

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

Mayor Lorts called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

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

Staff present: Teresa Hunt, William Potter

Community present: Jon Fessler, Mary Mountain, Marsha Holly, Roger Morehead, Sherian Asher and Sally Potter.

Tom McNeill moved, Angi Humphreys seconded: to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2013 Council meeting as written with the following addition to page two after the second paragraph:

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 and proposed estimate for solar street lights.

No decision was made by the council at this time.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Sarah Conaway moved, Judy Fessler seconded: to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2013 Budget Hearing as written. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

#### COMMUNITY ISSUES/CONCERNS

Roger Morehead reminded the council that the Life Flight Landing pad is still an issue that needs to be addressed. One of the pilots that fly in complains about the dust obscuring his view when they are trying to land the helicopter.

Mayor Lorts will approach Asher Community Health Center, the County Court and the Ambulance personnel and schedule a meeting to discuss the helicopter landing pad. Roger Morehead and Councilor Conaway will also be invited to this meeting and involved in the discussion.

#### OLD BUSINESS

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**Museum**

The council received a report from the Museum which stated that the Museum opened May 24<sup>th</sup>; Sheryl Parrott repainted the sign at the Pine Creek School complex; the monitor stove had been repaired and the apple tree in the Pine Creek School complex had been trimmed.

Also noted that the bench on the grounds needs to be repainted but otherwise the grounds are in excellent condition.

Jon and Judy Fessler set up a very attractive radio display in the museum and this has been well received by the public.

The visitor count to the museum is down compared to last year.

**Historic Preservation Landmark Commission**

The HPLC is meeting Friday July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 3pm to discuss what project we would like to use the SHPO grant money on in this next grant cycle. As you recall this years grant money is too used on the Fossil Grade School Gym renovation project.

**Transient Room Tax**

Council directed the city recorder to have an Ordinance written for the Transient Room Tax designating the tax to be 6%, with 70% of the net revenues to be used for tourism and 30% to go to the General Fund to be used to fund city services or administrative costs incurred, etc.

**ODOT MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM GRANT**

The council did a walking tour of the proposed project prior to the council meeting in a work session in order to prioritize certain areas of the project.

Priorities are as follows:

- 1) Make existing sidewalks more accessible and user friendly for ADA by making corner entrances to the sidewalks and making the existing sidewalks safer for all by repairing the crumbling and lifting surfaces in the existing sidewalks. Possibly widen sidewalks about 2 feet to enclosed power poles.
- 2) Traffic Calming on Hwy 19 and Washington Street with caution light and signage.
- 3) New curb and sidewalk from Main Street to the entrance to the Fairgrounds along north side of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, creating a safe route to the Fossil Heritage Trail.
- 4) Should extension walking trails, gravel with polymer seal or chip seal material for a walking trail on the west side of Main Street to High School (about 1 block) from A Street to High School.

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From Highway 19 up First Street to Main Street on the south side of First Street. Mainly creating a new extension to run west of Adams Street to Hwy 19.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Sarah Conaway moved, Angi Humphreys seconded: to Adopt ORS 297.466 Resolution, A Resolution setting forth proposed corrective measures pertaining to deficiencies noted in annual audit report. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Tom McNeill moved, Sarah Conaway seconded: to Adopt a Resolution for the Special City Allotment. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**STAFF REPORTS**

Judy Fessler moved, Sarah Conaway seconded: to approve the OLCC license renewals for Fossil Hardware, Fossil Mercantile and RJ's Steaks Spirits Sports and deny the OLCC license renewal for Timber Wolf Café Randy & Linda Tagg. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Potter reported that a plan review has been sent in to the Water Drinking Program for the Chase Street Well. The plan review is required due to the fact that the well collapsed and was re-drilled and was deepened another 75 feet.

Mr. Potter also stated that when ODOT is here the end of July to do the street work for the Special City Allotment, they have agreed to extra work for the city that the city would pay additionally for. Mr. Potter requests to spend up to \$20,000 on extra street work.

Angi Humphreys moved, Tom McNeill seconded: to approve up to \$20,000 to be spent for additional street work in conjunction with the Special City Allotment.

**MAYOR/COUNCIL**

Councilor Humphreys reported that the Parks Program started Monday July 8<sup>th</sup>.

There are 14 kids signed up at this time. The first two weeks of the program involves swimming lessons in Condon and the next two weeks will involve other activities for the kids at the main City Park in Fossil.

Councilor Fessler wants the council to stay focused on the issue with the shuttle cars.

Council discussed complaints of barking dogs, and discussed issuing warnings.

Council also discussed the issue of abandoned cars on the street right-of-ways. No decision was made at this time.

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So the council will meet at 6pm August 13<sup>th</sup> before the regular council meeting to discuss the shuttle car issues.

Councilor Conaway states that a Town Hall will be scheduled in September.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm

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Jack Lorts, Mayor

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Teresa Hunt, City Recorder