

FOSSIL CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Teleconference
January 11th, 2022

Mayor MacInnes called the meeting to order 7:00 P.M.

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

Staff Present: Lea Walker, Bill Potter

Community Present: Mitch Elliott, Rodney Hines, Marsha Holly

Approve/Amendments to Agenda: Councilor Burlingame made a motion to approve the January 11th agenda, Councilor Sperry seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Approval of December 14th City Council Meeting Minutes: Councilor Burlingame made a motion to approve the December 14th Council Meeting Minutes, Councilor Sperry seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Approval of December 14th Public Hearing Meeting Minutes: Councilor Hunt made a motion to approve the December 14th Public Hearing Meeting Minutes, Councilor Sperry seconded the motion. Councilor Burlingame abstained from voting. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Approval of bills from December 14th to January 10th, 2022: Councilor Hunt made a motion to approve the bills from December 14th to January 10th, Councilor Sperry seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Approval of financial statement for November/December 2021: Councilor Burlingame made a motion to approve the financial statements for the November and December with the corrections to payroll adjustments. Councilor Sperry seconded this motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Notice was posted that the city hall was closed for a time to help prevent the spread of covid. City Hall was still being monitored daily for phone calls, emails, and mail. City Hall was shut down a second time due to staff contracting Covid, but it will open back up on Tuesday.

City hall has received many compliments from the public regarding public works staffs' diligent work on snow removal during the snow storm.

OLD BUSINESS:

Anderson-Perry Project Update: The generator has arrived for the Wastewater project. Beam is unavailable for the next four weeks. When Beam is available, they will begin the installation of the generator. Once the generator is installed the city will begin the closeout process for the Wastewater Project.

There is no update for the ASR project as it still is in the design phase.

Ordinance Fee Schedule: Mr. Sumner has sent over a draft of the Ordinance Fee Schedule. With corrections made to the admin fees and a review by the public works, the city will be ready to hold the public hearing next council meeting.

ARPA: Mayor MacInnes said that it's getting time to start planning a project for this money. She asked Public Works Director to begin assessing need.

Museum interior repair: Due to covid and weather there is no update.

MOU Fair Board: Mayor MacInnes was unable to discuss the MOU with Fairboard chair member Kaylee.

Property sale: Due to illness and office closure, the City was unable to post an ad accepting bids in the newspaper. The questions raised at the public hearing have been answered, however there is still the need for clarification on the right of way issue. Public Works Director Potter will follow up with our attorney.

Mayor MacInnes spoke to the city's attorney in regards of gathering bids to contract with a realtor. The city attorney stated the city does not need to gather bids to contract with a realtor. Public Works proposed Mr. Hankins as our realtor due to the knowledge he has over the City of Fossil's property.

The city attorney has also mentioned that if an animal crosses over to the city's property, the liability falls to the owner of the animal. Public works has made some repairs to the City of Fossil's fence on the property in question to help prevent any trespassing.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION ITEMS:

REPORTS:

Councilor Hunt: No update.

Councilor Sperry: Reached out to Susan no update. Rodney is waiting for the radio to be reprogramed.

Councilor Beckham: No update.

Councilor Burlingame: No update.

Mayor MacInnes: The city hall is taking precautionary measures in hopes to prevent the spread of covid. The Dig-In Diner owners have offered to paint the mural that is currently in their restaurant in an outdoor, publicly viewable location if so desired by the city and a suitable location can be found.

Public Works: The library sign has not yet been mounted due to weather and the Covid-related closure of City Hall. Two city staff have tested positive for Covid and one employee had tested positive the previous week.

With regard to the issue of an Integrator of Record, the consensus of the council is to allow Mr. Potter to accept bids for this designation.

City Recorder: The residential winners for the Tree Lighting Contest are: 1st place Brenda Potter, 2nd place Joe Jaeger, and 3rd place Rodney Hines. The commercial winners are: 1st place Rural Tax Services, 2nd place KC's Country Value, and 3rd place 4-H Extension. People's Choice winners are Hyatt House and Hornbrook's. The honorable mention goes out to Dan and Theresa Greenfield. The top Winners for residential and commercial will also receive a \$25 gift certificate from Columbia Basin Electric Co-op. City Recorder Walker requests time off for February 18th, 22nd, and 23rd. The city council approved of the request.

The City of Fossil has recently mailed a welcome letter to the co-owner of Tiger Town welcoming his new business to town.


Ordinance Officer: Warning and citation letters have been sent out. Undersheriff Elliot will be following up the open cases. The court cancelled all court dates and have not been rescheduled yet.

COMMUNITY ISSUES/CONCERNS:

Meeting adjourned at 7:29PM.

February 8th, 2022

Approved



Carol E MacInnes, Mayor



Melanie Sperry, Council President