**City of Fossil**

**Council Meeting Minutes**

**April 11, 2017**

**Glover Memorial Hall**

The regular meeting of the City of Fossil City Council was called to order by Mayor Carol MacInnes at 7:00 pm. This meeting was held in the Glover Memorial Hall.

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

**Also Present**: Marsha Holly, Anne Mitchell, Kaylee Griffith, Sally Potter, Bill Potter, Brenda Potter, Ron and Patty Verbovanec, Terri Hunt, Launa Wing, Marybeth Jaeger, Will Slater and Rachel Weinstein.

**Amendments to the Agenda**: Mayor MacInnes requested several additions to the agenda:

Old Business:

Ambulance and Billing

New Business:

Fossil Cruzers

Business Eclipse Meeting- Kaylee Griffith

Melanie Sperry made a motion to approve the additions and it was seconded by Mary Mountain, vote was unanimous in favor.

**Communications**: None

**Minutes:** Melanie Sperry moved to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2017 Council meeting minutes, it was seconded by Jerry Beckham. Vote was unanimous in favor.

**Bills**: Mary Mountain moved to approve the March 14-April 10, 2017 bills, it was seconded by Melanie Sperry. Vote was unanimous in favor.

**Old Business:**

**City Web Page:** Web page is up and ready for us to review. Mayor MacInnes stated that thanks to Julie Knox, all of our minutes were forwarded to Elizabeth Farrar. The log in and password are at City Hall. Elizabeth is waiting for suggestions to our website.

**City Park Lights**: No change due to weather. Bill will keep us updated.

**Eclipse**: Table to New Business

**Logo**: As soon as Councilor Beckham votes, we will announce the logo winner at the May meeting.

**Fossil Lots and Meeting with Attorney:** Mary Mountain and Carol MacInnes met with Paul Sumner in Madras regarding the residential lots. Paul Sumner indicated that he is ready to begin the foreclosure process and intends to sue Wells Fargo for attorney’s fees as well. Mary Mountain explained that while the City of Fossil has the deed to Fossil Heights, Wells Fargo believes that they have a junior lien on the property and it is preventing us from selling the land. It is the City’s position as well as Paul Sumner’s that Wells Fargo is NOT entitled to any monies on the sale of our property. Paul Sumner will update the City on a weekly basis on this issue. Carol MacInnes states that we are looking for a time frame of four months. She is hoping for something sooner if Wells is faced with a law suit. Melanie Sperry thanked Carol and Mary for taking the time to go to Madras and meet with Paul Sumner face to face. Julie Knox asked if the emails from Paul would go to the City. Carol said that they would.

**Dog Registration**: Julie Knox said that she has begun to go through the dog registrations and has begun to call people who have previously registered their dogs. Julie said that she has found that very few of these people have followed up with proof of vaccinations the following years. Julie then explained the dog registration ordinance. She also has written a press release for council approval to put in the paper. She has contacted Melanie Robinson to get this information out on our local KFSL radio station. Julie states that the sees the follow up proof of vaccines is going to be a problem and that maybe when Jeanne gets back and things settle down a letter could be sent out to those pet owners that haven’t followed through. Julie is glad to be able to help in this area as it will take a lot of time to get straightened out. Julie said that she did get her first dog registration.

**Ambulance Billing:** Carol MacInnes gave a bit of history on the Ambulance service. Herb Wright and Clarence Asher purchased the first ambulance for Fossil. The books were done at Wright Chevrolet. When Herb found out that he could get a better interest rate from the State Pool and a discount on insurance, he took the books to City Hall and said that we would be the City of Fossil Ambulance. The Ambulance runs on its own money, it pays its own bills and has always prided itself on not costing the tax payers any money. It survives on donations, memorials and run reimbursement. The City did the ambulance billing as a service. When the City was in a crisis and money was short, the ambulance got charged $2500.00 a year for billing. The ambulance paid this up until last year. Now that staffing has changed at the City, the Ambulance has outsourced its billing and it will not be part of the job for the city staff. This is good news.

Anne Mitchell asked that Carol explain about the Ambulance membership. Carol explained that there is a Tri County Ambulance Association out of Heppner that is similar to Airlink and Airlife memberships. She also said that it has been in existence for over 15-20 years and that brochures are at Wright’s, City Hall, Asher Clinic and possibly the Merc. Anne said that we should educate and inform people because a friend of hers got a horrendous bill and wasn’t even hauled. Carol stated that if you call 911, you will get a bill, regardless of a trip or not. The Fossil Ambulance is just a participating Agency in this Association so the advertising should come from Heppner. After a lengthy discussion, Carol said that she would get more brochures ordered.

