

**CITY OF FOSSIL
COUNCIL MEETING
JEANNE E BURCH BUILDING
AUGUST 13, 2013**

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

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

Staff present: Teresa Hunt, City Recorder; William Potter, Public Works Director

Community present: Karen Masshoff, Marie Mallory, Sally Potter, Rhonda Morrow, Sherian Asher and Roger Morehead.

Angi Humphreys moved, Tom McNeill seconded: to approve the minutes from the July meeting as written. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

COMMUNITY/ISSUES CONCERNS

Sherian Asher is complaining about dogs running loose in town, specifically Councilor Conaway's family's dogs.

The Council received a letter from Howard and Jeanne Burch stating that they were impressed watching the hard work of the Public Works Director William Potter and his two assistants paving Washington and Fourth Street and wanted to express a "thank you" for the great job and the improvement to the city.

OLD BUSINESS

Museum

The museum has received a grant from the Wheeler County Cultural Trust in the amount of \$500.00. This grant was applied for by Judy Fessler to assist in paying for the updated walking tour maps. The project should be completed within the next two months.

Melanie Robinson is transferring the CD's of the "Days of Your" interviews from 1974 and is editing and condensing the information. When Melanie is done with the editing the interviews will then be part of the programming on KFSL.

The chairlift at the museum is to be checked on a monthly basis and has to be inspected twice a year by a licensed company. The cost for this service is \$600.00 per year.

Visitors to the museum is low compared to previous years. At this time 756 people have signed the guest book compared to 1431 in 2012.

The museum will be closing September 3rd for the winter and remember the annual yard sale will be September 14th as part of the community wide yard sale.

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Historic Preservation Landmark Commission

The Landmark Commission had their quarterly meeting on July 12th and discussed future projects to use the SHPO grant monies for with the next grant application cycle, which for us will be August of 2014.

Transient Room Tax

An Ordinance is being prepared to impose a Transient Room Tax in the City of Fossil. First reading of the Ordinance is planned for the September 10th council meeting.

Shuttle Service Parking Issues

The council met at 6pm tonight in a work session in order to try to solve the issue of the shuttle cars parking on the city right-of-ways. This causes an issue with congestion and is unsafe for pedestrians.

The shuttle cars parking on right-of-ways and private property in residential zones are violating the zoning ordinance.

The council presented an option to the shuttle drivers to use the Industrial Park for parking. Council discussed costs estimates for the improvements of a lot for parking. This was offered to the shuttle drivers and they declined the offer. The shuttle drivers have not checked into other alternatives for parking shuttle vehicles outside of the city limits.

NEW BUSINESS

Marie Mallory reported that the Parks Program ran from July 8th through August 2nd. The ages of the children that participated in the program ranged from 3years to 12 years old. There were 8 to 15 kids per day that participated.

The first two weeks the children were hauled to Condon every morning for swimming lessons and then had lunch at the grade school in Condon and arrived back here to Fossil around 1pm each day. During the swimming lessons, the kids that were not in the pool with lessons were doing craft projects.

Each week of the program had a different theme for the crafts and projects. Week one had the theme of Ocean and Beach; week two was Camping and Nature; week three was Bugs, Butterflies and Birds; and week four was Science and Art.

Councilor Fessler discussed the City's Enterprise Zone and reminded everyone that the Enterprise Zone was established in 2006 and is in effect for 10 years.

There was also discussion on how to market the Industrial Park and try to get some Industry here to Fossil.

The Industrial Park was listed with Windermere Realty in Redmond but the contract has expired.

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The Council instructed Teresa to contact Pete Rencher at Windermere and see if he is interested in negotiating a new contract with the city to market the Industrial Park lots.

STAFF REPORTS

The auditors were here for the 2012-13 audit.

Bill Potter requests permission to purchase 3 items: a plate compactor, a digital ferromagnetic locator and a laser transit.

Sarah Conaway moved, Tom McNeill seconded: to have Bill purchase the plate compactor, the digital ferromagnetic locator and the laser transit. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Potter has also located a 2" post hydrant to install at the heli pad for watering down the pad before the helicopter comes in to land. This hydrant will cost \$500 - \$550 to purchase and there will also be the cost of a hot tap to install this hydrant.

The council instructed Mr. Potter to proceed with purchasing the 2" hydrant also.

Mr. Potter reported that the surveillance cameras have been installed at the Pocket Park.

MAYOR/COUNCIL

Mayor Lorts asked about the speed signs that are to be installed on First and Main Streets.

Mr. Potter stated that he had just received the posts for the signs so he was ready to install them.

Councilor Humphreys reported that she has had conversation with JT Wimer to see if he would teach golf classes to the kids and that she will be attending the Fairboard meeting in September to discuss the Little League field with them.

Councilor Fessler reported that she and Mr. Potter will be attending a meeting in Rufus on August 26th for the ODOT Multimodal Transportation Project.

Councilor Fessler would also like the City Recorder to send out an email to the Mayor and Council each week outlining the events of the week.

The \$200 from SOLVE for the clean-up days in April has been received.

Councilor Conaway would like to have the town hall meeting set for Tuesday September 24th, and we need someone to facilitate the meeting.

Mayor Lorts will contact Jessica Bates and ask her to facilitate this meeting.

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We need to check with Ann Mitchell about the information board for the other side of the new Kiosk.

The council instructed Mr. Potter to work on getting the electricity installed at the City Park.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm

Jack Lorts, Mayor

Teresa Hunt, City Recorder