

City of Creswell City Council Meeting

Council Members Present:

- Mayor Smith
- Councilor Costilla, Council President
- Councilor Holt
- Councilor Kent
- Councilor Kremer
- Councilor Morris
- Councilor Dukes

Audience: 5

Press: 0

Staff Present

- City Manager Vincent Martorello
- Finance Director Jim Piper
- Public Works Director Cliff Bellew
- City Recorder Caitlin Born
- Airport Manager Shelley Humble
- Sergeant Alex Speldrich
- Code Enforcement Officer Pierre Francia

Opening of the Meeting

Mayor Smith thanked everyone for coming to the City Council Meeting on December 08, 2025, and opened the meeting at 6:01 p.m. He asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Forum

Mayor Smith noted that no one had signed up for the public forum.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Smith announced the upcoming Creswell Community Center holiday market and light festival taking

place this weekend. Mayor Smith went over the details on the event and encouraged everyone to come to the event.

Mayor Smith also addressed a serious incident involving a weapon at Creslane Elementary School. He reported that school administration had followed protocol but expressed concern that the lack of information provided to parents led to fear and uncertainty. Mayor Smith advocated for providing more information to parents in such situations, while respecting privacy laws. He emphasized the importance of teaching proper weapon safety to children and assured citizens that community safety remained his top priority.

Correspondence

Mayor Smith noted there was none.

Consent Calendar

Mayor Smith asked if all councilors had been able to review the minutes. He noted all items are considered routine and would be enacted unless pulled for correction. After confirming everyone had a chance to view the minutes, he entertained a motion to accept the minutes as presented.

Council President Costilla moved to accept the council meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Kent. All voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Report – Vincent Martorello

November 2025 Bills

City Manager Martorello presented the November bills and offered to answer any questions from the Council. No questions were raised.

Lane County Sheriff's Calls for Service Report October 2025

Sergeant Alex Speldrich presented the Lane County Sheriff's calls for service report. He noted a significant increase in property crimes for the month, primarily due to a car prowling spree that resulted in multiple case numbers being generated. Sergeant Speldrich explained that separate case numbers are assigned for each victim, which inflated the statistics. He reported that leads were being pursued regarding the suspect's identity.

Sergeant Speldrich also informed the Council about the recent theft of an RV that was being used as a residence. He was pleased to report that deputies had located both the stolen RV and the suspects, who had already begun altering its appearance. The suspects were taken into custody.

Sergeant Speldrich highlighted an incident where a deputy was involved in a physical altercation while responding to a disorderly subject call. A community member assisted the deputy during the struggle. Sergeant Speldrich expressed pride in the community member who put themselves at risk to help. He noted that nobody was injured in the incident and that the suspect was taken into custody.

Councilor Holt asked about the status of the stolen RV and whether the owner would be able to recover it and continue living in it. Sergeant Speldrich responded that the owner was likely in the process of retrieving the vehicle, though he wasn't certain about its current condition.

Council President Costilla inquired whether flock cameras had assisted in locating the stolen RV. Sergeant Speldrich clarified that there are currently no active flock cameras in the Eugene-Springfield area of Lane County, though some police departments do have them.

Mayor Smith requested information about the community member who assisted the deputy so that the city could show appreciation for their actions. Sergeant Speldrich agreed to provide this information.

City Attorney Report November 2025

City Manager Martorello reported that the city had accrued 14 hours of legal services for the month and explained what those hours were allocated toward. Councilor Holt inquired about a follow-up regarding an Oregon Government Ethics discussion, and City Manager Martorello confirmed that information had been included in his update to the Council.

Code Enforcement Report

City Manager Martorello introduced Pierre-Michael Francia, the new code enforcement officer. Mr. Francia provided a brief background of his experience, including four years with Lane County Sheriff's Office and four years as a community service officer at the University of Oregon. Mr. Francia noted that he was working through a backlog of complaints dating back approximately six months. City Manager Martorello indicated that regular code enforcement reports would resume in the following month.

Building Permit Recap Report

City Manager Martorello presented the building permit schedule with no questions from council.

City Manager Report

City Manager Martorello announced that he was removing two agenda items—the South Lane Fire and Rescue land swap status and the future of the community center—from the discussion items. He noted these topics would be better served in future work sessions, as they would likely generate substantial discussion.

Lane County & City of Creswell System Benefit Fee

City Manager Martorello explained that in 2000, the city entered into an intergovernmental agreement with Lane County regarding system benefit fees. These fees are collected from waste haulers who transport waste generated in Lane County to non-county facilities. He noted that the city's waste hauler had recently acquired another hauling company that owned a landfill about two hours away. Despite the travel distance, City Manager Martorello stated that the hauler's overall carbon footprint was still less than what Lane County might generate.

City Manager Martorello expressed concern that system benefit fees, which could be as high as \$55 per ton, would be passed on to Creswell residents. He sought Council approval to draft a letter to the Lane County administrator about possibly terminating the agreement, noting that he was also consulting with the city attorney regarding any potential legal exposure.

Mayor Smith supported terminating the intergovernmental agreement to avoid increased costs for residents, noting that his research confirmed the hauler's smaller carbon footprint despite the transportation distance. Several councilors expressed support for the termination, with Councilor Holt emphasizing Creswell's status as a home-rule city and expressing concern about future fee increases from Lane County.

Town Hall for Flock Camera Update

City Manager Martorello addressed the status of the planned town hall regarding flock cameras. He noted that both Eugene and Springfield had recently suspended use of these cameras due to reported system vulnerabilities. The Council agreed to postpone the town hall for six months as originally planned.

Council Action Items

Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution 2025-22

Finance Director Jim Piper presented Resolution 2025-22, a supplemental budget for fiscal year 2025-26. He explained that the resolution would affect two funds: the general fund (transferring the Garden Lake Park bridge engineering funds to contingency) and the water capital improvement reserve fund (increasing appropriations for the main transmission line relocation project from \$1.7 million to \$1.9 million based on updated engineering estimates).

Mayor Smith opened a public hearing at 6:26 p.m. With no public comments, the hearing was closed at 6:27 p.m.

Councilor Morris moved to approve Resolution 2025-22, a resolution adopting a supplemental budget for fiscal year 2025-26, making appropriation/total requirement changes for specific funds. Councilor Kremer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing for Approval Resolution 2025-23

City Manager Martorello explained that Resolution 2025-23 would continue the existing moratorium on development due to limited sanitary sewer capacity as ordered by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. He clarified that the moratorium would naturally end once all conditions had been met.

Mayor Smith opened a public hearing at 6:30 p.m., With no public comments, the hearing was closed at 6:31 p.m.

Council President Costilla moved to adopt Resolution 2025-23, a resolution approving a moratorium on development pursuant to ORS 197.505 to 197.540 based on limited sanitary sewer capacity as ordered by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. Councilor Kent seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Planning Commission Recommendation

City Manager Martorello introduced the Planning Commission's recommendation to appoint Scott Lemmons to the Commission. He noted that Mr. Lemmons was the sole applicant and had been interviewed and recommended by the Planning Commission.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Mayor Smith directed everyone to review the city website calendar for upcoming meetings of the Planning Commission, Parks and Tree Advisory Board, and other meetings.

Adjournment

With no further business Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

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Nicholas Smith, Mayor

Attest:

*Signature on File

Caitlin Born, City Recorder