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"I'm wearing a mask and I'm going to continue wearing a mask, and that's my choice," she said. "I've been vaccinated but I know too many people who may have spread it without being vaccinated. I know two other people that have gotten it, even though they were vaccinated. So, I'm going to wear a mask and I'd feel much better if we were spread out."

The council agreed to socially distance but would not consider a requirement for councilors to mask.

At the beginning of the meeting, the first order of business was a presentation made by Richard Dreiling, the CEO of Oregon Float Homes. Dreiling wanted to share his company's ideas related to the need for more housing by building homes which would float on water.

The presentation included an example of possible future construction for a 50-slip marina. This model would allow for dozens of homes to be built.

According to Dreiling, the possible revenue streams from a project like this would include moorage fees for homeowners connecting to the 50-space dock, which would need to be built, and related homeowner association dues which could be collected.

There were a limited number of questions for Dreiling, who was able to answer many of them. However, as the presentation was informational only, there was no discussion from councilors and no action taken.

Following this, Dunes City Administrator Jamie Mills reported the arrival of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, totaling \$156,059, which needed to be designated for use. The money has some contingencies attached, as

it must be spent in relief of those impacted by COVID. Mills also presented the council with a list of possible uses for the money and pointed out that there may be some infrastructure improvements which might be allowed.

Councilor Rory Hammond suggested the decisions on how to spend the money might require more time.

"I think we need to really sit down and look these over, really think about these and maybe have a special meeting to go over this in more detail," Mallon said.

This suggestion was amenable to the council, and it was decided Mills will set up a future meeting, specifically to decide on projects which would qualify, while working towards meeting some long-term needs of the city.

Next, the subject of the controversial raise in water rates for a portion of Dunes City was addressed.

Mills reported on the meeting held last Thursday at Dunes City Hall, which featured a presentation from South Coast Water Company facilitated by Tom Puttman, CEO of Puttman Infrastructure, Inc., which owns the water district.

Mills reviewed the presentation from Puttman, which was not recorded at his request. She stated the rate increase request filed with the Oregon Public Utilities Commission (PUC) has been withdrawn and the process of community engagement will continue.

According to Puttman, there will be additional meetings, with a meeting tentatively scheduled for Sept. 9.

"The Aug. 19 meeting went really well," said Puttman afterwards. "We were there to share information.

This is a community engagement process and we wanted to catch people up and clarify what has taken place up until now, and what the plans are for the future. The PUC rate request is on hold until we can have another public meeting or two, and then we will see where we are at in the process."

Puttman also mentioned the timeline for Dunes City residents actually receiving a rate increase may take eight months or more, and until the process has been completed, no rate increase will appear on customer bills.

The issue of clean water was also a point of discussion, regarding access to water systems run by the city.

Mills told councilors the city is requiring residents to protect the water system and their home water systems by installing a special piece of equipment.

"There is a requirement that every person using the Dunes City shared water rights has to install a fish screen. Fish screens are mandated, and every person is supposed to have one," Mills said.

The council agreed with Mill's observation and moved to a discussion of the city budget.

There was some debate about the possibility of moving to a two-year budget cycle, but Mills had some concerns with that suggestion, specifically whether that was allowed by city code.

The council then passed and approved a motion to move to a two-year budget cycle pending Mill's report on the process and any conflicts with the plan, as codified in city code.

Road repairs progress was also reviewed during council meeting.

At the conclusion of the meeting, one point that all

councilors agreed on was the positive nature of the Dunes City Celebration of Life, which was held on Aug. 22. Mills coordinated the recognition of volunteers who have passed away in the past few years.

Forsythe said, "I think it went over very well, and I think it is always great to give something back to our volunteers."

The next Dunes City Council meeting is scheduled for Sept. 22. For more information, visit dunescityhall.com.

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