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**City of Falmouth  
October 17, 2023**

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**City Council Regular Meeting**

**Minutes**

City Council Convened at 7:00 p.m., Mayor Sebastian Ernst presiding and calling the meeting to order. Present were Councilmembers Darryl Ammerman, Joyce Carson, Sabrina Hazen, Amy Hurst, Bob Pettit, and Luke Price. Also in attendance were City Attorney Brandon Voelker and City Clerk Susan L. Bishop.

Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and observed a moment of invocation presented by Councilmember Amy Hurst.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting from September 19, 2023, the special meeting from September 21, 2023, and the caucus meeting from October 3, 2023, was made by Councilmember Darryl Ammerman, second by Councilmember Luke Price. All aye. Motion passed.

**Visitors:**

Mayor Ernst recognized former City Clerk Ramona Williams for her years of service by presenting her with a key to the city and a clock.

Flood Plain Coordinator Brian Thompson was present to inform Council of the importance of the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. He stated that by approving the ordinance they would basically be renewing the existing ordinance. With the ordinance in place, discounts are available on flood insurance. Brian also informed Council that the CRS audit was underway. Also, besides the fact that he is the Flood Plain Coordinator, he is also available to answer questions and offer advice regarding Planning and Zoning issues.

**Ordinances/Resolutions/Municipal Orders:**

The first reading of Ordinance 2023:5, Electric Franchise, was read by City Attorney Brandon Voelker.

The first reading of Ordinance 2023:6, Flood Damage Prevention, was read by City Attorney Brandon Voelker.

**New Business:**

In light of some recent incidents, Mayor Ernst reviewed the Open Meetings Act and provided copies to Council.

Councilmember Joyce Carson stated that she had been approached by someone about leasing one of the City's FEMA lots. City Clerk Susan Bishop informed her to have the person contact City Hall.

Councilmember Joyce Carson stated that the City is in need of an ordinance regarding "jake brakes." Council agreed and City Attorney Brandon Voelker did the first reading of Ordinance 2023:7, "Jake Brakes."

Mayor Ernst stated that a request for bids is being developed for street and sidewalk repair.

Councilmember Bob Pettit requested a copy of all city employees' salary history for the last two years.

**Old Business:**

Councilmember Bob Pettit informed Council that he had spoken with several different people regarding a building inspector position, and unfortunately no one was interested.

Mayor Ernst stated that the request for bids for fire hydrant repair/replacement was in the October 17 newspaper.

Mayor Ernst informed Council that the bridge light replacements should be finished within a month.

Councilmember Darryl Ammerman provided Council with some stats regarding city calls from the Animal Control Officer. Mayor Ernst reminded Council of their Animal Control Ordinance and read parts of it to them.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Luke Price, second by Councilmember Sabrina Hazen. All aye. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned.

  
Sebastian Ernst, Mayor

  
Attest: City Clerk