

CITY OF CLATSKANIE

Regular Meeting Agenda of the Clatskanie City Council
Clatskanie Council Chambers August 6th, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment
4. Consent Agenda:
Regular meeting minutes July 2nd, 2025
Action:
5. Manager Items:
6. Finance Manager Items:
7. Public Works Items:
8. Parks & Recreation items:
9. Sheriff and Code Compliance items:
10. Council Items:
11. Mayor Items:
12. Adjournment:

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Regular Minutes of the Clatskanie City Council
City Council Chambers, July 2nd, 2025 @ 7:00 PM

Present: Mayor Robert Brajcich, Russell Finney-Leggroan, Bob Emminger, Bruce Jolma, Jeff Horness, Amanda Owen, and Heidi White

Staff Present: Greg Hinkelman, City Manager, Elisha Shulda, City Recorder/ Finance Manager, Mitch Warren, Public Works Director, Kelsey Seibel, City Attorney (zoom)

1. Mayor Brajcich called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and then lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Public Comment:

Mayor called for public comment.

Jan **Acquistapace** at, 523 S Nehalem Street expressed concern regarding fireworks. She noted she called the non-emergency number regarding the issue and when the officer arrived, they only issued a warning, and the firework problem continued. She stated that this guy has been turned in for illegal fireworks for the past four years.

Donna **Garlock** at, 1075 SE Bellflower, also had concerns regarding fireworks. She informed council that she called the non-emergency number twice to report the issue. The officer also issued a warning. She is concerned that there is a training issue with the Sheriffs department. She is worried about people and fire safety.

Katherine **Davis** at, 64 SW 2nd Street, expressed concerns about fireworks. She stated that she went through this last year. She has lived at this residence for the past five years and it's a yearly occurrence. She also said that no tickets were issued. **Garlock** asked if anyone from the Sheriffs office was coming to the meeting. **Mayor** said that we would address this issue during Council and Mayor comments.

4. Consent Agenda:

Regular meeting minutes June 11th, 2025.

Action:

Mayor asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. Larry **Reandeau** stated his name was spelled wrong on page 7. **Jolma** made a motion to accept the minutes as written. **Emminger** seconded. There was no discussion. **Mayor** called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously, no nay votes. **Emminger**, aye; **Jolma**, aye; **Horness**, Aye; **Finney-Leggroan**, aye. **Owen**, aye; **White**, aye.

5. Agenda Item 2025-27; Approve contract award to Sarkinen Industrial Pipelining for SW Bryant Street Sewer Liner Installation (CIP 151).

Discussion/Action:

Mayor addressed **Hinkelman**. **Hinkelman** gave an overview of the project. He stated we will be lining the existing sewer line on Bryant Street down to Highway 30. This is a cheaper option than replacing the sewer line. **Jolma** asked about the life expectancy. **Warren** answered. **Finney-Leggroan** asked why Underground Tech didn't bid on the job. **Owen** made a motion to award the contract. **Finney-Leggroan** seconded. **Mayor** asked for further discussion. There was none. **Mayor** called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously, no nay votes. **Emminger**, aye; **Jolma**, aye; **Horness**, Aye; **Finney-Leggroan**, aye. **Owen**, aye; **White**, aye.

Manager Items:

Mayor recognized **Hinkelman**. **Hinkelman** reported he had good news and bad news. He notified council that we did not receive any money from the state legislature but can try again in a few years. He also informed council that the finance manager/city recorder will be leaving, and the recruitment process has started. For the good news, we have a new code compliance office; Brian Guinther who started July 1, 2025 and we now have an electronic system to track code compliance issues. Lastly, **Hinkelman** noted that Tapani has negotiated with Stimpson Lumber to use their property as an access road and won't need to use the existing access road except for one big piece of equipment. **Horness** asked about rebuilding the dike. **Hinkelman** answered we won't need to unless the one large piece of equipment damages it, but the concern was the repeat use.

