

WALDPOR CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 9TH, 2026

MEETING MINUTES

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** Mayor Lambert called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM. Mayor Heide Lambert, Council President Greg Dunn, and Councilors Rick Booth, Susan Woodruff, Jayme Morris, and Jerry Townsend answered the roll. Councilor Michelle Severson was excused. A quorum was present.

- 2. CONSENT AGENDA: Council President Dunn moved to approve the following Consent Agenda items presented:**

- A. City Council Meeting Minutes of March 12th, 2026.**

- ### B. Library March 2026 Report.

Councilor Townsend seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- ### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- **Peggy Gray** provided public comment, stating that they have volunteered with tax aide for 17 years and extended a thank you to the City of Waldport for hosting the program, which helps between 300-400 families prepare their taxes, and a thank you to the city employees for their responsiveness to issues.
- **Theresa Carter** provided public comment, stating that it has been a year since she announced that audits needed to be done and that she believes hosting a budget meeting is preemptive. She then stated that money should be spent on infrastructure rather than on public parks and spaces, given that Waldport's average age is closer to retirement.
- **Karun Olson** provided public comment, seeking clarification on whether or not city employees are considered on the clock when attending City Council Meetings, whether their public comments are considered citizen comments, or as representatives of the city, noting concern over city employees speaking during public comment. Spoke of the delays in receiving an audit and requested

all communication between the City staff and the auditors. And suggested conflict resolution training to restore public trust.

4. PRESENTATIONS: Postponed for a future City Council Meeting.

A. City Manager- New Public Transparency Initiative

B. Councilor Townsend- Council Relationships

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES:

A. Ordinance 817: WMC Title 12.12: Sidewalks: Mayor Lambert noted that this is the second time that this Sidewalk Ordinance has come before the Council. **Councilor Woodruff** noted that it was shorter and more precise. **City Manager Dann Cutter** noted that it matches the wording and examples of other cities' ordinances that have already been vetted, and that this Ordinance is driven by County City Insurance Services (CIS). Adding that our internal policy would be to help homeowners through the process, should it arise, and to identify low-cost options to comply with the ordinance. **Mayor Lambert** referenced Eugene's ordinance language. Council agreed that it was not appropriate for Waldport's city size, and that, as long as repair work met city standards, it could be done in any manner. Council discussed the logistics of City versus Homeowner responsibilities for sidewalk maintenance.

Council President Dunn moved to approve Ordinance No. 817, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12.12 to Meet Insurance Requirements and to Reflect Best Practices and Declaring an Emergency. Councilor Morris seconded the motion. The Motion passed as follows: Ayes 5, Nays 1, Absent 1, Abstain 0. Ayes: Council President Dunn, Councilor Woodruff, Councilor Morris, Councilor Booth, Councilor Townsend. Nays, Mayor Lambert. Absent, Councilor Severson.

6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON BUSINESS HAVING PREVIOUSLY COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL (OLD BUSINESS):

1 **A. Resolution 1331: Hiring and Assigning Judge Jesse London to the**
2 **Waldport Municipal Court: Councilor** Morris asked for clarification on the
3 types of court and reasons of necessity for the new Judge. **City Manager**
4 **Cutter** replied, listing reasons such as Municipal code violations and
5 citations, which will be necessary once the Code Enforcement position is
6 filled and actively citing code violations.

7 **Councilor Townsend moved to approve the hiring of Counsel Jesse**
8 **London as Waldport Municipal Judge. Council President Dunn**
9 **seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.**

10 **B. Waldport FY2027 Goals Review: Council** discussed their goals. The
11 consensus of common goals was the beautification of the town, tackling
12 vandalism, and the breakdown of completed and ongoing projects, new
13 signage, and an engineering review of the C.O.R.E. building. **Councilor**
14 **Woodruff** stated that she hoped for a flow chart for planning. **City Planner**
15 **Jaime White** stated that he would get one for her next week. **Mayor Lambert**
16 stated that it would be nice to hold an open house for feedback.

17 **Councilor Woodruff moved to adopt the core goals as presented or**
18 **amended, with consensus to add an engineering review of the C.O.R.E**
19 **building. Councilor Townsend seconded the motion. The motion passed**
20 **as follows: Mayor Lambert Nay, Council President Dunn Aye, Councilor**
21 **Booth Aye, Councilor Woodruff Aye, Councilor Morris Aye, Councilor**
22 **Townsend Aye.**

23 **Mayor Lambert** requested that it be noted in the record that the Nay vote
24 was in consideration of the unfinished audit and the lack of public input.

25 **C. Memorial Bench Policy (*):** No discussion. Left on the Agenda for future
26 discussion.

27 **7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON BUSINESS NEWLY INTRODUCED TO THE**
28 **COUNCIL (NEW BUSINESS):**

A. FY2027 Sheriff's Office Contract Discussion: Councilor Woodruff

noted that the city hasn't received any reporting from the sheriff's office in a while. **City Manager Cutter** noted that the Sheriff's office has been undergoing staff changes, has recently resumed providing reports, and the City has requested that the Sheriff's office provide reports without personal or identifying information to enable public sharing. Council discussed several options moving forward with the Sheriff's office, including terminating the contract, reducing the contract to 1 Deputy, or accepting the current contract. **Councilor Booth** noted that there just aren't enough deputies to increase coverage. Discussion of whether creating a South County Safety District and creating a taxing district was feasible.

Councilor Morris moved to accept the current contract. Council President Dunn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Staff Report Wishlist: Council Consensus was that quarterly staff reports would be appreciated, but not to become burdensome.

C. Dahl Rate Review: Council discussed the new Dahl rates and the optional new recycling program. Council consensus was to suggest a case-by-case 1-time option.

8. CITY MANAGERS REPORT: City Manager Cutter went over the manager's report.

This report included the following: Completion of the sidewalks on Crestline, still awaiting ODOT to sign off. Sewer to the Industrial park, which does not include a new generator and fencing for the lift station, and a power source to support the school's new auditorium. The wastewater treatment project has been extended to operate during the low-rain season. Southworth Park will begin building gazebos. Concrete crosswalks have been installed, and if they prove to be a more viable option, they will be installed throughout the town. The Small City Allotment grant is in the works to cover road improvements from the top of Cedar down to Crestline to

reinforce the failing road. Roof repairs at the Interpretive Center are still ongoing. The city has purchased storage containers to store equipment during the off-season. The audit update identified some incorrect numbers in the previous audit conducted by the last auditor. Once those numbers are corrected, the audit can proceed. The new soccer goals at Southworth have been a big hit and highly used. The job openings have received a record number of applicants, and the city hopes to move into the interview process next week. The city is applying for a small park grant for the Kittle-Kaufman Trailhead this summer. Lastly, the Southworth Statue is undergoing some work and will return to the Interpretive Center once the space is ready to house it.

9. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND CONCERS: None.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

11. ACTIONS, IF ANY, FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

12. GOOD OF THE ORDER/ ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council. Mayor Lambert adjourned the meeting at 5:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Torres, Municipal Clerk

APPROVED by the Waldport City Council this 21st day of May, 2026.

SIGNED by the City Council President this 21st day of May, 2026.

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Greg Dunn
City Council President