

FOSSIL CITY COUNCIL
MEETING
JEANNE E BURCH BUILDING
September 8, 2015 7:00 P.M.

Mayor MacInnes called the meeting to order at 7:10pm

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

Absent: Jonathan Moore

Staff present: Teresa Hunt, William Potter

Community present: Christine Smith, Brenda Snow-Potter, Kendal Derby, Anne Mitchell, Peggy Williams and Linda Philbrick.

Councilor Sperry moved to approve the minutes from the August 11th council meeting as written. Councilor Beckham seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

COMMUNITY ISSUES/CONCERNS

Kendal Derby states that he would like to lease with an option to buy Lot # 10 of the Industrial Park. Mr. Derby needs more room to place his logs as he receives them and this lot is adjacent to the lot he now owns.

Mayor MacInnes stated that the council will research the options for this request and for Mr. Derby to come to the council meeting in October.

OLD BUSINESS

Museum

The museum has closed for the season. Last day the museum was open was Monday September 7th.

Mayor MacInnes thanked all the volunteers who so diligently work at keeping the museum open every year during the summer months.

Ambulance

Councilor Sperry reported that the Ambulance Board had a meeting on September 1st and all board members were present.

The ambulance board voted unanimously to raise the base rate for the ambulance service to \$500 as the fee previously was very low and also to apply for a credit card for the ambulance.

The Council unanimously agreed with these two items.

The Fossil Volunteer Ambulance service has Dr. Lieuallen as the medical provider at this time and a new contract with Dr. Menske is being written for when Dr. Lieuallen retires and the Fossil Volunteer Ambulance will be a package deal with Jefferson County.

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As a reminder to everyone, the PA's at the clinic are on call week nights until 8pm., so if your emergency is not life threatening, please call Asher Community Health Center not the ambulance.

A Certificate of Insurance showing coverage for the Fossil Volunteer Ambulance EMT's will be provided to Asher Community Health Center.

Christine Smith

Ms. Smith was informed that she needed to apply for a conditional use permit in order to be able to charge for renting out a room in her house.

The council will schedule a work session to discuss setting up a payment plan option for the conditional use fee.

Contract with Sheriff Office

Councilor Sperry moved to sign the contract with the Sheriff's Office for Ordinance Enforcement in the City of Fossil. Councilor Mountain seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

ADOPT

Councilor Sperry moved to Adopt Resolution No. 406; A Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds. Councilor Beckham seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Councilor Beckham moved to Adopt Resolution No. 407; A Resolution Establishing Guidelines for Receiving a Request for a Special Permit. Councilor Mountain seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Potter reported that the Jetter had been delivered last Thursday.

Mr. Potter requested permission to purchase a pre-fab shed to place in the back corner of the city park so that we would have somewhere to keep the lawn mowers and other park maintenance equipment in out of the weather and keep it from being vandalized.

The council agreed to purchase a pre-fab shed as long as the funds were available.

The Fire Department will be offering free smoke detectors to residents in the city and the Fire Department will also do the installation of the smoke detectors.

Fire Chief Potter stated that folks who live outside the City of Fossil and you request the Fossil Volunteer Fire Department respond to a smoke detector going off or for a fire or any other reason you will be

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receiving a bill from the fire department. If you are outside the city limits you do not pay for the Fossil Volunteer Fire Department through your property taxes or any other way.

Mr. Potter will be gone for vacation October 5th through the 12th.

MAYOR/COUNCIL

Councilor Mountain stated that a public meeting had been held to discuss the Fossil Heritage Trail and Sidewalk Improvement project.

Councilor Mountain also attended the Lower John Day Act meeting in Rufus on August 31st.

Mayor MacInnes stated that she had been at the public meeting for the Fossil Heritage Trail and Sidewalk Improvement project and that she was disappointed that they not been very receptive to questions about the funds. They kept stressing the point that the ODOT funds were dedicated funds, but the concerns from the people in Fossil was the \$30,000 that the city was going to have to use for matching funds. The concerns from the people in Fossil is not the ODOT money it is the money the city has to put into the project and Mayor MacInnes did not feel that the answers were very nice nor very patient.

Mayor MacInnes was trying to explain the concerns of the citizens and if you are going to hold a public meeting then questions and answers should all be well received without taking offense and if you are not open to comments then you should not hold a public meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm

Carol MacInnes, Mayor

Teresa Hunt, City Recorder