

FOSSIL CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
TELECONFERENCE  
October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Mayor MacInnes called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

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

**Staff Present:** City Recorder Brooklynn Griffith.

**Community Present:** Terri Hunt, Brad Baird, and Marsha Holly by phone.

**Approve/Amendments to Agenda:** Councilor Knox-Lyon moved to approve the October 13<sup>th</sup> agenda; Councilor Burlingame seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Approval of City Council Meeting minutes:** Councilor Sperry made a motion to approve the September 8<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting minutes; Councilor Burlingame seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Approval of bills from September 9<sup>th</sup> to October 13<sup>th</sup>:** Councilor Sperry made a motion to approve the bills from September 9<sup>th</sup> to October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Councilor Knox-Lyon seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Approval of financial statement for September 2020:** Councilor Knox-Lyon made a motion to approve the financial statement for September 2020, Councilor Sperry seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

**USS Oregon Commissioning Committee:** Mayor MacInnes read a thank you note from the USS Oregon Commissioning Committee for the Council's donation to the organization.

**Wheeler County Fair and Rodeo:** Mayor MacInnes read a letter from Wheeler County Fair and Rodeo which sought to promote interest, and gain support, for the future 2021 Fair & Rodeo.

**Terri Hunt:** Mayor MacInnes read a letter from Terri Hunt regarding political signs within the city limits of Fossil, in reference to Zoning Ordinance 417. Further discussion will be held during community issues and concerns.

OLD BUSINESS:

**Anderson-Perry Project Update:** Brad Baird presented a draft agreement for engineering services with Anderson & Perry for the Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) project. This agreement is similar to the agreement signed for the Wastewater Project, but with the specifics for the ASR Project; booster pump system to increase pressure in Fossil Heights, a pipeline to get the Springwater into Well 3 with modifications to Well 3 as well. Hoping to have the agreement reviewed by, and approved at, next month's Council meeting. City Recorder will send agreement to Attorney Sumner for review. The Wastewater Project is about 10-15% complete at this point, they will be sending in a payment request soon (\$150k), Anderson & Perry will chat with IFA about a quick turnaround time for reimbursements.

Beam Excavating could request Winter weather shutdown, depending on how the weather goes in the coming months.

**Industrial Park:** Tabled.

**Trunk-r-Treat:** The Trunk-r-Treat flyers have been created by Shear Beauty and look great! The Grade School will not be Trick-R-Treating Main Street, as they have in years past.

**Ordinance Fee Schedule:** In discussion with Attorney Sumner, it's been noted that a fee schedule may not be what is needed within the ordinances. Instead, the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance by itself needs to be amended to include maximum and presumptive fines set forth by ORS 153.018 and ORS 153.019, Class B Violations. Attorney Sumner is drafting up an amended ordinance and the City will work to adopt in the coming month.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Fall Festival | Road Closure Request:** The Dig-In Diner is requesting a road closure for October 24<sup>th</sup> to hold a Harvest Market downtown from 12:00-5:00 pm; requesting closures on 1<sup>st</sup> and Washington. Funds are being raised for the EMS program in Fossil, vendors will be inside and outside, all COVID-19 guidelines and regulations will be followed. Councilor Knox-Lyon made a motion to approve the road closure on October 24<sup>th</sup> for the Harvest Market, Councilor Sperry seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Lending Library:** Ben Massey reached out to Council in the hopes of installing a lending library in the Pioneer Schoolhouse Park; there is interest from the Dig-In Diner and the Friends of Fossil Library to host such a lending library. After discussion, the Council believes the Schoolhouse park is already well established with a historical theme and thinks the Pocket Park is a better option for the lending library. Councilor Knox-Lyon made a motion to approve the lending library location within the Pocket Park, Councilor Sperry seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

### ACTION ITEMS:

#### REPORTS:

**Councilor Knox-Lyon:** No update.

**Councilor Sperry:** Will be looking into the Little League documents sent over by the City Recorder. Wondering when the sprinklers will be getting shut-off for the Winter, City Recorder will discuss with PWD.

**Councilor Beckham:** No update.

**Councilor Burlingame:** No update.

**Mayor MacInnes:** Wheeler County has their first COVID case, the individual is quarantined in-home but no further information has been provided. Mayor MacInnes asks folks to continue moving forward with the same precautions/measures we have been practicing; we are in a good place. Requesting Councils thoughts on having the Ordinance Enforcer only tag vehicles that need to be removed out of right-of-way and abatement of property through the end of this month. Council agrees this should be a focus of Deputy Hines for the coming weeks.

**Public Works:** Absent.

**City Recorder:** Filed and received reimbursement request through Coronavirus Relief Funds, was a quick and simple process. We requested roughly \$350 in reimbursement; bathroom cleaning and Zoom memberships. The next round we will partake in is in November. We received our reimbursement request from BizOregon for the first two Wastewater requests we have submitted, roughly \$161,000. A thanks to

Shear Beauty for hosting the scarecrow contest and the Trunk-r-Treat event, the Council is very grateful for their lead on these fun events. The City has entered "Cousin Itt" into the annual contest. Wondering when Council would like to host the Tree Lighting Ceremony in Fossil this year, it was decided that December 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 would be great. Requesting November 12<sup>th</sup> off, Council approves. There will be a flag donated to the Little League Field.

**Ordinance Officer:** Deputy Hines was absent.

**COMMUNITY ISSUES/CONCERNS:** Further discussion was held on the amendment request for the Zoning Ordinance No. 417. To amend an ordinance there has to be a great enough reason for Council to consider making such an amendment, at this point there does not seem to be enough reason to seek amending the ordinance.

Terri Hunt was wondering where the money that gets donated to the Library goes, does it get put into their budget for the next year? Historically, it doesn't appear that it gets allocated into next years budget for the library but further investigation needs to happen to confirm that. Council would like this to be addressed and fixed in next years budget.

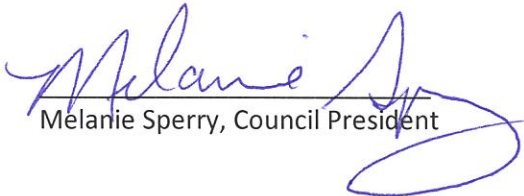
Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

November 10, 2020

Approved



Carol E MacInnes, Mayor



Melanie Sperry, Council President