

**CITY OF MYRTLE POINT  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Regular  
Meeting**

**Monday, March 17- 6:30 p.m., Flora M Laird**

**Memorial Library Meeting Room 435 5<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Myrtle Point**

**Council Members**

**Present:**

Samantha Clayburn, Mayor  
Ivan Hawker, City Council  
Mike Wood, City Council

Amy Lignons, City Council  
Ryland Parker, City Council  
Matt Wells, City Council

**Absent:**

Berea Gibbon, City Council

**Staff and others**

Scott Robinson, Chief of police  
Wayne Ramsey, Public Works Director  
Amy Bruno, Library Director  
Willy Burris, Fire Chief

Scott Nay, City Manager  
Shelley Clayburn, Administrative Clerk  
Adam Palmer

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Clayburn called the City Council meeting to order at 6:30P.M and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Oath of Office:**

Mayor Clayburn Swore Matthew Wells in as City Councilor.

**Roll Call**

Mayor Clayburn asked the City Councilors to state their name for the roll.

**Consent Items:**

Mayor Clayburn announced the consent items-minutes from the March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 regular meeting. Councilor Hawker moved to approve the minutes as presented, Councilor Wood Seconded the motion. Mayor Clayburn asked if there was any discussion or corrections, and hearing none, motion carried unanimously- Councilors Lignons, Hawker, Wood, Wells and Mayor Clayburn-minutes approved.

**Action/Discussion Items:**

A. Adam Palmer, who has purchased the old A&W location, located at 530 8<sup>th</sup> ST. has applied for a Liquor License and was present to answer and discuss questions from the council. Mr. Palmer stood before council and explained the law from OLCC as written and that he had previous experience with the city of Coos Bay in regards to the liquor license process and has never had an issue in his 11 years of being a business owner. Mayor Clayburn asked Mr. Palmer if he will be just selling alcohol on-premises or would it be consumed? Mr. Palmer stated that it would be opened by employees that are 18 years old and older who also have their OLCC service permit. 8<sup>TH</sup> Street Burger House will only sell beer and wine. Mr. Palmer explained that all employees will attend a "ServeSafe" program. Councilor Wells asked Mr. Palmer if minors will be eating at the establishment, Mr. Palmer answered, yes. Mr. Palmer explained to council that if he was selling liquor and lottery, then minors would not be allowed. Mr. Palmer stated that he will start out with a service crew from his other restaurant initially in hopes for a smooth start, even though there are a few new hires at this point. Councilor Hawker asked when the restaurant will be open, Mr. Palmer stated after Mother's Day sometime. Mr. Palmer spoke about a soft opening for City Council and ribbon cutting. Mayor Clayburn let Mr. Palmer know that ribbon cutting would go through Chamber of Commerce and she will get Mr. Palmer in contact with them. Mr. Palmer asked the question regarding the neighbors on both sides of his new establishment do not look very nice. City Manager, Scott Nay, explained to Mr. Palmer that a nuisance letter has gone out to the owner of the house to the right of his establishment, and they have cleaned it up a lot. Mr. Palmer stated that Coos Bay has rules for this. Mayor Clayburn spoke up and stated that we don't have an urban renewal agency or the funds for that and no laws in place for derelict buildings. Councilor Hawker stated there was talk in the past regarding this. Mr. Palmer asked council if they were interested in doing an urban renewal? He understood it would raise property taxes, but there are grants for urban renewal also. Mayor Clayburn Stated that she didn't know if that would be something that would be voted on by the city voters. Mayor Clayburn asked Mr. Palmer regarding the vacant parking lot and that she had heard that would not be a parking lot for the restaurant? Mr. Palmer responded that he didn't know as of yet what would be done with it. There was an idea for 2 Tesla chargers and possible laundromat, but a quarter of it would be for parking. Mr. Palmer stated that the Tesla Company will pay the city to have the chargers. Mayor Clayburn stated that the company that proposed the Tesla chargers last time would not have been viable for the city. Councilor Ligons questioned parking lot for the patrons who tow trailers. She stated that they end up parking in her business parking lot across the highway and it's an issue. Mr. Palmer stated that there would be a few places to park pickups with towables. Mayor Clayburn then moves to entertain a motion regarding the liquor license for Adam Palmer. Councilor Hawker moved to approve the liquor license for

the new restaurant, Councilor Wood seconded the motion. Mayor Clayburn asked for any discussion, there was no discussion. Mayor Clayburn asked for all those in favor say "I" which was councilor's Wells, Hawker, Wood, Ligons and Parker. "Nays"-0. Hearing none, motion was approved.

