

**CITY OF FOSSIL
WORK SESSION
October 25th, 2021**

Mayor MacInnes called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

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

Staff Present: Lea Walker

Community Present: None.

Childcare: The City of Fossil has been offered to use the building behind the school with possible renovations. Childcare is very difficult to find within Fossil. Tina Conlee with Department of Revenue is always asked about childcare options within the City of Fossil. Mayor MacInnes obtained no interest at the time of anyone willing to take that position. There are funding options for childcare facilities. The City of Fossil will post an add to see if anyone would be interested in a childcare position. The city will post within Wheeler County News if operating, The Times-Journal, Facebook, the City's website, and post throughout town.

Ordinance Fee Schedule: The City of Fossil does not currently have a fee schedule. The City of Fossil has been going off the maximum ORS for a nuisance fee within the state of Oregon. The City of Fossil has looked at City of Metolius- Fee Schedule as an example as provided by our city attorney Mr. Sumner. The council received this document prior in the July 13th council meeting. Mr. Sumner the City's attorney has drafted our Ordinance Fee Schedule and is just waiting upon the approval of fees. The City of Fossil has decided to obtain more research regarding other cities charge for their fees to get an overlook at what our cities should relate too due to the size of our population. The City of Fossil will discuss the fees in the upcoming council meeting.

ARPA: The ARPA has many other names for this distribution of money. Many other cities in the state of Oregon have been placing their money into their LGIP accounts to gather a high interest off of the money rather into their bank account that typically obtains a low interest rate. The city will have to file reports in April regarding our project and the use of the money. There have been one out of two distributions of this money in the amount of \$48,615.82 in each distribution totaling \$97,231.64. Cities are allowed to donate to other business and events that were affected during the COVID pandemic. The ARPA funds have certain limitation on the use of the funding such as water and sewer infrastructure, hazard pay, etc. League of Oregon cities provides information on the use of the ARPA funds through their website and their YouTube channel.

Gateway Signs: After a lengthy discussion regarding the church within the gateway signs design stage it was in the City's best desire to not involve any type of church or religion in the City's gateway sign as advised by the City's attorney Mr. Sumner. The City of Fossil will continue with the updated design with a barn as the replacement within the picture. The second image will be the wooly mammoth as a second option. The pictures will be at the same scale with the background design attached for an example for the public. The voting dates will be set at the upcoming council meeting.


Meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

November 9th, 2021

Approved Date



Carol E MacInnes, Mayor


Melanie Sperry, Council President