

**FOSSIL CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING  
JEANNE E BURCH BUILDING  
August 11, 2015 7:00 P.M.**

Council President Jonathan Moore called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

**Council present:** Jonathan Moore Melanie Sperry and Mary Mountain.

**Staff present:** Teresa Hunt, William Potter

**Community present:** Brenda Snow Potter, Anne Mitchell, Christine Smith, Peggy Williams and Marsha Holly.

Councilor Mountain moved to approve the minutes from the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting as written. Councilor Sperry seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Councilor Mountain moved to approve the minutes from the August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting as written. Councilor Sperry seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Councilor Sperry moved to approve payment of the July bills as presented. Councilor Mountain seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**COMMUNITY ISSUES/CONCERNS**

Christine Smith states that she is present to respond to the letter she received from the city that stated she could not rent out rooms for monetary compensation on a nightly basis without first applying for a conditional use permit.

This discussion was tabled until the September council meeting when the full council will be present.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no correspondence from the Library or Museum boards.

The request for a Smoke Free Park from Wheeler County Public Health was tabled until the September meeting when a full council would be present.

Sheriff Humphreys was present to discuss the agreement that is being written up that will provide enforcement services to Fossil. Sheriff Humphreys stated that the agreement had been reviewed by the County Commissioners, County District Attorney and Dave Nelson with CIS. Mr. Nelson suggested some changes to the original document. Sheriff Humphreys started discussing these changes with the council.

Mayor MacInnes and Councilor Beckham joined the meeting at this point. Discussion of the changes to the original document continued. The Council will review the revised document and discuss further at the council meeting in September.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Councilor Mountain stated that ODOT has sent out information to all residents of Fossil concerning the Fossil Trail and Sidewalk Project. There will be a public meeting on Tuesday August 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 7:30pm at the Wheeler County Courthouse. The meeting will begin with a presentation about this project followed by a question and answer session.

Surveying will start for this project in the next couple of weeks.

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**STAFF REPORTS**

City Recorder stated that the Auditors would be here Wednesday and Thursday August 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Potter reported that a new pump was installed in the Cemetery (Washington Street) Well and we are pumping fairly steady at 300 gallons a minute compared to the 45 gallons a minute it was pumping when it went down. We were having issues for a couple weeks with the pump shutting down and we would have to reset it, this was due to the amperage it was set at. Amperage was turned up and that solved the problem, but we burned up a chlorinator pump during this time because it would still run when the pump was not.

Mr. Potter received 3 quotes on a sewer and drain Jetter.

- Northwest Jettors - \$16,691.70
- Hot Jet USA - 18,445.00 + training + 1400 for freight
- Cam Spray Jetter - 18499.00 + \$3,000 a day for training + \$2679 for freight

Councilor Sperry moves to approve the quote from Northwest Jettors in the amount of \$16,691.70.

Councilor Beckham seconded the motion. Motion carried by majority vote.

Mr. Potter also attended a Wastewater/Water Finance Workshop in Newport on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Potter stated that this was a very worthwhile workshop.

**MAYOR/COUNCIL**

Mayor MacInnes stated that she would like to see a policy and procedure written setting guidelines for the way that the council will accept and act on special permits.

We will not be calling a special meeting to act on these permits, the paperwork needs to be into the city in time for the council to be able to review the paperwork, preferably a week before the council meeting. Also, whoever is requesting the special permit is required to be at the council meeting to answer questions and if the requestor is not present at the council meeting then the council may choose to deny the permit.

Mayor MacInnes would like to schedule a work session to further discuss a "tiny home" community/development. A work session will be scheduled during the week of August 17<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm

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Carol MacInnes, Mayor

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Teresa Hunt, City Recorder