9. Finance Manager Items:

Mayor recognized **Shulda**. **Shulda** highlighted three checks from the accounts payable report: a check to Consolidate Supply Co. for the Townhouse job, Poplar street job, and restock and a check to John Norgren Construction Co, for work done on the Park Bridge sidewalk and then sidewalk repair due to the water leak on Belair and High School Drive. **Shulda** pointed out payment to Hamer Electric for work done on the Haven Acres pump station. She noted that the Budget Status report is mostly wrapped up for FY 24/25 except for a few items. She gave examples. **Shulda** asked for questions. There was none.

10. Public Works Director Items:

Mayor recognized **Warren**. **Warren** reported on several completed and upcoming projects:

- Meter reads
- Heritage Days Street Prep
- Pump at the Park Restrooms was replaced
- Fix a water line at Park Gazebo
- Moved Veterans memorial spicket closer to memorial
- Manhole repair on 5th street by swimming pool
- Still need to replace batteries on 1A and Main lift stations
- Conestoga Lift Station will start on Monday
- Looking at replacing water line at WWTP before construction begins
- With contract approval, will begin relining sewer line on Bryant St
- Gave update on Geraldine manhole

Horness asked about the material that will be used on waterline. **Warren** answered.

10. Park and Recreation: Cyndi **Warren** stated Heritage Days kicked off last Saturday with the Car Show. She noted they had 192 entries. She said they will be busy at the park getting ready for the 4th of July. Swimming Pool is up and running and gave praise to the Pool Manager. C. **Warren** informed council she has been working on getting a covered picnic area in Kiwana's Park. She informed council that the total project is around \$18,000 and is asking if Scout Lake Funds could be used for the project. **Emminger** said that Kiwana's set aside \$10,000 towards the project and would need to inquire about the rest at the next meeting. C. **Warren** stated that if she can get \$10, 000 committed she would see how much progress they could get done now and revisit in the future. **Horness** asked if anyone else bid on the job. C. **Warren** answered. She asked for questions. There was none.

12. Sheriff and Code Compliance Items:

Lieutenant McQuiddy was not present. Brian **Guinther** introduced himself and gave a background on his qualifications.

13. Council Items:

Jolma commented on fireworks issue and asked what the definition of legal fireworks was. **Mayor** answered with aid from **Seibel**. **Jolma** agreed with the public comment that it's out of hand and remains to be seen what we can do about it other than ride the Sheriffs about it. He welcomed **Guinther**. **Reandeau** commented about lack of consequences. **Finney-Leggroan** informed council he may be in and out of meetings due to health procedures. **Mayor** wished him the best. **Horness** welcomed **Guinther**. He commented on fireworks issue and noted he heard the loud booms as well. **Emminger** also commented on the fireworks issue.

Mayor asked for counselor items.

14. Mayor items:

Mayor addressed the fireworks issue and noted he had been getting complaints all week. His position is that any fireworks that break Oregon State Law are a hazard to our community and need to have consequences. He stated he would entertain a motion from council that people who break the Oregon Firework Laws get cited. **Jolma** inquired about validity of the motion. **Seibel** said that the City code adopts the Oregon Fireworks law, and you can't do anything different or separate than that. **Mayor** asked if they could make a motion to enforce the Oregon State Fireworks law. **Seibel** answered yes. Discussion occurred. **Finney-Leggroan** asked **Seibel** if the motion needed to include if we can enforce it via our code enforcement. **Mayor** and **Hinkelman** answered. Brian **Guinther** read City Ordinance regarding fireworks, and it was reiterated that we follow Oregon Law. Discussion on wording of motion occurred. **Jolma** made a motion to direct the Sheriff's department to enforce all Oregon State Firework Laws by citation. **Finney-Leggroan** seconded. The motion passed 5-1. **Emminger**, aye; **Jolma**, aye; **Horness**, Naye; **Finney-Leggroan**, aye. **Owen**, aye; **White**, aye.

14. Adjourned: 7:41 p.m.