

CITY OF FOSSIL
COUNCIL MEETING
FAMILY SERVICES BUILDING
OCTOBER 8, 2013

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

Staff present: Teresa Hunt

Community present: Ron & June Rollins, Robin Ordway, Marilyn Garcia, Jon Fessler and Sally Potter.

Tom McNeill moved, Sarah Conaway seconded: to approve the minutes from the September meeting as written. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Library

The Fossil Public Library has received a very much appreciated grant of \$300 from the Wheeler County Cultural & Heritage Coalition.

This grant is to help pay the yearly Sage Program fee.

Museum

Marilyn Garcia requested that the council holds off on winterizing the upstairs of the museum for a little while as there may be an opportunity to rent it out.

Historic Preservation Landmark Commission

The windows for the Grade School Gym arrived and have been installed. Volunteers are needed to paint and install the trim.

Second reading of Ordinance No. 442: An Ordinance establishing a transient lodging tax in the City of Fossil.

Ordinance No. 442 will be adopted at the November 12th council meeting and will go into effect December 12th, 2013.

NEW BUSINESS

The Council held a work session that started at 6pm tonight. The work session was to discuss developing a fee schedule for setting the amounts of fines in the event of violations of City Ordinances.

A letter was received from McLaren Stinchfield with the Times-Journal and Mr. Stinchfield requested that the letter to be read into the record at the council meeting.

Mayor Lorts read the letter into the record.

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A Town Hall was held September 24th. Jessica Bates facilitated the meeting and did a fantastic job.

We had a good turn out for the meeting and the results are to be posted on the City's website.

Sarah Conaway moved, Angi Humphreys seconded: to send Jessica Bates \$100.00 for the great job she did facilitating the Town Hall meeting. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

STAFF REPORTS

Two quotes for a new pickup for the public works department have been received. The quotes are for a ½ ton 4 x4 standard cab pickup with a V6 motor.

Smolich Motors quoted \$22,997; Wright Chevrolet quoted \$23,235 and Wright Ford in Redmond declined a quote.

Tom McNeill moved, Sarah Conaway seconded: to accept the quote from Wright Chevrolet for a replacement pickup for the public works department. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

MAYOR/COUNCIL

Councilor Fessler stated that she had attended the ACT Meeting in Rufus on the 7th.

Councilor Fessler will inquire and see if anyone from Mitchell or Spray would like to represent the cities in Wheeler County on the ACT Board. If no one else is interested being our representative then Councilor Fessler will do so.

Councilor Fessler also stated that she has located a "STOP" template at Wasco County Public Works in The Dalles that we can borrow to paint the "STOP" on the streets at the four way stop at the flashing red light at the intersection of First and Main Streets.

The City has also been successful in receiving the grant from ODOT in the amount of \$900,000 for sidewalk repair, walking trail enhancement and traffic calming.

Councilor Conaway stated that letters needed to be written to the three individuals in the residential areas of town that are conducting a scrapping business stating that they are violating our Nuisance Ordinance and also our Zoning Ordinance and that they need to stop the scrapping immediately.

Sarah Conaway moved, Judy Fessler seconded: to direct the City Recorder to write violation letters to the three individuals conducting business in the residential areas of town that they are in violation of the Nuisance Ordinance. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

Jack Lorts, Mayor

Teresa Hunt, City Recorder