**CITY OF FOSSIL**

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**MAY 9, 2017**

The regular meeting of the City of Fossil Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Carol E. MacInnes at 7:00 P.M. This meeting was held in the Jeanne E. Burch Building conference room at 401 Main Street in Fossil, Oregon.

Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Members Present: Carol E. MacInnes, Mary Mountain, Melanie Sperry, Julie Knox and Jerry Beckham.

Also Present: Sherian Asher, Roger Morehead, Candy Thornton, Brenda Snow Potter, Jim Stephan, Marsha Holly, Rollene Allen, Jan Schott, Chris Humphreys, Nickolas Thornton, Dorothy Morrison, Rob Ordway, Michael Boyd, Bill Potter and Jeanne Burch.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Julie Knox, seconded by Melanie Sperry to approve agenda. Motion carried with all present voting aye.

Minutes: Moved by Julie Knox, seconded by Melanie Sperry to approve the minutes of April 11, 2017. Motion carried with all present voting aye.

Approval of Bills: Moved by Mary Mountain, seconded by Jerry Beckham to approve bills paid for the period April 10, 2017 to May 8, 2017. Motion carried with all present voting aye.

Old Business:

City Web Page. The City Web Page is up and running. Mayor MacInnes has requested web designer insert a photo that is more representative of City of Fossil.

Park Lights: The heavy rain has delayed repairing these lights.

Eclipse: Kaylee Griffith is working on organizing a street fair during this occasion. She will be coordinating and working with local vendors.

Logo: Jerry Beckham stated he did not like the logos submitted and would like to solicit more. Julie Knox likes a couple of them and suggested that perhaps that by combining portions of those submitted a logo representing City could be developed. This matter is tabled until the next meeting.

City County Insurance Agent: The City Council needs to pass a resolution transferring city insurance back to Jon Hankins as the City CIS Agent. Mrs. Hankins confirmed that their agency is prepared to serve the City as agent. There were still some concerns about this renewal and it was decided to hold a special meeting on May 16, 2017 at the Fossil City Hall to discuss this matter. Mayor MacInnes will be prepared to report at that meeting what she has found out from CIS and current Agent, John Anderson, regarding this matter.

Wheeler County Fair Board: Jan Schott, representing the Wheeler County Fair Board, asked for permission to use the Little League Baseball Field, during the Wheeler County Fair for a Bounce House. Jan Schott also discussed the fair parade and the need for it to circle the downtown area at least twice. Consensus of the City Council to approve these requests.

Planning Commission Update: Julie Knox reported that she has been searching for members to serve on the revived City of Fossil Planning Commission. She has one confirmation so far and two that are considering.

New Business:

Aramark Contract: Carol MacInnes reported that Aramark has been contacted regarding the need to end the contract with the City of Fossil. It will cost $3,200.00 to stay till the end of the contract and a buyout will cost $1,700.00. Bill Potter stated he feels the City will save money to do the buyout. Moved by Jerry Beckham, seconded by Mary Mountain to end the contract with Aramark by doing a buyout. Motion carried with all present voting aye.

State Shared Revenue: A resolution declaring the City’s election to receive state shared revenues was read by Mayor MacInnes. Moved by Mary Mountain, seconded by Julie Knox to approve this resolution. Motion carried with all present voting aye.

Summer Park Program: Mary Mountain reported on the annual summer park program. The swim program will be June 19 to June 30, 2017 at the Condon Swimming Pool. A reading program will be held the afternoon. Kimberly Ramsey has agreed to staff the summer park program again this year and Melanie Sperry will contact Mid-Columbia Bus for transportation to Condon.

Staff Reports:

Deputy Michael Boyd: Deputy Boyd reported a complaint has been filed by Jim Stephan and Candy Thornton against Deputy Boyd regarding the cleaning of their properties. This complaint was filed with Wheeler County. Mayor MacInnes stated that Deputy Boyd is contracted with the City of Fossil so complaints need to be filed with the City. Sherian Asher asked if the agreement with Wheeler County and City of Fossil is available. The answer was yes and that the contract resides with Wheeler County. There will be further discussion on this matter under staff reports. Deputy Boyd also reported that Eclipse Meetings are coming along fine.

City Recorder: Interim City Recorder Jeanne Burch thanked everyone for covering the City Office while she was gone. Jeanne reminded Council that City of Fossil Budget Meeting will be June 1, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. at the Jeanne E. Burch Building. 2017-2018 Budget Hearing is scheduled for June 13, 2017.

Public Works: Bill Potter reported that the Feasibility Study has been approved for financing. There will be a one-stop meeting to discuss this project in the future. Wastewater has stopped the overflow. Bill stated he has been contacted about dumping waste in our system during the eclipse. Bill is contacting DEQ about whether this is permissible and also getting an opinion from the engineer. Bill is concerned that our system cannot handle the problem. Melanie Sperry reported this is a problem with the schools renting out camping spaces during the eclipse. Bill Potter stated he is working on this project. Bill stated he is leaving town this weekend and Jerry Luther may be available if there is a problem. Tom Stevens has asked permission to put horses in field back of Emergency Services Building. Consensus of council to not approve this request.

Community Concerns and Issues:

Fossil Clean Up: A lengthy discussion was held on this issue. Candy Thornton expressed concern about the need to clean up her property. Deputy Boyd pointed out that volunteers had worked very hard to clean some of her property. Nickolas Thornton has a U-Haul Truck parked on the right of way and he asked if this could be moved onto the property. Wheeler County Sheriff Chris Humphrey discussed the complaint issued against Deputy Boyd and ordinance enforcement.

Next Meeting: June 13, 2017

This meeting adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

Minutes Approved:

DATE:

CAROL E. MACINNES, MAYOR

JEANNE E. BURCH, INTERIM CITY RECORDER