

**Redmond City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes**

April 22, 2025

Council Chambers & Remote Video Conferencing
<https://www.redmondoregon.gov/city-council>

Present: Clifford Evelyn, Ed Fitch, John Nielsen, Kathryn Osborne, Jay Patrick, Shannon Wedding, Cat Zwicker

Excused: None

Staff Present: City Manager Keith Witcosky, Deputy City Manager Steve Ashworth, City Attorney Keith Leitz, Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff, Deputy City Recorder Kayla Duddy, Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan, Communications Director Heather Cassaro, Network Administrator Christian Armatas, Planning Director Kyle Roberts, Police Chief Devin Lewis, Assistant City Engineer Lindsey Crowsigt, Human Resources Director Jason Bavuso, Budget Analyst Herlinda Corn

Media Present: None

CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Mayor Fitch called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

BLESSING

Pastor Jason Reeves with the Redmond Heights Pentecostals led the blessing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Wedding led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. "If I Were Mayor" Contest Recognition

Mayor Fitch recognized "If I Were Mayor" Contest winners. Evelyn Peterson, a student at Tom McCall Elementary, won the poster contest and Allison Smith, a student at Obsidian Middle School, won the essay contest. Both students were presented with a certificate and \$100. Both entries were submitted to the statewide contest.

Councilor Nielsen reported on the Redmond Police Department's 2025 Chief's Commendation for Heroic Efforts recipients, Medal of Valor recipients and Officer of the Year Recipient.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of March 11, 2025, City Council Meeting

B. Minutes of March 11, 2025, Joint Meeting with Deschutes County Commissioners

Councilor Osborne stepped away from the dais momentarily.

Councilor Wedding moved, seconded by Councilor Zwicker, to approve the Consent Agenda, the motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-absent, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

PRESENTATIONS

A. Heart of Oregon Presentation on Programming and Projects in Redmond

Heart of Oregon Corps Executive Director Laura Handy provided an overview of the organization and its programs, highlighting the impact on Redmond and the new \$7.3 million central campus in the city. She reported the \$1.5 million multi-year Urban and Community Forest Corps Grant was recently canceled by the federal government.

Mayor Fitch recommended the Council endorse the campus project.

BID AWARDS / BID REJECTIONS

A. Well 9 Pumphouse Project (WA2202) Construction Bid Award to Keeton King Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$4,160,953

Assistant City Engineer Lindsey Crowsigt requested approval of a contract with Keeton King Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$4,160,953 for the Well 9 Pumphouse Project. The City received four bids and Keeton King Contracting, LLC, was deemed the lowest responsible bid. The Engineer's estimate was \$6 million.

Councilor Osborne moved, seconded by Councilor Nielsen, to award the Well 9 Pumphouse Project contract to Keeton King Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$4,160,953 and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract, the motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance #2025-07: An ordinance amending the Redmond City Code Chapter 2 and Chapter 5, changing fireworks to a separate class of civil and administrative infraction.

City Attorney Keith Leitz highlighted prior Council discussions and actions regarding the potential fire hazard of fireworks. The proposed ordinance would allow for broader enforcement against illegal fireworks and create the Class F infraction specific to fireworks with a proposed fine of \$1,500.

The Council discussed exploring the scalability of the fine, as the maximum fine under State law is \$6,250.

Councilor Wedding moved, seconded by Councilor Nielsen, to have a First and Second Reading of Ordinance #2025-07 by title only, the motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

Mr. Leitz provided the First and Second Reading of Ordinance #2025-07 by title only.

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to approve Ordinance #2025-07.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Evelyn, Fitch, Nielsen, Osborne, Patrick, Wedding, and Zwicker.

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 to 0.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution #2025-03 - A resolution setting fees and charges imposed by the City of Redmond

Planning Director Kyle Roberts explained that the proposed resolution would establish five new fees: two relating to the Class F infraction of \$1,500 for civil and administrative infractions, a \$1,500 application fee and \$500 business renewal fee for marijuana dispensaries, and a reduced business license fee for nonprofits from \$75 to \$37.50.

Mayor Fitch called for public testimony. There were no public comments.

Mr. Leitz noted that the Council could scale the fireworks fees, establishing an initial Class F violation at \$1,500 and subsequent violations with an escalating fine of \$1,000 up to a maximum of \$6,250.

Councilor Osborne moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to approve Resolution #2025-03 with the amendment to establish subsequent violations with an escalating fine of \$1,000 up to a maximum of \$6,250, the motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Patrick-abstain, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

Redmond resident Steve Schaffer commented on the use of law enforcement and noise pollution laws.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Keith Witcosky reported on the upcoming Budget Committee meetings.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Zwicker reported on attending the Wild Ride Classic Car Show and a meeting on the managed camp.

Councilor Wedding reported on the Wild Ride Classic Car Show and the first annual Redmond Cemetery Clean-up Day on May 10, 2025.

Councilor Osborne reported on the Redmond Cemetery Clean-up Day and easter egg hunts hosted by local groups.

Councilor Nielsen reported on the deadline to register to vote for the May 20, 2025, election.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Fitch reported on the Water Conservation Summit.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

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Reviewed by Kayla Duddy, Deputy City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and **SIGNED** by the Mayor this 10th day of June 2025.

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder