

**CANBY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 17, 2025**

PRESIDING: Brian Hodson

COUNCIL PRESENT: Traci Hensley, Paul Waterman, Daniel Stearns, Herman Maldonado, James Davis, and Jason Padden.

STAFF PRESENT: Randy Ealy, Interim City Administrator; Emily Guimont, City Attorney (attended virtually); Teresa Ridgley, Deputy City Recorder; Don Hardy, Planning Director; Ryan Potter, Planning Manager; and Peter Wood, Human Resources Director.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hodson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTIONS: None.

POW/MIA RECOGNITION PROCLAMATION: Mayor Hodson read the proclamation declaring September 19, 2025, as POW/MIA Recognition Day.

CITIZEN INPUT AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Kimberly Broomall, Canby resident, requested the System Development Charges on the property she was remodeling be reduced or waived. She wanted to connect the old farmhouse to the existing sewer that was already updated. She was already living on the property to help her mom. There would be no increase in the amount of usage, and she thought the SDCs had already been paid when it was hooked up to her mom's house originally. It was 30 feet from the City sewer line to where they were hooking to the structure.

There was discussion regarding setting a precedent for waiving fees, how it was not only sewer but a combination of fees, and following the process.

This item would go to staff and be placed on a future agenda.

Don Perman, Canby resident, approached the Council to discuss the property on SE 3rd Court. He was concerned that the issue of public parking for access to the Logging Road on the south side of town had not been solved.

The Council told him they determined at the last meeting that they would not purchase the property to take over SE 3rd Court or to build a parking lot.

Michelle Bayley, Canby resident, discussed the need to add information on E-bikes and E-scooters to the City's website.

CONSENT AGENDA: ****Council President Hensley moved to approve the Consent Agenda that included approval of the August 20, 2025, City Council Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion was seconded by Councilor Waterman and passed 6-0.**

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC/BONNEVILLE POWER ASSOCIATION/CANBY UTILITY PRESENTATION: Larry Bekkedahl, Senior VP from PGE; Mike Miller, Bonneville

Power; and Jason Berning, Operations Manager for CUB, presented information on long term plans for additional power to Canby. They discussed the Canby PUD distribution, partnership and supporting Canby's growth and vision, short term resolution of 6 MW of load added to the system, and long term strategy. Canby Utility submitted a line and load study request to BPA for direct delivery of power to Canby. BPA would complete the initial study in spring 2026. BPA was committed to working with PGE to develop the best plan to meet Canby's long term transmission needs.

There was discussion regarding exceeding capacity, upgrading the lines, planning for growth at a significant rate, how they said the City should have been warning them 5-8 years ago about the growth but back in 2020/2021 it was known that there were issues with the grid, need for more power to be resolved as quickly as possible, getting all the entities together and on the same page, how often peak load was reached and what was the variance in the power supply, disappointment in the lack of planning for Canby, development moratorium due to lack of power, significant loss of revenue until the issue was resolved, upcoming planned power projects, and working together to resolve the issue.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Council Goals & Work Session Discussion Topics – Randy Ealy, Interim City Administrator, listed potential Work Session topics.

There was discussion regarding when to meet and prioritizing the list.

There was consensus to have off-meeting Wednesday night Work Sessions and to have staff look into a doodle poll to prioritize the list.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS: Mayor Hodson reported on the C4 meeting where their 2025-26 Work Plan was discussed.

COUNCILOR COMMENTS & LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilor Maldonado spoke about Charlie Kirk's memorial service on Sunday.

Council President Hensley thanked Canby Fire District for the 9/11 remembrance ceremony. September 17 was Constitution Day, and she brought copies to share.

Councilor Davis reported on the Canby Adult Center who was working on permits for the new building and developing plans for the remodel. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board discussed Auburn Farms construction and naming and Bridging Cultures grant application for development of the park property in the Feist Addition.

There was consensus for Bridging Cultures to move forward, however concerns were raised about the liability of planting food on the park property and maintenance.

Councilor Davis said the Parks Board also discussed putting in a kiosk for charging for parking at Community Park, Maple Street Park signage and parking, and Park Maintenance Fee.

Councilor Stearns attended the Canby Utility Board meeting. He suggested looking into putting a lien on the property for the earlier request for the SDC waiver.

Councilor Waterman reported on the Bike and Ped Committee who discussed public education on courtesy and safety issues. The career center was now open at the Library. The Library received a \$10,000 donation for maker lab STEAM programming. The Library District Task Force was still working on their recommendations.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BUSINESS: Mr. Ealy reviewed the bi-monthly reports, need to address striping the Logging Road, and vacancies on City Committees.

Councilor Waterman asked about the Downtown Parking Plan and what the next steps would be to implement the plan. He also asked questions about items in the reports.

Mr. Ealy gave an update on the Finance Director search.

CITIZEN INPUT: None.

ACTION REVIEW:

1. Approved the Consent Agenda.
2. Consensus to add off Wednesdays for Work Sessions with the priority of topics to come later.

****Council President Hensley moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(f) Exempt Public Records, 192.660(2)(a) Employment of a Public Officer, and 192.660(2)(i) Performance Evaluation. Motion was seconded by Councilor Stearns and passed 6-0.**

Mayor Hodson read the Executive Session statement and recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:25 p.m. Mayor Hodson reconvened the Regular Meeting at 10:47 p.m.

There was consensus to allow the Human Resources Director, Councilor Davis, and the City Attorney to negotiate the extension of the Interim City Administrator's contract until June 30, 2026, with a potential to extend further. It was also determined to put the City Administrator search on hold indefinitely.

Mayor Hodson adjourned the meeting at 10:49 p.m.


Maya Benham, CMC
City Recorder


Brian Hodson
Mayor

Assisted with Preparation of Minutes – Susan Wood