- B. OGEC was discussed and reviewed by the City Manager. Scott Nay stated that all council members should have received an email and an OGEC packet in the councilor folder. Councilor's who have been on the board already are aware of this. OGEC needs to be completed no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025. City manager Nay explained the process.

#### **PETITIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

No discussions

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

- A. Spring break is March 24<sup>TH</sup>-March 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2025  
B. Next City Council meeting is Tuesday April 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2025 6:30PM in the library meeting room  
C. 1<sup>ST</sup> Budget Committee Meeting. Library meeting room Monday April 21, 2025 - 6:30PM (Mayor Clayburn will not be here).

#### **OTHER COMMUNICATIONS**

Staff reports:

**City Manager:**

None

**Public Works:**

Wayne Ramsey stated that the river rose to 40.58 feet in a 24 - hour period. It rained 3.66 inches. The sewer plant started to washing out and continues to do so. There are a few sink holes. Smoke gassing will start in front of the school. Wayne stated that a lot of manholes were overflowing as well as storm drains on the east side of Rotary Park. Wayne gave a shout out to Willy and the fire department for boating him over to the sewer plant to turn the natural power back on. Councilor Hawker had questions regarding some issues with the generator's transfer switch not working properly and asked if the generator needs to be looked at for possible repairs. Wayne stated that an electrician would probably be best to do that. Councilor Hawker urged Wayne to have it looked at in case of another power outage. Wayne Stated that with all five pumps running, they were able to pump 3,200 gallons per minute and were able to keep up. Mayor Clayburn asked if anyone had contacted Waste Connections to come and start collecting their garbage cans that have floated away during the flood, Wayne stated he will contact them.

#### **Police Chief's report-Chief Scott Robinson**

Chief Robinson gave a shout out to Chief Burris, and his crew and Wayne for all the work during the flood. Chief Robinson recognized reserve Sergeant Andy Hoyle. Chief Robinson stated that Andy was at City Hall working on a laptop and had his portable radio on and heard distress calls from people on Reedsford Rd., Old Broadbent RD and the fairgrounds.

Andy jumped in because he has good knowledge of the area and he coordinated with the sheriff's office, dispatch, fair board and was able to save a lot of the equipment that is stored at the fairgrounds. There were two rescues off of Reedsford Rd and three off of Old Broadbent RD.

**Library Director-Amy Bruno**

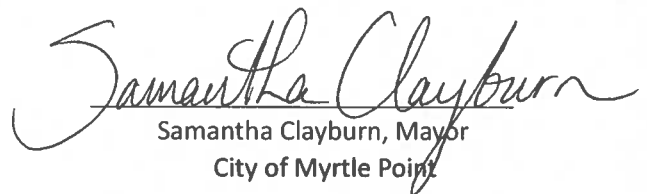
Amy stated that the age for the Easter egg hunt has changed. It is now 0-14 years of age. There will be no candy. If anyone has any questions, please, let her know.

**Fire Chief-Willy Burris**

Willy stated that he has learned a lot during this flood. He reported zero fatalities. Willy would like council to come over to the station so he can show what needs to be fixed and updated, such as the big doors, sleeping quarters are needed. The architect for the project has applied for a seismic retrofit grant for 2.25 million dollars. The ambulance/fire station needs a seismic upgrade.

**Council Concerns**

Having no further business for the City of Myrtle Point, Mayor Clayburn adjourned the regular meeting at 7:08 P.M.

  
Samantha Clayburn, Mayor  
City of Myrtle Point

4-1-2025  
Date