

**AGENDA for
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TURNER
Regular Meeting
7:00 pm**

Turner City Hall

March 13, 2025

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CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENTS

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENT

CONSENT CALENDAR

A) Council Minutes- February 27, 2025

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion & Decision: Nutria Management

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Council March 27, 2025 - Canceled

BUSINESS REPORT:

PUBLIC COMMENT

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION: ORS 192.660: (2) The governing body of a public body may hold an executive session: (e) To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

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Turner City Council Meeting

Minutes February 27, 2025

The meeting at Turner City Hall was called to order at 7:00PM by Mayor Schaufler. Councilors Vetter, Jung, Miller Mattison & Dobson were in attendance. Also present was Administrator McClure & City Clerk Amy Johnson

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order, with attendees immediately invited to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments

Gary Tiffin 5538 Cedar – representing Yesterday in Turner asked the City for a letter to submit with a grant application for restoration funds (\$4k grant & \$4k to be raised to match) for Twin Oaks cemetery. There are 19 headstones in need of serious help (the oldest being dated 1862) & 10 noted at medium need. It was agreed that this would happen, as well as Councilor Jung suggesting that at a later time, the City look into possible financial contribution.

Greg Miles 5405 Jensen – representing the Crawford Joint Committee is asking what the City's plan is to manage the nutria problem at the lake, as the City owns the lake & is the primary line of responsibility. He has reached out to multiple trappers & ODFW for pricing & information. There is a considerable range, but ~\$200/trap & ~\$60/head. This would equate to tens of thousands of dollars a year, for just this location (this would become an annual expense, as pointed out by Councilor Vetter & never fully remedied, as pointed out by Mayor Schaufler). Greg Miles also suggested a 3-way split of cost between Crawford HOA, apartments & the City. Administrator McClure advised this topic would be brought back at the next meeting.

Council Member Comment

Councilor Dobson asked when the remaining Christmas lights (snowflakes) would be coming down. This will be in the next week or two.

Councilor Jung asked to address the digital reader board conversation & what the plan is since there are funds reserved for it. Administrator McClure advised there is much more to this & it is something that we will need to revisit.

Consent Calendar

Councilor Dobson asked for clarification on the \$700 expense for porta-potties. Councilor McClure advised this is for the winter when the facilities are locked & for additional facilities during the spring/summer. Councilor Jung asked if that money could be used to upgrade the permanent facilities & for maintenance. Administrator McClure advised that it would exceed that \$700 amount.

Calendar, Minutes & Finances moved to be approved by Councilor Dobson, second by Councilor Mattison. Unanimous Approval.

Detroit Dam Drawdown

Administrator McClure explained that the Army Corps of Engineers has proposed a significant drawdown of Detroit Lake to aid salmon. This could likely have a negative impact on the City of Salem water intake (Turner is a customer of the City of Salem water). This could impact treatment plant filters (excessive sediment) & potential inability of water users to draw from the river at all. Mayor Schaufler wants it noted that he does not support this drawdown & is in support of sending a letter on behalf of the City opposing the drawdown.

Budget Committee

We only have 1 current member on the committee & need an equal number to the Council. We have put this in the newsletter & will post on the City website & on Facebook. Councilors Vetter & Jung know of potential interested people & will have them inquire. Budget Committee meeting is set for 2nd Council meeting in April

Resolution 25-01 Budget Transfers for 2024-2025

Administrator McClure requesting motion to approve transfer of funds for Stormwater project to Floodplain and for Sewer rate stabilization to Sewer fund. No impacts, just adjusting account coding per last year's budget. Motion to approve by Councilor Mattison. Second by Councilor Miller. Unanimous approval.

Administrator Report

-Administrator McClure announced that we have worked on a grant for the water master plan. Cost for the study is \$150k. Cost to add one additional tank to meet needs is ~\$500k

Business Report

None

Public Comment

Greg Miles inquired about the next phase on the lake park & about treatment for weeds in the lake. Administrator McClure advised we are working with a vendor on this & that the treatment will occur in the spring, once the blooms have occurred & we are able to get scheduled with the folks who will administer it.

Public Comment

Councilors Vetter, Miller & Mayor Schaufler all wanted to voice their appreciation & praise for our Finance Officer, Pam Ray. Stating that she is always so concise, helpful & professional. She is very gracious, and a special asset that we are lucky to have.

Meeting adjourned 8:06p.m.

Mike Schaufler, Mayor

Scott McClure, City Administrator

CONSENT CALENDAR

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion: Nutria Management at Turner Lake

Issues surrounding nutria in Turner seem to be on the rise. A request for the City to participate in nutria control at Turner Lake was made at the last Council meeting. Before we get to the specific request, some background:

- The City does not engage in animal control anywhere in the City
- The City does not provide services on private property

Regarding Turner Lake specifically:

- The responsibility for maintenance of Turner Lake (Declaration of Covenants) notes that the lake should be maintained in an attractive condition, in good repair and in such fashion as not to create a hazard.
- The Covenants note no specific actions required regarding lake water quality, water temperature, lake levels, weed management, wildlife management or anything else.
- There is nothing written about the impact of the lake on adjacent properties.

The request for the City to participate in a group nutria management effort is attached. If the request was for trapping just on private property, we would not recommend approval, as the City doesn't provide services on private property.

If the City received a direct benefit from a group effort, i.e. traps placed on City property, we could entertain the request. Paying a small amount for an experiment could be a reasonable course of action. It should be noted that paying for ongoing animal management services would place a strain on the Parks Fund.

2-21-2025 NUTRIA REMOVAL RESEARCH

During the week, we interviewed three entities who are State certified for wildlife removal.

Oregon Pest & Wildlife, Mike Gustin
Advanced Wildlife Removal, Jeff Davis
Northwest Wildlife Removal, Omar Lopez

Joining me on the interviews was Sara Sumner, Community Manager for Crawford Crossing apartments.

A lot of information about nutria was gathered, including their habits, damage to property potential, risk to pets and children, breeding seasons, etc.

All of the individuals interviewed were open to flexible contracts/agreements regarding length of the contract and overall approach to trapping the nutria.

The related cost factors were spread over a broad range.

Set up cost: \$200 to \$1500, depending on the number of traps set

Per catch cost: \$60 to \$150 (more for skunks)

Rebait cost: \$0 to \$45

Option: \$60 to \$125 per removed animal from resident owned traps.

Here is one possible approach to help to understand the overall cost to each group.

- Establish a limited time agreement with the wildlife removal contractor, 3 months.
- Have 12 traps set up around the lake where nutria are currently established. \$600
- Set up a cap for the 3 months, of 50 nutria in total to be paid at \$60 per capture. \$3,000
- Total possible cost = \$3600. Total cost for each group (Crawford HOA, Crawford Apartments, City of Turner) = \$1200

This is just an example to help us all better understand what the costs could look like. Clearly we could change the parameters to a shorter time frame or reduce the cap on how many captured nutria would be paid for.

At the end of the agreed upon time frame, we could evaluate the results and make "next step" decisions accordingly.