

**CITY OF FOSSIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
JEANNE E BURCH BUILDING  
JUNE 11, 2013**

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

Council present: Jack Lorts, Angi Humphreys, Tom McNeill, Judy Fessler and Sarah Conaway

Staff present: Teresa Hunt and Bill Potter

Community present: Mary Mountain, Marsha Holly, Roger Morehead, Sherian Asher, Kendall Derby, Karen Masshoff, Christine Smith and Sally Potter.

Sarah Conaway moved, Tom McNeill seconded: to approve the minutes from the May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting as written. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Judy Fessler moved, Angi Humphreys seconded: to approve the minutes from the May 28<sup>th</sup> budget meeting as written. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

#### COMMUNITY ISSUES/CONCERNS

The agreement with Rod McGuire dba as Paradise Rose is signed but there needs to be a change as to the deposit for the electricity.

It has been discovered that the electrical outlet that Mr. McGuire was going to hook into is not operating, so Mr. McGuire will be using generators instead of the city power source. So the deposit for the electricity is not required.

Councilor Conaway would like the city to consider imposing a hospitality tax or room tax. This tax would apply to the motel, a bed and breakfast and to any house that is rented out on a nightly basis, such as the rental on First Street. More information will be gathered on this issue.

Roger Morehead commented that the Life Flight landing area by the clinic needs to be cleaned again.

Councilor Fessler will look into the helipad issue as the city with only the two employees does not have the time to keep washing the helipad. The problem comes from the fact that the helipad is on a street and the street is used for access to the fairgrounds which brings all of the mud and debris from the fairgrounds out onto the street and then it dries and causes a hazardous issue for the helicopter to land because of the dust and rock.

Kendal Derby has heard rumors that the city was considering putting street lights up at the Industrial Park. Mr. Derby was wondering why the city was considering this and commented that maybe the two businesses out there did not want street lights.

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The city received an estimate from Columbia Basin Electric to put in 3 street lights at the Industrial Park on Stone Cabin Court. This would place one light by the lift station, one half way down the street and the third street light at the cul-de-sac.

Councilor Fessler also received an estimate from Columbia Basin Electric to put up security lights, like yard lights, instead of the actual street lights.

No decision was made by the council at this time.

Since this is a city street, it should at some point have street lights, which is the city's prerogative. Also, the issue is at hand at this time because the city is trying to solve the issue of the shuttle vehicles being parked all along the streets in town and causing a safety issue and also causing congestion. So, the council is considering having the shuttle drivers parking the shuttle vehicles on one of the city owned lots at the Industrial Park so they are not sitting all over town and then we would need lighting for that parking area for safety and security reasons.

Sherian Asher reported that the first Farmers Market this year will be Wednesday June 26<sup>th</sup> and will be held every Wednesday thereafter thru the summer. The Farmers Market will be located in front of the Hardware Store on Main Street and will be from 9am to noon or until the product is gone.

#### OLD BUSINESS

A work session is scheduled for July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm just prior to the council meeting to set priorities for the ODOT grant that is being worked on.

A Town Hall will be held in September. Judy and Sarah are to work on a survey to be given to the residents of Fossil to see what is wanted in our community.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Tom McNeill moved, Judy Fessler seconded: to adopt Resolution NO. 396: A Resolution Adopting the Budget, Declaring Tax Levied, Making Appropriations for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year. Motion carried by unanimous vote

Sarah Conaway moved, Angi Humphreys seconded: to adopt Resolution NO. 397: A Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Angi Humphreys moved, Tom McNeill seconded: to adopt a Resolution Declaring the City's Election to Received State Revenues. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A letter from Tim Novak was received requesting a waiver or reduction in the SDC charges for hooking up water and sewer to the building at 508 First Street.

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A waiver or reduction in SDC charges is not allowed as the city received loan and grant money in the past from Rural Utilities to do improvements to both our water and sewer systems.

Judy Fessler moved, Sarah Conaway seconded: to approve a Temporary Liquor Sales License to the Wheeler County Fairboard for Saturday night June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 for the Tough Mudder event. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**MAYOR/COUNCIL**

Mayor Lorts stated that he had been asked by the County that if the building at 505 Main Street was rented to Bob Clark if the city would allow him to have his large outdoor barbecue cooker parked on the street.

The council agreed unanimously that at this location the barbecue cooker could not be parked and used on the street as this is a very busy section of the Main Street for parking for the Bank and the Mercantile. Also, there is an area behind this building that could be utilized for the barbecue.

Mayor Lorts also wanted to remind everyone that on the first Tuesday of the month at City Hall from 10am to noon is Coffee with the Mayor.

Councilor Humphreys reported on the Parks Program that is to run the month of July and swimming lessons will be starting Monday July 8<sup>th</sup> and will for two weeks.

Councilor McNeill asked Bill Potter if he had checked into replacing the city pickup. Mr. Potter reported that it would be September or so before we could get a quote on a new pickup for the city.

Council Fessler will be following up on the right-of-way abatement issues and the letters that were sent out previously.

Councilor Conaway would like to see some kind of event like basketball, volleyball, tennis, etc. set up on Thursday nights at the City Park for the older kids in the community to be involved in.

It was suggested that she look into having an open gym at the school for this and that the parents be involved in this rather than the city council.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm

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Jack Lorts, Mayor

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Teresa Hunt, City Recorder