

FOSSIL CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
JEANNE E. BURCH BUILDING  
APRIL 10, 2018

Mayor Mac Innes called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Council Present: Carol MacInnes, Jerry Beckham, Julie Knox and Melanie Sperry

Staff Present: Bill Potter and Teresa Aldrich

Community Present: Brad Baird, Hope Greenfield, Bob Thomas, Stan Thomas, Linda Philbrick, Carl Campbell and Jan Schott

Councilor Knox moved to approve the agenda. Councilor Mountain seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Councilor Sperry moved to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2018 council meeting. Councilor Knox seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Councilor Beckham moved to approve the March 13 to April 10, 2018 bills as presented. Councilor Mountain seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor MacInnes read letter from Hope Greenfield expressing concerns about letters she received regarding barking dogs, Ordinance 441. Discussion took place over enforcement and the process Hope's notification was handled. Mayor MacInnes reported that she had been in contact with Michael Boyd and discussed the issues with barking dogs that were outlined in Hope Greenfield's letter to the City. Michael Boyd said the while he was the Ordinance Officer he responded to 100% of the calls he received. Mayor MacInnes said the City would forward Hope's complaints about other nuisance dogs in the City to Michael Boyd. Mayor MacInnes also stated that after a brief gap in service to the City as the Ordinance Officer, Michael Boyd is back as the City Ordinance Officer. Mayor MacInnes explained that if citizens cannot get a hold of Michael Boyd, the next step is with the City of Fossil, not the Sheriff's office. It is the cities responsibilities to take care of the dog nuisance complaints. Hope Greenfield also presented Council with another letter from Sandra Strong. Hope then reviewed the process she received from the Sheriff's office regarding dog nuisance complaints. Mayor MacInnes reported that Councilor Mountain had called the two citizens who complained about Hope's dog to see if the problem had been handled. Councilor Mountain reported that over the last two weeks the barking has stopped. Councilor Knox stated that she felt that we, as a city need to have more consistency enforcing the rules. Mayor MacInnes stated that the Ordinance's apply to all citizens not just one. Mayor stated that she is concerned that Hope feels harassed and that the rules apply to everyone. Mayor stated that with Michael Boyd back on board the process will be evaluated and less confusing.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Wheeler County Fair Board

Jan Schott came to discuss signs for the little league fence requested by the Fairboard. Jan asked who receives the money from camping fees during the Blue Grass Festival. Council stated that the Fair Board receives the money. Jan stated that since the Fairboard receives the money they should pay for the signs. Mayor MacInnes suggested that Melanie's Such and Such in Condon might be able to make the signs. Jan will take this suggestion to the Fair Board. The City will be responsible to close and lock the gates to the field.

### Anderson Perry

Brad Baird came to follow up on the ASR Project. Brad stated that the study will continue with pump tests and water samples to provide proof it works before we go for funding. The study should be completed within the next 3-4 month.

### Budget Calendar

Teresa Aldrich reported that there were conflicts with the Budget Committee Meeting scheduled for May 14 and asked the council if they would like to keep the date or reschedule. Mayor MacInnes stated that she would like to reschedule so there would be more input from the committee members. Council decided that the meeting will be rescheduled for May 7, 5:30 pm Jeanne E. Burch Building.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Wildlife Predator and Pest Control

Bob Thomas introduced himself to Council and briefly reported on the plans he has for his services. Currently he is addressing skunk issues and purchased traps for each community. He also has a member in each community checking the traps. He also suggested the city have a no feeding ordinance. Signs help, but if you have no one enforcing the ordinance animals become more of a problem. Mayor MacInnes gave Michael Boyd's information to Bob.

### Ambulance Rates

Councilor Sperry reported that Medicare rates to reimburse are higher than what we currently charge. The ambulance board recommends to raise the base rate to \$526.76 and the mileage to \$10.79 per loaded mile. Councilor Mountain moved to accept the ambulance board recommendation to raise the base rate to \$526.76 and mileage to \$10.79 what Medicare will pay. Councilor Sperry seconded motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Council thanked Jefferson County Emergency Medical services for a job well done.

