

FOSSIL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

JEANNE E BURCH BUILDING

JUNE 14, 2016 7:00PM

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

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

Council absent: Jonathan Moore

Staff present: Teresa Hunt, William Potter and Deputy Boyd

Community present: Brenda Snow Potter, Julie Knox, Gene Mortimore, Carmen Oakes, Roy Carlson, Nyka Joyce, Peggy Williams, Marsha Holly, Kaylee Griffith, Thomas Wolff with Columbia Basin Electric and Sheriff Chris Humphreys.

Councilor Mountain moved to approve the agenda with the two additions from the Mayor. Councilor Sperry seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Councilor Mountain moved to approve the minutes from the May 10th council meeting, the May 4th budget meeting and the May bills as presented. Councilor Beckham seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor MacInnes had stated at the April council meeting that the car show would go on this year on July 2nd, but the council did not vote on the road closure.

Councilor Sperry moved to approve closing Main Street and First Street to Washington Street for the Car Show on July 2nd. Councilor Beckham seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Boyd stated that we are at the next step in abatement of disabled vehicles.

The next step is to send out a letter to the individuals stating that the intended vehicle is slated for towing and giving the owner a chance to respond, the intent is to stage the vehicles that are towed on the property behind the transfer station that is city property until we can get a truck to come in and haul them away.

Deputy Boyd reported that he is still working with several property owners on cleaning up their places. There has been improvement on most of the properties.

Columbia Basin Electric

Tom Wolff from CBEC reported to the Council that the Cooperative is going to be installing an electric car charging station in Fossil.

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This unit will be one of four the Cooperative is installing – one each in Fossil, Condon, Lone and Heppner. The locations will be published in all electric car owners' smart-phone applications, and on the Travel Oregon and Oregon Tourism web sites.

CBEC is asking the Council for financial assistance in putting this unit into place and also to contribute some in-kind labor service.

It was decided that the car charging station would be installed at the bottom of the High School hill, on the east side of the intersection of Main Street and Broadway, by the information kiosks that are there.

This is a good general location with easy access to the downtown area and the fossil dig site behind the high school.

Councilor Sperry moved to contribute \$750.00 to CBEC for their car charging station project. Councilor Mountain seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Potter agreed to assist with the trenching and landscaping for placement of the car charging station for the in-kind labor.

Patti Jaeger – Street Closure

Mayor MacInnes stated that we do have a letter from Ms. Jaeger requesting the street closures for the Bluegrass Festival but it is the Councils' desire that if you are requesting something from the Council and the City that you be present to answer any questions that may arise from your request and it is also considered common courtesy to show up if you have a request for the Council.

Mayor MacInnes requested the City Recorder send an email to Ms. Jaeger stating that in the future all requests will be denied and not considered by the Council, if not presented in person.

Councilor Sperry moved to approve the street closures as requested in writing for the Bluegrass Festival starting Thursday June 30th through Tuesday July 5th. Councilor Beckham seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Kaylee Griffith

Ms. Griffith requests approval for two OLCC Temporary Sales Applications, one for Saturday July 2nd for the Car Show and the Bluegrass Festival from 9:00am to 4:00pm and one for August 13th from approximately 10:00am to 1:00pm for the Fair Parade.

The "Beer Garden" will be at 690 Main Street in front of KC's Country Value.

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Councilor Mountain moved to approve the OLCC Temporary Sales Application for Ms. Griffith for Saturday July 2nd. Councilor Sperry seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Councilor Mountain moved to approve the OLCC Temporary Sales Application for Ms. Griffith for August 13th during the Fair Parade. Councilor Sperry seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Wheeler County Fair Board – Carmen Oakes

Ms. Oakes is requesting for the Wheeler County Fair Board approval of an OLCC Temporary Sales Application for August 13th and 14th for the Fair and Rodeo weekend.

Councilor Sperry moved to approve the OLCC permit for August 13th and 14th. Councilor Mountain seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Gene Mortimore – ABATE

Mr. Mortimore presented Mayor MacInnes and the Council with a \$1002 donation from ABATE to the Fossil Volunteer Ambulance.

The Council thanked Mr. Mortimore and ABATE.

Tatone-Smith Real Estate

Mayor MacInnes stated that she had been approached by Linda Tatone-Smith and that Linda stated that she would be interested in listing the lots in Fossil Heights and the Industrial Park.

The Council unanimously agreed to have Linda present a listing offer to be considered.

ACTION

Councilor Sperry moved to adopt Resolution No. 409: A Resolution adopting the budget; declaring tax levied; making appropriations for the 2016-17 Fiscal Year. Councilor Mountain seconded the motion.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Councilor Mountain moved to adopt a Resolution for the City's election to received State Shared Revenues. Councilor Beckham seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

July 4th Parade

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Councilor Mountain stated that last year the Council was in the July 4th Parade and wanted to know if the Council was going to plan on being in the parade again this year.

The Council all agreed that yes they would be in the parade.

Sally's Foods

William Potter requested permission to put up an awning for Saturday July 2nd in front of Sally's Foods for shade during the car show.

Councilor Mountain moved to allow an awning put up for Saturday July 2nd in front of Sally's Foods. Councilor Sperry seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Potter stated that water restrictions started June 1st. At this time outside water use is allowed from 6am to 9am and from 6pm to 9pm daily.

Mr. Potter also reported that burning is only allowed by permit at this time, and that full burn closure is expected soon.

The Fire Department will be having a yard sale at Mr. Potters' house at 815 Adams Street July 2nd and 3rd. All proceeds go to Haven House to help pay for the repair/replacement of the dry fire suppression system.

Ambulance Board Report

Councilor Sperry stated that our ambulance rates are some of the lowest in the state and when the ambulance is called out, people will be billed for that service and that Teresa is sending those billings out as directed by the Ambulance Board.

So if you have issues with the Ambulance invoice, go to Councilor Sperry or Mayor MacInnes or even to Bill MacInnes Senior who is the Ambulance Board President.

If you call the ambulance anywhere else you are going to get a bill, and Fossil is no different.

If you pick up that phone and call 911, we leave everything we are doing because you have called us for help. Regardless of whether we transport or not, or if we only take a blood pressure and do an assessment, we are not free. We pay for our training, our supplies, our fuel, the ambulance and everything, the only people that do not get paid are the people who come to help you, so do not expect that you will not receive some sort of bill.

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We are trying to get people to stop calling us for a splinter or my arm hurts, because if you have insurance it is not going to cover these type of calls and ultimately you are responsible for the bill and we are \$500 out of the gate. If we transport to Madras, the mileage is in addition to that \$500.

You can't just call us and not expect to get a bill, we are not free, it costs money to keep the ambulance operating and the EMT's trained, and if this community wants to keep the ambulance service then you need to back us up and realize we are not free and neither is any other ambulance service.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm

Carol MacInnes, Mayor

Teresa Hunt, City Recorder