

**FOSSIL CITY COUNCIL
MEETING
JEANNE E BURCH BUILDING
APRIL 14, 2015**

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

Council present: Darlene Alexander, Brenda Snow, Karen Woods, Linda Philbrick, Don Cossitt and Wheeler County Commissioner Morley.

Mayor MacInnes started the meeting by saying that she and the council would like to express their gratitude to Rick Shaffer for his 23 years of service to the City of Fossil.

Mayor MacInnes also stated how important and taken for granted the Public Works position is. People in this position really need to be appreciated because most of us do not realized just how much Rick and now Bill Potter really do, and this position is pretty much a 24/7 responsibility if the person in this position does not know how to say "no". So when you see Rick on the street, thank him for his work all those years and when you see Bill thank him for the job he is doing.

Mayor MacInnes brought refreshments and had a plaque made for Mr. Shaffer and stated again that she would like to on behalf of the city thank Mr. Shaffer for his service and to thank Mr. Potter for taking over Rick's position.

Councilor Mountain moved, Councilor Sperry seconded: to approve the minutes for the March meeting as written. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

COMMUNITY ISSUES/CONCERNS

Karen Woods stated that she is concerned about the city water supply for this summer and she was wondering if the city was looking for another water source.

Mr. Potter stated that he also was concerned about the water supply for the city meeting the needs of the residents and Mr. Potter requested permission from the council to check into the costs associated with the geological study that needs to be done to find water and then once a water source is located we can begin the process to secure funding for drilling and the infrastructure needed.

The council agreed unanimously for Mr. Potter to locate another water source.

OLD BUSINESS

Library

The week of April 13th – 17th is National Library Week. On Friday April 17th the library will have refreshments and a raffle for a gift basket.

Mayor MacInnes reported that the council has held two work sessions in preparation for enforcing the ordinances of the City and stated that they (the council) are going to enforce the ordinances which will not be a popular decision with some individuals in the city.

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NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Don Cossitt explained to the council that the assessed value on properties increase by 3% per year, the market value has not increased over the last few years so the assessed value has almost caught up with the market value which combined with the property values and slow sales of properties makes for a low revenue stream for tax revenue.

Appoint Budget Officer and Schedule Budget Meeting

Councilor Sperry moved, Councilor Mountain seconded: to appoint Teresa Hunt as Budget Officer. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Budget meeting was scheduled for May 6th, 2015 at 6pm at the Jeanne E Burch Building.

STAFF REPORT

Ms. Hunt provided copies of a lease proposal for a new copier for city hall. The lease for a replacement copier would increase the present monthly lease agreement by \$4.00.

Councilor Moore moved, Councilor Mountain seconded: to approve the lease with Craig Office Supply to replace the old copier in city hall with a new one. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Hunt reported that the City Planner Dan Meader with Tenneson Engineering will be retiring this year. Nick Kraemer has been hired and Mr. Meader is working with him for the next few months to smooth the transition with the cities that Mr. Meader has been the planner for the last 35 + years.

Mr. Potter reported that the volunteer fire department traveled to Antelope this past weekend for training in the Firefighter 1 Course. Five of our volunteer firefighters went to the training on Saturday and 4 on Sunday. There are two more weekends of training for this course.

MAYOR/COUNCIL

Mayor MacInnes stated that at the next council meeting Councilor Sperry will have an update on the ambulance transition of Medical Directors.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm

Carol MacInnes, Mayor

Teresa Hunt, City Recorder