

**FOSSIL CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
JEANNE E BURCH BUILDING
APRIL 8, 2014**

Mayor Lorts called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Council present: Jack Lorts, Angi Humphreys, Mary Mountain, Tom McNeill and Jonathan Moore

Staff present: Teresa Hunt, William Potter

Community present: Brenda Snow, Sally Potter, Linda Philbrick, Roger Morehead, Sherian Asher, Rollene Allen, Ree Ann Strepp, Gene Mortimore, Trevor Humphreys, Ann Mitchell, Robin Ordway.

Tom McNeill moved, Mary Mountain seconded: to approve the minutes from the March meeting as written. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Jonathan Moore moved, Tom McNeill seconded: to approve payment of the March bills as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

COMMUNITY ISSUES/CONCERNS

There will be lunch at the Meat Shoot on Saturday the April 19th at the Fossil Gun Club. Proceeds from the lunch will go to the Fossil Volunteer Fire Department.

OLD BUSINESS

A letter from Marilyn Garcia reporting on the Museum stated that volunteers are cleaning and preparing the museum complex for the opening May 23rd.

An application was presented to the Wheeler County Cultural and Heritage Coalition in the amount of \$200 to help purchase a 3 X 2.6' 1986 print of Fossil. This print will replace an old one that has become very dark over the years.

Once again the museum board is very fortunate to have a group of volunteers that enable us to be open six days a week for the three month period that the museum is open during the summer.

Councilor Humphreys reported that the Historic Preservation Landmark Commission had a meeting and they are going to schedule a meeting with Kuri Gill from the Historic Preservation part of Oregon Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Cramer spearheaded the last project and is more informed and understands the process of the SHPO grants more thoroughly than the rest of the members of the Landmark Commission, and with Mr. Cramer not being able to be so involved at this time, the rest of the board needs a refresher course on the process and what is entailed.

The Council received a letter from Painted Hills Natural Beef that stated they were making a counter offer for Lot 15 in the Industrial Park.

Painted Hills Natural Beef offered \$13,000 to the City for Lot #15.

Angi Humphreys moved, Mary Mountain seconded: to accept the offer from PHNB of \$13,000 for Lot #15 in the Industrial Park. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Gene Mortimore, representing ABATE, requests to have First Street closed from Main Street to Washington Saturday May 24th for the annual ABATE bike show. During the bike show there will also be a Scavenger hunt taking place at the businesses in Fossil with the proceeds from this being split with the winner of the scavenger hunt and the Fossil Preschool.

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Mr. Mortimore is also selling raffle tickets again this year for a coat, and the proceeds from the raffle go to the EMT's.

Tom McNeill moved, Angi Humphreys seconded: to approve the street closure on May 24th for the annual ABATE bike show. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Potter reported that he will be taking Mrs. Burrows class at the grade school on a field trip Wednesday the 10th of the sewer system.

Mr. Potter was at short school last week in Baker for annual training.

The Fire Department has 13 volunteers at this time and Mr. Jim Stephan has donated a car from his scrapping business for the fire department to use for training.

The volunteer fire fighters will be going to a "Burn to Learn" in Condon for training also.

MAYOR/COUNCIL

Mayor Lorts reminded everyone that next Wednesday the 16th Senator Wyden will be at the High School at 2pm. Everyone is invited.

Councilor Humphreys stated that she and Councilor McNeill will be holding job interviews Thursday evening the 10th starting at 4:15pm at city hall for the Parks Maintenance position.

Councilor Mountain reported that she and Mr. Potter attended the ACT meeting in Rufus on Monday the 7th, and that the \$900,000 grant is approved and prioritized but it does not start until 2016 and it is Federal Funds so this funding could be impacted by federal cuts.

Councilor Moore asked Teresa what was happening with the request from the High School to place a modular schoolroom behind the High School.

Teresa stated that where the school wants to place the modular schoolroom is actually a platted city street. The city has utilities in the street and the city also needs to maintain a fire lane here even if the street is never developed.

The city needs at least a 20 foot easement behind the school in what is actually "C" Street for maintenance of the utilities and the Fire Department needs the access in case of fire at the school.

The school will have to place the modular on the north side of this "easement" instead of up next to the school building where they wanted to put it.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm

Jack Lorts, Mayor

Teresa Hunt, City Recorder