

### Minutes of the Molalla City Council Work Session

# Molalla Adult Community Center 315 Kennel Ave., Molalla, OR 97038 November 10, 2021

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Molalla City Council Work Session of November 10, 2021 was called to order by Mayor Scott Keyser at 6:00pm.

### **COUNCIL ATTENDANCE**

Mayor Scott Keyser, Council President Leota Childress, Councilor Terry Shankle, Councilor Jody Newland. Absent: Councilor Crystal Robles, Councilor Elizabeth Klein,

## STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Dan Huff, City Manager; Mac Corthell, Community Development Director; Christie DeSantis, City Recorder; Andy Peters, Public Works Division Manager; Steve Donovan, Dyer Partnership.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Water Rate Study (Huff/Donovan)

City Manager Huff introduced Steve Donovan with Dyer Partnership. Mr. Donovan has created a proposed conservation pricing strategy for the City of Molalla. Many cities have applied this pricing system, in an effort to encourage citizens to conserve water. The proposal is to apply a 2.64% general rate increase to the pricing block. Blocks will be separated into three separate usage areas.

Water leaks throughout the City were all located in late summer, early fall. ARPA Funds have been designated to fix the city pipes that are causing the greatest leakage. This will solve 10% of 30% of the loss. Mr. Donovan stressed the importance of a conservation plan within the City.

Mr. Donovan presented neighboring community rates, that reflected Molalla being in the mid-level range. Other cities charge for Street Maintenance, where Molalla does not.

Council requested that Staff bring this topic to the December 8, 2021 regular meeting.

## **ADJOURN**

Mayor Keyser adjourned the Work Session at 6:51pm.

Scott Keyser, Mayor

12/12/22

ATTEST:

Christie Teets, City Recorder