

FOSSIL CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
WHEELER HIGH SCHOOL
January 12, 2020

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

Council Present: Melanie Sperry, Cindy Burlingame, Jerry Beckham, Terri Hunt, Steve Allen.

Staff Present: Bill Potter and Brooklynn Griffith.

Community Present: Deputy Hines, Marsha Holly, Jackie Brown.

Swore-in Mayor MacInnes, Councilor Burlingame, Councilor Hunt.

Approve/Amendments to Agenda: Councilor Sperry moved to approve the January 12 agenda with the addition of Add/Delete names on BEO account; Councilor Burlingame seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Approval of November 10th City Council Meeting minutes: Councilor Sperry made a motion to approve the November 10th, Council meeting minutes, Councilor Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Approval of December 8th City Council Meeting minutes: Councilor Burlingame made a motion to approve the December 8th, Council meeting minutes, Councilor Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Approval of bills from December 5th, 2020 to January 8th, 2021: Councilor Hunt made a motion to approve the bills from December 5th to January 8th, 2021, Councilor Sperry seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Approval of financial statement for December 2020: Councilor Hunt made a motion to approve the financial statement for December 2020, Councilor Sperry seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

OLD BUSINESS:

Anderson-Perry Project Update: The design for the ASR Project is currently underway. There are many factors coming into play in the Wastewater Project, several that are causing setbacks to take place. Additional change orders will be coming down the line from Beam; modification to generator, back ordered items, upgrading products, manholes, etc. However we did budget for such adjustments in our construction contingency, we should remain under budget. The design/survey that was completed is also posing issues on the project, so numerous adjustments are needing to be made. Additionally, meter boxes are having to be moved, 6inch mainlines are being found, and PWD/assistant are working hard! Forecasted end completion date is now February 15th.

Industrial Park: Tabled.

Ordinance Fee Schedule: Tabled.

Abatement Process: Deputy Hines and City employees were able to abate 5,000 pounds of garbage from the property. The City worked to reduce fees to the property owner as much as possible, hauling burnable

and metal debris to appropriate sites to reduce cost. Property owner needs to reach out to Council with a formal letter requesting the abatement fees be waived or reduced.

Holiday Light Contest: Lots of involvement in the community, very festive this holiday season! Residential – 1st Bill Gubser; Tie for 2nd Tony Hornbrook/Kendall Derby, 3rd Dan Greenfield. Commercial – 1st Sally Foods, 2nd Mah-Hah Outfitters, 3rd Painted Hills Natural Beef. People’s Choice was Bank of Eastern Oregon.

COVID Relief funds: The County was able to provide COVID relief funds to 35 businesses in Wheeler County!

Childcare: Councilor Sperry talked with Mr. Smith and the school is willing to offer space for a childcare, the concern now is finding someone interested in overseeing the facility. Council would like to get a questionnaire or survey out to see who is interested in such a position and facility.

CARES Act: With the New Year, the deadline for the CARES Act has been extended through the end of 2021. Attorney Sumner is still working towards drafting up the intergovernmental agreement at this point.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tri-County Chamber: The Condon Chamber of Commerce will be expanding their area of focus to not only Gilliam County, but also to Wheeler and Sherman Counties as well. The current Executive Director and Board members provide great leadership to our communities and the City should continue to be supporting members of the Chamber. Council looks forward to this new expansion of the Chamber of Commerce.

Vaccine Information: The vaccine is on its way through Oregon in an orderly process; starting with frontline workers, high-risk citizens, and other emergency workers. OHA is working through tiers and Oregonians can expect to see it available to everyone in the coming weeks. 80% of a County needs to be vaccinated for it to be considered safe.

Addition/Removal on BEO Account: Councilor Sperry made a motion to remove Julie Knox-Lyon from the general checking account (1802), water deposit (1810), and ambulance account (1871), remove Mary Mountain from the safety deposit box, and add Carol MacInnes as a signer to the checking account (1802), water deposit (1810), ambulance account (1871), and safety deposit box, Councilor Beckham seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

ACTION ITEMS:

REPORTS:

Councilor Hunt: No water update. Cathy and Terri are currently working on two grants for the library. Additionally, discussion has begun on merging the Fossil Public Library and the School library; but will be a long-term project.

Councilor Sperry: The practical exam for EMTs has been scheduled for some time in February, once these are complete the students will be qualified EMTs. The ambulance went in to be serviced, but a part is still on order. Mayor would like to remind the ambulance crew that Bill Potter is the lead on ambulance maintenance, and that Councilor Sperry should be notified as well.

Councilor Beckham: The sewer is a work in progress, a little concerned on the predicted weather forecast over the coming months.

Councilor Burlingame: No update.

Mayor MacInnes: Mayor extends a welcome to Councilor Hunt to Fossil City Council! Would like the librarian to turn in a timesheet on the 23rd of each month. The fire department did a drive-by birthday celebration!

Public Works: Would like to welcome Councilor Hunt to Fossil City Council and offer a tour of the water system as the new water councilor. The sixth grade class recently took a tour of the water systems around town. Quincy is scheduled to have time off in February, roughly two weeks.

City Recorder: SAM registration is coming up.

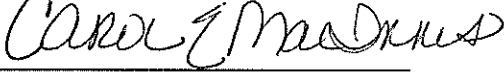
Ordinance Officer: A few of the tagged vehicles have been removed by owners. The landfill is working on their metal scrap bin, hopefully here soon we will get access to that.

COMMUNITY ISSUES/CONCERNS:

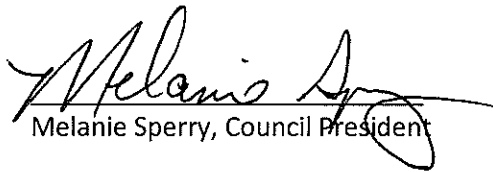
Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

February 9, 2021

Approved



Carol E MacInnes, Mayor



Melanie Sperry, Council President

