



**Willamina City Council
Virtual Only Special Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Friday, December 22, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.**

VIRTUAL ONLY

Minutes taken by Deputy City Recorder Krystal Stevens

Location of Meeting:

Virtual Only via Zoom

Present at Meeting:

Mayor Ila Skyberg
Council President Rita Baller at 5:10 p.m.
Councilor Craig Johnson
Councilor Barry Wilson
Councilor Karl Klym
Councilor Jennifer Pederson
Councilor Vickie Hernandez
City Manager Bridget Meneley
Deputy City Recorder Krystal Stevens

Mayor Skyberg called the meeting of the City of Willamina City Council to order at 5:00 p.m.

Deputy City Recorder Stevens took the roll, and a quorum was present.

Flag Salute did not take place due the nature of the virtual meeting.

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND CORRECTIONS- None

PUBLIC INPUT – BUSINESS FOR THE AUDIENCE- None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

REGULAR AGENDA

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Mayor Skyberg introduced the Land Donation Agreement- Resolution 22-23-013. (Amended later by renumbering to Resolution 23-24-001) Clarification was requested.

City Manager Meneley explained the history behind Resolution 22-23-013. The land donation agreement began in 2021 with Resolution 21-22-004 being approved by the Council. This was an effort by the city to grant a temporary and permanent easement to itself. If done properly this transaction can be done legally, but it is not typical for a property owner, because of a doctrine called “merger” under the law.

The current city attorney recommended having the Council approve the last land donation agreement through a Resolution 22-23-013.

There was discussion regarding the location of the lots being donated. There are three lots located in and behind the Oaken Hills neighborhood. Two of them are thin strips of land referred to as “spite strips”, which are intended to trigger land use development processes in order to obtain the right to pass over them. One of the spite strips is located at the end of the pavement on NE F Street, one of the spite strips is closer to NE Oaken Hills Drive, and one is a triangular piece at NE 4th Place and NE Oaken Hills Drive. The triangular piece was donated with the condition that it will one day be a park.

The reason for the special meeting was because the other party involved in the land use acquisition has filed for permits, gone to the Planning Commission, and worked with the city for the last two years. Those permits will expire at the beginning of 2024. Out of courtesy to the developer who has invested financially in the permit process and is not to blame for the delay, a special meeting was called to adopt this Resolution.

MOTION: Councilor Johnson moved that the City Council adopt Resolution 22-23-013. Councilor Klym seconded the motion.

There was discussion about the name Hobbs Park being named after the person who owned the company OR-AK who donated the three lots which includes the property for the park. The type of park that it will be is yet to be determined.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

City Manager Meneley informed the Council that we learned, in the future all land acquisitions need to be started at the title company. This will streamline the entire process and save time and money for the city.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

ADJOURN

MOTION: Councilor Klym motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Skyberg at 5:15 p.m.

Time and Date of Next Council Meeting

The next City Council Regular Meeting will be held on January 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
West Valley Fire Station
825 NE Main Street
Willamina, OR. 97396

Information regarding the above meeting(s) and Zoom access information can be found on the City of Willamina website at <https://www.willamina.oregon.gov>

Minutes submitted by Deputy City Recorder Krystal Stevens



Minutes approved by Mayor Ila Skyberg


