 **6.4 Finance Director** – Excused.

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9 **6.5 Police Chief** – Excused.

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11 **6.6 City Attorney** – Mr. Brewer reported he attended the Government Law ?? He
12 stated he did receive additional information regarding ... and will have resolutions
13 to present.

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15 Ms. Post provided an additional update on the activities of the Public Arts
16 Council.

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18 **7. COUNCIL REPORTS**

19 **7.1** None.

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21 **8. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

22 **8.1 Resolution 15-13 OSU Extension Taxing District – Derek Godwin, Kathy**
23 **Clark, and Maggie Livesay, OSU Extension Staff** – Mr. Godwin provided history
24 of Extension and the combination of federal, state and county dollars that pay for
25 it. He stated that state & federal dollars pay for faculty while county funding
26 provides support services.

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28 Ms. Clark described how Extension provides services and the volunteers with
29 Philomath addresses that volunteer. She encouraged the Council to pass the
30 resolution to allow Philomath voters to decide on the district.

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32 Mr. Godwin described declining Extension funding that has resulted in some
33 Counties enacting service districts. He stated that Benton County is looking at
34 the Extension District as a way to stabilize funding. He stated that 24 out of 36
35 counties have service districts. He stated that a resolution from each city is
36 required to opt into the district.

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38 Mr. Godwin stated that the federal funding received has remained flat, as has
39 state funding. Ms. Livesay described how OSU faculty working with Extension
40 now serve more counties. She described how she has an endowed position but
41 has very little funding available to support her.

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43 Mr. Godwin stated that Lane County only has county funding that comes through
44 donations. Participation in 4-H in Lane County is \$200 per participant. Mr.
45 Godwin described how advisory groups determine what programs to proceed
46 with. Ms. Livesay stated the 4-H program is always filled to capacity. Ms. Clark
47 described the importance of training for leaders.

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49 Ms. Livesay stated the Kids for Conservation program went away because the
50 leaders retired and nobody stepped up to continue the program.

1 Mr. Workman requested Mr. Godwin explain the substantial increase in the
2 biennium funding in the current Benton County budget. Mr. Godwin stated the
3 positions that have been soft funded could become permanent if the taxing
4 district is approved. The County Commissioners provided that funding for the
5 current two year biennium but stated it wouldn't be sustainable and this led to the
6 need for the taxing district request.
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8 Mayor Sloan requested the Council review the information and get any questions
9 answered by the City Manager or Mr. Godwin and consider the resolution at the
10 next meeting.
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12 **9. INFORMATION & CORRESPONDENCE**

- 13 **9.1 Website report for October 2015** – No comment.
- 14 **9.2 Philomath Connection ridership for October 2015** – No comment.
- 15 **9.3 Email from Ben Folgate resigning from Park Advisory Board** – No comment.
- 16 **9.4 Republic Services 2015 Third Quarter report** – No comment.
- 17 **9.5 November 3, 2015 election results (unofficial)** – No comment.

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19 **10. ADJOURNMENT**

- 20 **10.1 Adjournment** – Seeing no further business, Mayor Sloan adjourned the meeting
21 at 8:33 p.m.

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23 SIGNED:
24 Rocky Sloan, Mayor

ATTEST:
Ruth Post, MMC, City Recorder