

**CITY OF FOSSIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
JEANNE E. BURCH BUILDING  
APRIL 9, 2013**

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

Council present: Anne Mitchell, Sarah Conaway, Tom McNeill, Jack Lorts and Angi Humphreys.

Community present: Jon & Judy Fessler, Sherian Asher, Roger Morehead, Karen Masshoff, Jim Stephen and Kendall Derby.

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

Anne Mitchell moved, Sarah Conaway seconded: to approve the payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

### **COMMUNITY ISSUES/CONCERNS**

Sherian Asher stated that a Health Fair is being held Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the Glover Hall.

Councilor Conaway and Jon & Judy Fessler have been working diligently scheduling a "Clean Up Day" for the City of Fossil. The "Clean Up" is scheduled for Friday and Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, with the School District children being involved on Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Conaway and the Fesslers have been successful in securing two large garbage trailers from Oregon Waste Systems in Arlington for these two days and the Wheeler County Commissioners have reduced the dumping fees for **Fossil residents only** for these 2 days, for your first load to the transfer station for .07 cents per pound instead of the normal .15 cents per pound. This reduced fee is only for the first load of garbage dumped and the Fossil resident has to have a "voucher". The "vouchers" will be hand delivered, one to each household in the next week. Any donations to the city to help defray costs would be appreciated.

The two dumpster trailers will be located at the fair grounds and are to be utilized for bulky items such as chairs or mattresses, boards that have been painted, treated wood or plywood, bagged grass clippings, metal including household appliances, etc.. There will also be a trailer for tires with no metal rims, and a place to dispose of used batteries. No electronics will be accepted at the Fair Grounds as they can be taken to the transfer site. No hazardous waste like petroleum products, chemicals or paint. No yard debris or household garbage at the fair grounds. Then on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> after 4pm there will be a BBQ Dinner for participants and volunteers at the Isobel Edwards Hall. The BBQ is being organized by Sherian Asher.

Ms. Fessler stated that we should received \$100.00 from SOLVE and that we also received gloves, heavy garbage bags and first aid kits from SOLVE. We also applied for \$100.00 from SOLVE to help dispose of the tires. Thank you SOLVE.

The Bank of Eastern Oregon is also donating \$300.00 towards this clean up effort, Thank you Bank of Eastern Oregon.

The Council extends a huge thank you to Councilor Conaway and Mr. & Mrs. Jon Fessler for organizing this clean up effort and working so diligently to make it all happen.

A huge thank you goes out to Sherian Asher for organizing and overseeing the BBQ; and to Michael Boehlke for donating his labor and equipment to weed eat the entrances into the City of Fossil.

We also extend a Thank You and appreciation to the County Commissioners for reducing the dumping fees to Fossil Residents for their first trip to the dump for these two days.

Tom McNeill moved, Anne Mitchell seconded: to approve up to a \$1000.00 to help cover the costs associated with the “clean up” for the trucking of the trailer dumpsters or disposal of the tires. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The council has received many complaints written and verbal from Fossil residents about the condition of the town. There are far too many places that have accumulated garbage and debris on the property and then the folks who are doing the metal recycling (scrapppers) are doing there business in residential areas (which is against the zoning ordinance) and their properties are a mess and help make the town look shabby. Also, there are many residents who have items and debris on the city right-of-ways that are in violation of the city Nuisance Ordinance.

Sarah Conaway moved, Anne Mitchell seconded: to send abatement letters to the residents on the list that has been developed from complaints received of the properties that are in violation of the Nuisance Ordinance by having abandoned vehicle, garbage and debris on the city right-of-ways.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The budget meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 21<sup>st</sup> 2013 at 6:30pm at the Jeanne E Burch Building.

Anne Mitchell moved, Angi Humphreys seconded: to sign the contract with Oster Professional Group to do the city audit for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

### **MAYOR/COUNCIL**

Mayor Lorts stated that the council is receiving a lot of complaints about people burning items that are bad smelling and obnoxious. DEQ states that the following materials cannot be burned at anytime or anywhere in Oregon: rubber and plastic products, tires, wet garbage, petroleum and petroleum treated materials, asphalt or industrial waste, or any material that creates dense smoke or noxious odors. It is also against the law to conduct any open burning that: unreasonably interferes with enjoyment of life or property, creates a public or private nuisance or is a hazard to public safety.

Councilor Conaway stated that we need volunteers for the city wide clean up days.

Councilor Mitchell presented her resignation letter to the council.

Sarah Conaway moved, Tom McNeill seconded: to accept letter of resignation from Anne Mitchell with regret. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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Jack E Lorts, Mayor

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Teresa Hunt, City Recorder