

FOSSIL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

JEANNE E BURCH BUILDING

NOVEMBER 10, 2015 7:00PM

Mayor MacInnes called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

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

Staff present: Teresa Hunt, William Potter and Deputy Boyd

Community present: Jim Stephan, Robin Ordway, Peggy Williams, Linda Philbrick, County Commissioner Lyn Morley, Marsha Holly, Brenda Snow-Potter, Kendal Derby, Sally Potter, Joanne Hohnstein and Sandy Webb.

Councilor Mountain moved to approve adding discussion for Conditional Use Permit and scheduling a Town Hall to discuss Ordinance Enforcement and Marijuana sales under Old Business, SAFER Grant discussion under New Business and Christmas decorations and lighting Ceremony under Mayor/Council.

Councilor Sperry seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote

Councilor Moore moved to approve the minutes of the October 13th council meeting as written. Councilor Sperry seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

COMMUNITY ISSUES/CONCERNS

Joanne Hohnstein asked the council what their intention was for the lots in the Fossil Heights area.

Mayor MacInnes stated that this item is on the agenda under Old Business and the council would welcome her comments at that time.

OLD BUSINESS

Kendal Derby

Mr. Derby was supposed to bring a proposal to the council stating his offer for Lot 10 of the Industrial Park and stating what he was looking at time wise for the lease and then the option to purchase the lot.

Mr. Derby did not have this information available for the council yet.

Mr. Derby was given a lease agreement to review that has all the boiler plate information in it that is needed by the city.

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Fossil Heights Development Discussion

The Council discussed setting the price on each individual lot in Fossil Heights.

There is still \$46,500+ owed to Business Oregon on this parcel of ground and the city also had to pay approximately \$39,000 on property taxes during the foreclosure suit.

The council decided to have a work session for the purpose of setting prices for the lots in Fossil Heights and the Industrial Park and for discussing enforcing the Zoning Ordinance for a Conditional Use Permit for home businesses. The council will also discuss whether or not to update the Zoning Ordinance for the Industrial Park to allow a “scrap yard” or “junk yard” if it was behind a solid fence or totally within a building to block it from view.

A work session was scheduled for Monday November 23rd at 5:30pm at City Hall.

A Town Hall was scheduled for Tuesday December 1st at 6pm at the High School Gym. Discussion will include Ordinance Enforcement and Marijuana sales in the city limits.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Stephan

Jim Stephan requested to be allowed to use one of the lots in the Industrial Park to put his scrap metal on until the scrap prices come up and he can get it hauled off. At this time Mr. Stephan has all of his scrap in his yard and this is against the Nuisance Ordinance.

Presently the Zoning Ordinance does not allow a scrap yard or junk yard in the Industrial Park.

The council will discuss this further in their work session scheduled for Monday November 23rd.

Deputy Boyd stated that he had been looking at the City’s ordinances and that he would like the council to consider amending Nuisance Ordinance No. 436A by adding a section on solid waste, this will alleviate some of the issues that could arise in the future as the ordinance is being enforced.

Councilor Mountain moved to adopt Ordinance No. 436 B: An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 436 and Ordinance No. 436 A, An Ordinance Concerning Nuisances in the City of Fossil and Declaring An Emergency. Councilor Sperry seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Agreement with Stan Thomas to trap certain animals

The city recorder reported that in years previously, Mr. Thomas has trapped skunk and raccoon in the city on individual properties when he received a request from a property owner.

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Times have changed and now in order for Mr. Thomas to trap skunks and raccoons, there needs to be an agreement between him and the city.

Councilor Moore moved to approve the agreement with Mr. Stan Thomas to allow for his trapping of skunk and raccoon in the Fossil City limits. Councilor Sperry seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The city recorder stated that the city had received the 2015-17 DLCDC Planning Assistance Grant.

Councilor Mountain moved to approve the 2015-17 DLCDC Planning Assistance Grant in the amount of \$1,000. Councilor Sperry seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

SAFER Grant

The Antelope Volunteer Fire Department and the Fossil Volunteer Fire Department has been awarded a grant through FEMA for \$699,600. This grant covers a four year period and is for firefighter training, officer training, driver/operator training, wildland training, PPE for volunteers, training room equipment, a recruitment coordinator salary and benefits, NFPA physicals, fuel for the coordinator, EMT training, and recruiting supplies.

Antelope is the "Host" agency and they need Fossil to be the "fiscal agent" as Antelope does not have employees nor do they have the cash flow to administer this grant.

Councilor Moore and Mr. Potter attended the council meeting in Antelope on Wednesday October 28th.

Fossil is in the process of developing an intergovernmental agreement that will need to be approved by both cities.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Potter reported that he had received the Award Notice for the \$20,000 from Business Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority for the Water Supply Feasibility Study.

Mr. Potter stated he had received a request to dump loads of sawdust, bark, leaves, etcetera in the old industrial site up behind the transfer station and that he had said no. Mr. Potter's concern is that these items are burnable items and also that sawdust can spontaneously combust. This presents a concern for a fire starting.

Mr. Potter asked the council to provide some guidelines as to what can be dumped at the old industrial site. In the past we have allowed clean fill, asphalt and concrete to be dumped up there.

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MAYOR/COUNCIL

Councilor Mountain requested permission to contact Angi Humphreys at the High School and see if the Honor Society would be available to help decorate the Pine Creek School Complex again this year for the Christmas Holiday.

Council agreed for Councilor Mountain to contact Angi Humphreys.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Carol MacInnes, Mayor

Teresa Hunt, City Recorder