

**FOSSIL CITY COUNCIL
MEETING
JEANNE E BURCH BUILDING
MARCH 10, 2015**

Mayor MacInnes called meeting to order at 7PM

Council present: Carol MacInnes, Melanie Sperry, Mary Mountain, Jonathan Moore and Jerry Beckham

Staff present: Teresa Hunt, William Potter

Community present: Darlene Alexander, Brenda Snow, Linda Philbrick, Sally Potter, Pastor Pearl, Peggy Oliver, Ree Ann Stepp, Bryan Hunt, Richard Chambers, Peggy Williams, Mac Hankins, Linda Fleming, Rollene Allen, Trevor Humphreys, Bill and Carolyn Gubser, Carl Campbell, Wheeler County Commissioner Lyn Morley, June Rollins, Angi Humphreys, Tyrell Humphreys, Anne Mitchell and Donna Kavanaugh.

Councilor Mountain moved, Councilor Sperry seconded: to approve the minutes from the February 10th Council meeting as written. Motion carried by a 3 to 0 vote with Councilor Moore abstaining as he was absent from the February meeting.

Councilor Moore moved, Councilor Mountain seconded: to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

COMMUNITY ISSUES/CONCERNS

Pastor Pearl stated that she is concerned with the burning of leaves and other yard debris and the use of burn barrels in the city.

It is legal to burn leaves and dry branches from trees and brush and you can burn paper products in burn barrels, and the leaves and branches can also be dumped for free at the Wheeler County Transfer Site. But the burning of plastics, like foam cups, meat trays and egg containers, disposable diapers, asbestos, tires or other rubber products, garbage and food waste, waste oil or other petroleum products are prohibited in the State of Oregon.

The smoke caused by burning household waste is unhealthy to breathe, particularly for small children, pregnant women, older adults and people with asthma or other respiratory ailments.

The Council would ask that you please be respectful of your neighbors and abide by the burning regulations, be conscious of what you are burning and considerate of neighbors who may have health or breathing issues. We do not want to ban burning in the City but this is a step that can be taken.

OLD BUSINESS

MUSEUM

A letter was received from Marilyn Garcia stating that Camp Hancock had invited the museum staff and volunteers for a "Get Acquainted Dinner" on Friday March 13th. Darlene Hopper is making the arrangements for the volunteers to attend and Matt Camargo will be assisting in moving some displays to the kitchen area upstairs.

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NEW BUSINESS

BRYAN HUNT

Mr. Bryan Hunt has requested to place a fifth wheel RV on the vacant lot at 660 6th Street, hook up to water and sewer and live in the RV.

Because the request was denied by the City Recorder as it is against the Zoning Ordinance, Mr. Hunt has brought his request to the City Council.

Councilor Mountain moved, Councilor Sperry seconded: to deny Mr. Bryan Hunt's request to live in the fifth wheel RV trailer that he has placed on the vacant lot at 660 6th Street. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

AUDIT PROPOSAL

Councilor Moore moved, Councilor Sperry seconded: to accept the proposal from Oster Professional Group to perform the audit for the 2014-15 fiscal year. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CITY RIGHT-OF-WAYS

A work session is scheduled for April 6th at 5pm at city hall to discuss the issue of the personal items on the city right-of-ways that need to be removed. Some of the items of note are unlicensed or inoperable vehicles, RV/camp trailers parked on right-of-ways and burn barrels placed in the right-of-ways.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was sent to Dr. Boss February 11th thanking him for his many years of volunteer service to the Fossil Volunteer Ambulance as the Medical Advisor and also stating that we would not be renewing the contract with him for the coming year.

A letter was also received back from Dr. Boss and Mayor MacInnes read the letter to the Council and community members present and also stated that another MD has been contacted and will be our new Medical Advisor for the Fossil Volunteer Ambulance Service.

Councilor Sperry stated that the Ambulance Advisory Board recommends the council appoint Cistie Shaffer to the Ambulance Advisory Board.

Councilor Mountain moved, Councilor Moore seconded: to appoint Cistie Shaffer to the Fossil Volunteer Ambulance Advisory Board. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

TREVOR HUMPHREYS – WHEELER COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Humphreys gave an overview of the Wheeler County Economic Development Two Year Action Plan.

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STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Hunt requested two councilors to do the interviews for the Parks position for this summer. Councilor Sperry and Councilor Moore will do the interviews.

Ms. Hunt requested this Thursday March 12th off and also the week of spring break March 23rd to March 26th. Council granted this vacation time.

Mr. Potter stated that the Fire Department volunteers will be doing Firefighter 1 training in Antelope, this training will be for 5 weekends.

Mr. Potter will also be attending Short School March 30th through April 2nd.

Mr. Potter stated that he would like to discuss the complaint on the fire alarm. There are some people that are for having the alarm go off when there is a fire or a motor vehicle accident and the volunteers need to be notified. We do not have nor can we afford to purchase enough radios or pagers for the volunteers. So the alarm is the only way to alert the volunteers that they need to respond to the emergency.

There is also "Active 911". The problem with this is you have to have a smart phone and we have a few of the volunteers signed up on the "Active 911" and it does not always work. Sometime we receive notifications and sometimes we do not, or a couple of us receive it and the rest do not.

The fire alarm not only informs our volunteers to respond it also lets everyone else know that there is an emergency, be it for fire or for a motor vehicle accident.

If we do not have the alarm and there is an emergency and the "Active 911" fails, no one is going to respond to the emergency.

MAYOR/COUNCIL

There will be refreshments at the April 14th Council Meeting and a plaque presented to Rick Shaffer for all his years of service to the city.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm

Carol MacInnes, Mayor

Teresa Hunt, City Recorder