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**MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
128 S MAIN ST , CONDON, OR 97823
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026, 7:00 PM**

1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

Special meeting was called to order by Mayor Dustan Hall at 7pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Dustan Hall, Councilor Jan Stinchfield, Councilor Eli Caudill, Councilor Mike Durfey, Councilor Jeremy Kirby (Zoom), Councilor Tom Fatland (Zoom)

Absent: Councilor Hanna Bass

Staff: Interim City Recorder Jessica Isley, Public Works Superintendent and Interim City Administrator Gibb Wilkins

Guests: Kelly Smith, none on Zoom

3. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

4.1. The council may hear discussion of unannounced items from the floor and comments on the agenda items. Comments are limited to five (5) minutes. Please state your full name and physical address before giving discussion or comment.

Kelly Smith – Lives on Upper Rock Creek Rd. Introduced herself as she is running for Gilliam County Treasurer and would like to build relationships. Feel free to ask questions. She is available to chat after the meeting.

5. CONDON COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL

5.1. Discuss and Possibly Approve Repair to Drain Line

County funding for the pool ends September 2026. Wilkins asked Gilliam County Judge Patnode if she foresaw county funding for the pool changing. Judge Patnode said that she cannot speak for the commissioners, but she does not foresee funding for the pool ending. \$13k left in the pool repair fund. Over \$40k in the transient fund and it has taken about \$3k per year to get that built up to over \$40k. Councilor Stinchfield – do we need a supplemental budget? Wilkins – Unsure, but we can do one if need be. Councilor Durfey – Question about water usage that went down. Wilkins – that was after divers fixed some of the leaks in the pool. Pool experts say a ½ million gallons a year for a pool that size. Councilor Caudill – Pool is only open 3 months? Wilkins – yes. Inflation clauses were built into the agreement for the pool, so as costs go up, so does the amount of funding. Councilor Stinchfield – Feels very strongly that we should not touch the transient tax fund money as we donate to the food pantry and the chamber too. We don't look very good when we are asking people to conserve water, and the pool has this massive leak. Councilor Caudill – running some calculations, 4–7-year payback. Wilkins – Solar fix was supposed to fix the heating issue and so was the new boiler. Mayor Hall – what is the risk involved when they do the relining process, and they hit the pipe, and then it's worse? Wilkins – rust doesn't mean that the walls of the pipe are thin, but it is a 60-year-old pipe. Councilor Stinchfield – We did make a commitment during our retreat to stay with the pool for the next 3 years, so I think we need to do this. Councilor Durfey - agreed. Councilor Stinchfield – We need to find out if we need to do a supplemental budget. Councilor Fatland – is there any way that we can apply for a grant from the county after we make the repair? Wilkins – we can try. Councilor Fatland – The agreement was that we would operate it and that the county would finance it. We were not supposed to be putting our own money into it. And we are getting to the point that we cannot operate it. Wilkins – the mayor should reach out to the county court; this is a big and odd ask. Councilor Durfey – might be able to organize a swim-a-thon with the kids this summer to raise money. Councilor Fatland – are we sure that this repair will fix the leak? Wilkins – I'm confident that this fix will fix a big portion of the leak. Discussion about price and Mayor Hall pointed out that the email states “around \$35k” and asked if we needed to approve more just in case. Councilor Stinchfield – did not want to authorize more than \$35k. Councilor Fatland agrees with Mayor Hall to authorize \$40k. Councilor Stinchfield – do we have a guarantee? Wilkins – most underground work is guaranteed for 1 year. Councilor Fatland – wants to see a bid and our lawyer needs to see

it. Doesn't want to just hand over that amount of money. Wilkins – City Attorney has looked at this and has stated that we can approve up to \$150k for emergency repair. Councilor Kirby – What if something goes wrong and the pool cannot open and if it doesn't open for a year, and then we can't ever open it? Wilkins – I've heard that if we are not open for 1 year then we lose all our grandfathers.

Motion: Councilor Durfey – Made the motion to approve the funding of up to \$40k for Advantage Reline to fix the leak in our pool. Councilor Fatland seconded. All in favor: Councilor Stinchfield, Councilor Durfey, Councilor Kirby, Councilor Caudill, Councilor Fatland. Opposed: None. Abstain: None. Motion passes.

5.1. Pool Expenses 2021-2025 (Not all-inclusive and does not include city labor)

5.1. Monthly Water Usage for 2025

6. NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

6.1. Next Regular Meeting April 1st 2026, 7:00pm

7. ADJOURN MEETING

Mayor Hall adjourned the special meeting at 7:34pm.

_____ Date _____
Dustan Hall, Mayor

ATTEST: _____ Date _____
Gibb Wilkins Interim City Administrator