## REPORTS

Councilor Knox: Reported no updates with Planning Commission. Councilor Knox was glad to have Michael Boyd back as Ordinance Officer and is working on the licensing and tracking process. Bob Thomas suggested that we also offer to citizens they can fax or email the vaccination certificates. Councilor Knox reported that Cathy Goldsmith is an asset to the Library and is currently work on securing some grants. Mayor MacInnes expressed thanks to Cathy for attending the Town Hall meeting and presenting Senator Wyden with a letter of thanks. Mayor MacInnes also suggested the Library Board consider a book sale the weekend of the car show and the Blue Grass Festival. Councilor Knox reported that the next Library Board meeting was scheduled for April 18.

Councilor Mountain: Reported the Heritage Trail project is under way and it is exciting to see the project happening. Bill Potter added that citizens need to be patient during construction of emergency water shut offs, etc. Bill Potter reported that Thompson Brothers measured City Hall for new sidewalks and will be submitting an estimate soon. As for the private concrete work, Bill Potter stated that Thompson Brothers will not be able to perform any private work. However, the concrete plant in Arlington will still be in operation if citizens would like to find other labor sources to pour and finish the concrete the Arlington is available. Mayor MacInnes expressed concern from businesses on the speed the heavy equipment is traveling on Main Street. Mayor MacInnes suggested Thompson Brothers are reminded to follow traffic laws.

Councilor Sperry: Reported we have received one application for the parks position to date, the ad is still running. Councilor Sperry asked Councilor Beckham if he would be willing to sit on the hiring committee with her again this year. Councilor Beckham agreed. Councilor Sperry also reported that Kimberly Ramsey will not be able to supervisor the kids to and from swimming lessons in Condon. We will need to find someone else. She will also check with CCS and see if they will be providing activities after swimming before the bus travels back to Fossil.

Councilor Beckham: Reported that we have an Amateur Radio Emergency Services program in Fossil, providing emergency backup communication services to fire and rescue, police, ambulance, etc. Currently the area has 4 individual operating stations. There is also an emergency operating system located in the Jeanne E Burch Building. The service tries to cover all the other bases when other communication programs go down. Councilor Beckham will be attending a state wide training with 3 other individuals this month. Councilor Beckham also reported that there is a Wheeler County Amateur Club with 15 members and have been operating for the last 31 months.

Mayor MacInnes: Reported that the employee handbook is about 40% complete and is hoping to have it completed and presented to Council before next Council Meeting. The Mayor also requested a new plan for setting the meeting agenda. She requested that the Mayor and Council President meet with Teresa one week prior to Council Meeting and set the agenda. She is hoping this will save the people time from coming to a council meeting if their concerns can be handled prior to the next meeting.

City Recorder: Reported that City Hall and the Fire Department have been updated with high speed internet provided by RTG. The Library is scheduled to have their high speed internet installed later in the week. Teresa asked Council for permission to close visa #0708, card are no longer in use. Councilor Sperry motioned to close visa #0708. Councilor Knox seconded motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Teresa also reported she attended the Town Hall Meeting on April 2 and the Condon City Council meeting on April 4. Teresa and Jeanne continue to work on the budget.

Public Works: Bill Potter informed the council that he would be gone April 12 and 16. Requested vacation from May 14-18. Bill requested approval to purchase a new drill tap for approximately \$2700. This tool is used for tapping in to the water lines. Councilor Mountain moved to approve the purchase of the drill tap. Councilor Knox seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The Shurtz sewer project will begin next week. Mick will be assisting Bill. Bill asked Council to verify the wage. Council agreed on a wage. Bill is still researching the Cycle bar mower and hopes to have one purchased before the end of the fiscal year.

#### COMMUNITY ISSUES AND CONCERNS

None

ADJOURNED 8:06 pm

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Carol E. MacInnes, Mayor

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Teresa Aldrich, City Recorder