



CITY OF YACHATS
YACHATS CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF February 19, 2025

The City Council's regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Craig Berdie at 1:00 pm in the Civic Meeting Room of the Yachats Commons. Members present: Councilor Barry Collins, Councilor Catherine Whitten-Carey, and Councilor Nicole Hedlund. Absent: Council President Mary Ellen O'Shaughnessey. Staff: City Manager Bobbi Price, Recorder Kimmie Jackson.

Attendance: 20

I. Announcements-Correspondence – Proclamations:

1. Mayor Berdie received correspondence from a Canadian citizen expressing their intent to cancel their trip to Yachats due to concerns about the political climate. The letter will be forwarded to the City Clerk for the record.

II. Public Comments / Citizens Concerns: Dan Stein, Starcreek St. Yachats started the Strong Town Group for this area; there are over two hundred branches, with grassroots in the communities, offering support for the City.

III. Consent Agenda

1. The City Manager's report covered several vital updates and ongoing initiatives. Updates on various projects and planning efforts. A brief overview of the City's financial health, a report from the Sheriff's Deputy, encouragement for community involvement in forthcoming meetings and events.

(21:11) Motion: Approval of the consent agenda with corrections to Council Summary as stated. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. New Business

1. Recycling Modernization Act- Dahl Disposal's presentation by Dave Larmouth covered waste management solutions, sustainability efforts, and community involvement in recycling. Plans for expanding services and enhancing the recycling program were also discussed.

(56:34) Motion was made to instruct the City Manager to complete the surveys. The vote was called and passed unanimously.



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2. Supplemental Budget Request - City Manager Bobbi Price proposed a supplemental budget request for the trolley project, which has secured \$230,000 in grants. A public hearing was requested for the next Council meeting on March 19. It was made clear that the purchase of the Trolley will be made using granted funds, and the operational cost will be paid for from the restricted visitor amenities fund. No action at the moment, sharing that this will be publicly noticed for the hearing on March 19.
3. FEMA Next Steps - The discussion about FEMA focused on whether the City would move forward with a temporary moratorium or use the model floodplain management ordinance provided for the FEMA Pre-Implementation Compliance Measures.

(1:25:50) The motion was made to create the code and move to DLCD, following Oregon Statute. The vote was called and passed unanimously.

4. Letter of Support- Mayor Berdie discussed the approval of City Manager Price's letter requesting a grant from Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley, and inquired about a similar request for Representative Boyle. The letter expresses strong support for funding necessary to construct a new reservoir to ensure water sustainability and safety, given vulnerabilities in existing infrastructure. It also addresses local housing demands and aligns with federal priorities for sustainable development.

(1:22:26) Motion was made to approve this letter to Senator Wyden Merkley and an equivalent letter for Senator Representative Hoyle to apply for federal grants for community-initiated projects. The vote was called and passed unanimously.



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V. Ongoing Business

1. 2025 City Council Goal Review – Council worked diligently to ensure each goal was measurable and actionable, establishing a clear framework for success. City Manager Price suggested quarterly work sessions to review these goals, and a proposal was met with enthusiastic agreement among the Council members. It was emphasized that although the upcoming year would be busy, it would not involve the same level of construction activity as the past year.

(1:40:27) The motion to approve the 2025 City Council Goals. The vote was called and passed unanimously, reflecting a strong consensus among members.

Adjourned at 2:44 pm

Kimmie Jackson Recorder