

Fossil City Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Jeanne E Burch Building  
October 8, 2019

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

Council Present: Jerry Beckham, Julie Knox-Lyon, Melanie Sperry and Cindy Burlingame

Community Present: Marsha Holly & Guest, Deputy Rodney Hines, Judge Morely, Tom Wolf, Roy Carlson, Mick Wright, Terri Hunt, Bill Gubser, Larry Larsen

Approve/Amendments to Agenda: Councilor Burlingame made a motion to approve the additions to the agenda Councilor Knox-Lyon 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Approval of September 10<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting minutes. Councilor Sperry made the motion to approve the September 10<sup>th</sup> minutes. Councilor Knox-Lyon 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Approval of the bills from September 10<sup>th</sup> – October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Councilor Beckham made the motion, second by Councilor Sperry. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

Old Business:

Anderson Perry – Project update: Tabled since Bill Potter is on vacation

Trunk or Treat – Alex Logan gave an update on the trunk or treat. There is good interest in the event. Alex asked if the city bathrooms could be open during this event. Council had no problem with this and will ask Bill Potter to have them open.

Kids Bicycle Clinic – Cancelled due to illness

Clerk Position – Council and community member interview 4 candidates. Unanimous decision to hire Brooklyn Griffith. She will start on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Mayor MacInnes has been able to keep the city running by filling in.

Backhoe has been purchased – the old city backhoe will be surplussed and sold. Will wait for Bill Potter to return from vacation to start that process.

DEQ Fine- Council knew there was a possibility of one because of the overflow. \$3,900, could have been a lot bigger but the city is working on the issue.

Floodplain Ordinance – Tabled

Columbia Basin Electric – Tom Wolfe gave an update on Fiber. Columbia Basin is in negotiations with George Net, the goal is to provide Fiber Speed Broadband connectivity at an affordable price.

Tom also stated that the Electric Franchise Agreement (20yr agreement) has expired and will need to be renewed and will include fiber.

George Net is waiting for all 3 cities in Wheeler County to sign an agreement. Judge Morley will contact George Net to have them contact the city of Fossil to work on one.

Little league Fence – City sent a letter to County Court to request funds for the little league fence. According to Judge Morley said they would help pay for the fence. Council asked for at least half of the fence to be paid for by the county court.

#### New Business:

Supplemental Business License Gary Gruner - DMV notified Gruners that there should be a supplemental license to sell cars in Fossil. Councilor Sperry made the motion to approve supplemental business license Councilor Knox-Lyon second. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Add New City Recorder Brooklyn Griffith to bank accounts. Councilor Know-Lyon made the motion to add Brooklyn to the bank accounts, Councilor Sperry seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Jayhawk Annual Contract Renewal – This is the program that is used for water billing and renewal is every year. Councilor Burlingame made the motion to renew the Jayhawk Contract, Council Know-Lyon 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ankney Tree Removal – Let the city know that the tree might block 1<sup>st</sup> street for several hours while it is being removed. Mayor MacInness will make sure the Ankney know that it is the tree removal company responsibility for any damaged to property if the tree falls on it.

Teresa –Lap Top - Teresa Aldridge was interested in purchasing the lap top that she used while employed by the city. Council asked Council Beckham to look in to cost of new lap top and seeing what type the new city recorder would like to use. Lap top would have to be surplus and a price set. Councilor Knox-Lyon made the motion to buy new city recorder a new laptop, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Beckham. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

MCNeill – New restaurant Dig in Diner & Spirit provided information on their restaurant. It is set to open where R.J.'s was located. Tentative opening in December sometime. Council welcomes new businesses to the community.

Mr. Larson – Interested in one of the lots in the Industrial Park. He has a blacksmith/metal works operation in Aurora Oregon and looking to relocate. Mr. Larson stated that he would like to use shipping containers as walls and then put trusses and a roof over those on a concrete pad. City has codes that containers are not allowed in city limits. The council discussed if they should be allowed in the industrial park. Council informed Mr. Larson that he will need to check on building permits and codes and provide visuals before the city would take any further action.

Reports:

Ordinance Office: Officer Hines reported

Councilor Knox-Lyon: The will be library board meeting on Wednesday. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month they are putting on a Game Night at 6:30 pm. Library hours have changed and are seeing more visitors. Volunteers are working the Saturday hours.

Councilor Sperry: Ambulance board will meet on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Beckham: No Report

Councilor Burlingame: No Report

Public Works: No Report

City Recorder/Mayor:

COMMUNITY ISSUES/CONCERNS: Mike Wright would like to rename EMS building Herb Wright Emergency Services Building and put a nice sign on the front of the building. Mick gave the council information of contribution Herb Wright did for the City of Fossil. Council Sperry made the motion to rename Fire Hall/EMS building, Councilor Beckham 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved unanimously.

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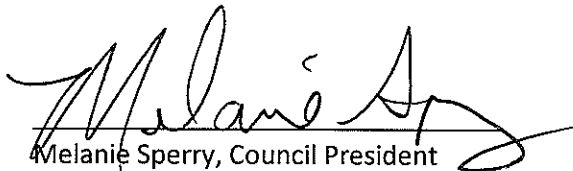
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Carol E. MacInnes, Mayor



Melanie Sperry, Council President