**New Business:**

**Library Volunteer Requirements**: Julie Knox and Sylvia Ankney were going through some old library files and found a letter given to all volunteers stating that a background check will be required. Julie wanted the City to approve giving such letter to volunteers. Carol MacInnes stated that the letter is a great idea but our bond requires that all volunteers and Board Members pass a background check. Carol asked that the wording in the letter be changed to Sheriff’s “Office” not Department.

**Business Meeting for Eclipse**: Kaylee Griffith stated that the consensus was that a street fair on Sunday before the eclipse was what people wanted to have. Kaylee is in the process of getting vendors to participate, so far she has 13 interested not including our local businesses. She would like some music during the event. Anne Mitchell suggested a grant. It’s all in the beginning stages but Kaylee said that it will be over in time for people to head over to Condon’s festivities which was important to not compete. Kaylee will keep us posted. Kaylee will be taking flyers to local businesses. Carol said that we could order posters if we get info to put on them. Marsha Holly suggested signs along the highway to point people to town. Anne Mitchell announced their next County eclipse meeting will be in Spray at the Rock. Rachel Weinstein then announced that she was there to dispel any rumors that Condon was competing or attempting to dump people on Fossil. After a lengthy conversation, Carol stated that communicating with the County was not communicating with the City and anyone wanting to talk to the City needs to come to the council meeting

**Library Internet Quality**: Julie Knox said that the library board met and Richard Durost is going to give the library a bid on an internet upgrade with Rural Technologies. Carol said that she has a computer for the library and will get it to them. They also have two new board members, Sharon Ramsey and Terri Hunt. They are also looking at getting a brochure rack for visitor information. Another item is a bid for a public hotspot. Terri Hunt has offered to write a Cultural Heritage grant for them. Julie will get copies of the Library board minutes to the City.

**Blue Grass Festival Street Closure**: Brenda Potter asked for street closures for the Blue Grass Festival. It was moved by Mary Mountain to approve the street closures presented, seconded by Julie Knox. Motion past by unanimous vote.

**Fossil Cruzers**: Marybeth Jaeger asked that the council approve street closures for the annual car show. Melanie Sperry moved to approve the street closure for the car show, Julie Knox seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Offer on Lots 232 and 219:** The offer from Lydia Deane for lot 232 for full price. It was moved to accept the full price offer by Julie Knox and seconded by Mary Mountain. Motion carried by unanimous vote. A motion was made by Melanie Sperry to counter Lydia Deane offer with a later closing date of August 31st. It was seconded by Mary Mountain motion carried by unanimous vote. A motion was made to reject Wade Browns offer by Julie Knox and seconded by Mary Mountain. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Staff Reports:**

**Deputy Boyd:** Carol MacInnes read a report from the Sheriff with an update of some continuing issues.

Jim Stephen has a court date for his second citation. Michael Boyd opened six new cases which are at the notification and compliance stage.

Carol MacInnes stated that Michael will be retiring in August. Melanie Sperry asked if the Sheriff intends to get a replacement. Carol MacInnes said that she would check into it with the Sheriff.

**City Recorder**: Carol MacInnes reported that the bills have been paid, payroll has been done and can’t wait for Jeanne to get back. Water bills went out and Bill Potter has been picking up the slack. Carol has forgotten to print signs for Planning Commissioners. Julie is taking on planning with Bill Potter.

**Public Works Director**: Bill Potter has to go to Home Depot and mentioned the $500.00 spending cap. Carol MacInnes told him that the cap was for items not budgeted for such as a car etc. He was allowed to purchase the necessary items to do his job without council approval.

Bill said that the Fire Department was down to 6 members with the resignation of Michael Moore. He said that response time could be affected.

**Mayor and Council Report:** Julie Knox is taking on recruiting for Planning Commissioners. Carol MacInnes will make signs for town. Will Slater states he might be interested.

**Community Concerns and Issues**: Patty Verbovanec has purchased Tagg property and would like to divide the lot and place a manufactured home on it. She states she is waiting for Council approval. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that the Verbonavec’s need to go through the planning process before council can move forward. They need to submit a site plan before anything can happen. When the proper paperwork is obtained, the council will revisit this request.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Minutes transcribed by Mayor Carol MacInnes.

Approved May 9, 2017

CAROL E. MACINNES, MAYOR

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JEANNE E. BURCH, INTERIM CITY RECORDER