

FOSSIL CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
WHEELER HIGH SCHOOL
September 14th, 2021

Councilor Sperry called the meeting to order 7:00 P.M.

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

Staff Present: Lea Walker, Bill Potter, & Cathy Goldsmith.

Community Present: Mitch Elliot, Rodney Hines, Chase Misener, Julie Knox-Lyon, Suzette Greer, Ben Massey, Marsha Holly, & Alex Logan.

Approve/Amendments to Agenda: Councilor Burlingame motions to approve the September 14th agenda as amended; adding Economic Development from Matt Davis. Councilor Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Approval of August 10th City Council Meeting Minutes: Councilor Hunt made a motion to approve the August 10th Council Meeting Minutes, Councilor Burlingame seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Approval of bills from August 10th to September 13th, 2021: Councilor Hunt made a motion to approve the bills from August 10th to September 13th, Councilor Sperry seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Approval of financial statement for August 2021: Councilor Sperry made a motion to approve the financial statement for August 2021, Councilor Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from a New York Resident regarding our street light will be at City Hall for public to read.

OLD BUSINESS:

Anderson-Perry Project Update: No Update.

Industrial Park: Waiting for County Surveyor to review the plat map for the industrial park with the dimensions from Tenneson.

Ordinance Fee Schedule: Tabled

Childcare: Tabled.

ARPA: ARPA was recently distributed ½ of the funds to the City of Fossil. Councilor Sperry and our Public Works Director attended a webinar on how to use the funds and budget for it. The City of Fossil will have to a planned disbursement of the money by 2023. The ARPA will need to be used by 2025. There will need to be a updated report on the funds this October 2021.

Museum Roof: Public Works Director has been reaching out to the contractors on an official start date for the museum roof.

Gateway Signs: Councilor Sperry would like to schedule a work session regarding the gateway signs, placement, budgeting, designs, etc. The city clerk will schedule the work session based off of the council members schedules.

MOU Fair board: Council will schedule a work session after the gateway work session for the MOU.

Contract w/ Sheriff's Department: Tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

Abatement Waiver of Fees: A gentleman was supposed to show to represent a waiver to the City due to a hardship to waive the fees from an abatement on a property.

Alex Logan - Trunk or Treat: Alex Logan is requesting to do a trunk or treat again on first street between Main St and Washington and to use the No Entry signs from our Public Works. The trunk or treat will be on October 31st 3:30-5:00 pm. The city council agreed to allow the road closure from 3:30-5:30 p.m. for the Trunk or treat and the use of the City's No Entry signs on First Street; between Washington and Main Street.

Chase Misener – City property on purchased lot: Tabled. Chase Misener is interested in the lot next to the Sitton plot that was just bought. He has brought to the City's attention of potentially hazardous material on the lot. The City of Fossil will look into the lot and research regarding the lot.

Economic Development – Matt Davis: Matt Davis is looking for City Council member to be on the Rural Housing Board. Councilor Burlingame and Councilor Hunt would both be interested into becoming board members. The city clerk will notify Mr. Davis of the two council members willing to join.

REPORTS:

Councilor Hunt: The Summer Reading program is completed. The Fossil Public Library is continuing the Early Literacy Program which started in the summer. There has been a positive outcome for Spray and Mitchell students. Fossil started the Early Literacy Program then stopped due to Covid precautions but will start again soon. The library website is being built now and K'Lynn will be coming to take photos of the library. Councilor Hunt has requested to take off the letters above the library that says the Fire Department. The Friends of Fossil has put an ad in the newspaper for a computer teacher to teach basic computer skills to the public. The library has someone who is interested in the job position. If this is successful, they will take a step further into computer skills. The library is currently scraping the old paint off the windows. GorgeNet completed their upgrade and can reach up to Washington Street and First. The bistro tables have been added by the City Hall from the library for public use. The library is trying to post a newsletter monthly. You can pick that up at Dig In diner, Post Office, and hopefully will become an ad in the newspaper. The school is also willing to send the newsletters home.

Councilor Sperry: The ambulance has been very busy recently and will be hoping to schedule a meeting soon. Deputy Hines announced there is now another licensed EMT in Fossil.

Councilor Beckham: No update.

Councilor Burlingame: No update.

Mayor MacInnes: Absent.

Public Works: The city's 3-year water system survey will be coming on October 25th and will be preparing for that. Public Works Director will like to request a public meeting before Oct 12th council meeting on a variance on a residential/commercial tax lot. This will need to be adjusted before the properties are sold. Tenneson will be the best way to go in redoing the lots lines. Equipment coming in has been very delayed potentially due to covid. The city's recent paving project recently overall expense was about \$3,400 including the use of equipment. Depending on rain water the City will receive on weekend 9-18-21, water restrictions may be lifted on 9-20-21. Public Works will be taking time off time as needed for personal use.

City Recorder: The Solutions Auditing process is still continuing on with very few emails requesting info and will be finishing it up the auditing process. City clerk would like to request 28th off for personal use and 29th for the sick use as it is for medical. Six-month review will be scheduled with Councilor Burlingame and Mayor MacInnes.

Ordinance Officer: Deputy Elliot currently has nine open cases and were able to close a few cases out. Deputy Hines and Deputy Elliot are still working together with learning the city's ordinances. The sheriff was unable to attend and requested to table the contract with the Sheriff's Department.

COMMUNITY ISSUES/CONCERNS:

Ben Massey has concerns with speeding issues on First Street. He requests speed bumps or more speed signs along First Street. The City of Fossil will be investigating this concern.

Haven House has a concern regarding the dead trees potentially falling on the wing of the residential homes. The property owner is responsible for the trees. Our Public Works Director has already spoke to the resident regarding the trees.

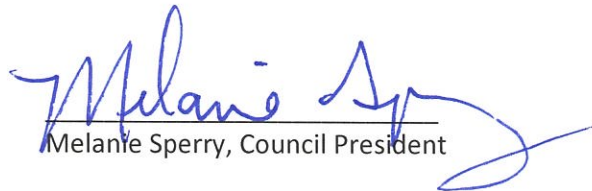
Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

October 12th, 2021

Approved



Carol E MacInnes, Mayor



Melanie Sperry, Council President

