

FOSSIL CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Wheeler High School
March 8, 2022

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

Council Present: Melanie Sperry, Jerry Beckham, Terri Hunt,

Staff Present: Lea Walker, Bill Potter, Cathy Goldsmith

Community Present: Rodney Hines, Mick Wright, Marilyn Garcia, and Mike Craig.

Approve/Amendments to Agenda: Councilor Beckham made a motion to approve the March 8th amended agenda, adding two purchase requests for Jayhawk in action items. Councilor Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Approval of February 8th Public Hearing Meeting Minutes: Councilor Beckham made a motion to approve the February 8th Public Hearing Meeting Minutes, Councilor Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Approval of February 8th City Council Meeting Minutes: Councilor Beckham made a motion to approve the February 8th City Council Meeting Minutes, Councilor Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Approval of bills from February 7th to March 8th, 2022: Councilor Hunt made a motion to approve the bills from February 7th to March 8th, Councilor Sperry seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Approval of financial statement for February 2022: Councilor Hunt made a motion to approve the financial statement for February 2022, Councilor Beckham seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

OLD BUSINESS:

Anderson-Perry Project Update: Anderson-Perry is finishing up the design phase in the next two weeks. After design phase is complete it will have to go out for bid. Times- Journal has requested to do an article on the ASR project and Bill has offered council members to join in.

Wastewater project- The City of Fossil had about 99% of the wastewater project complete. A remote reader malfunctioned after the install of the generator and will need to wait for the repair of the remote reader. The city is still needing an offsite auto dialer that is required by DEQ to operate.

ARPA: Councilor Sperry requests that the public works prioritizes the wish list and will send it back to council. Councilor Sperry requests the city recorder to contact ARPA to regarding technical issues.

Museum interior repair: The City of Fossil has received one bid for the museum interior repair. Please refer to action items.

MOU Fair Board: The city attorney had updated MOU with the requested changes. Those changes were to allow two weeks to set up and two weeks tear down, allow access to the fairground for events, and if the contract were to be terminated a six-month notice is required before termination date. The MOU will be signed at the county.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cemetery: The cemetery board has requested that the City of Fossil include the cemetery in the following fiscal year's budget. Lea will reach out to the auditors, attorney, and insurance regarding the cemetery into our budget this following year.

Fossil Friday Event- Kaylee Griffith: Lea read Kaylee Griffith's email to the council and community. In Kaylee's email she requested a new Friday event in Fossil to arise in efforts to bring our community together. She requested the Main Street be blocked off from traffic from 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm and First Street available for parking an access to the main street, museum, and the new restaurant. The dates the Fossil Friday's will take place are 06/17, 7/15, 8/19. Public Works will allow whoever is in charge to use the barricades but will be responsible for set up, tear down, and returning the barricade back to the city. Lea had mentioned there may be a request for an OLCC permit for the events. Councilor Hunt made a motion to approve the Fossil Friday Events on 06/17, 07/15, and 08/19, Councilor Sperry seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

ACTION ITEMS:

Acceptance of Bids Museum: John Goldsmith has submitted a bid for the amount of \$2300 for repairs of the museum. Councilor Hunt made a motion to approve the bid from John Goldsmith, Councilor Sperry seconded this motion. Motioned passed unanimous vote.

Purchase Request Jayhawk- Lea: It is the time of year to order utility bill cards for the City of Fossil. Jayhawk had sent over the quota of \$540.00. Councilor Hunt made a motion to approve the purchase of the Jayhawk utility bill cards for the City of Fossil, Councilor Sperry seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Purchase Request Jayhawk-Bill: Public Works has requested for the approval of the purchase of the AMR software in Jayhawk. The software is a necessity as we begin installing the new sensus meters within town to upload the meter readings efficiently as an auto meter reading. The purchase is a one-time purchase of \$1500 and will not increase our annual Jayhawk billing. Councilor Beckham made a motion to purchase the AMR Jayhawk software for \$1500, councilor Hunt seconded this motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

REPORTS:

Councilor Hunt: The library has received a grant from work source and additional funding. With these funds they will purchase laptops, laptop software to delete the previous borrower's history, and increase the computer teacher's time from two days to four days.

The library will hold a public meeting April 15th to engage with the community and hear public comment on ways they can better reach the communities needs.

The library recently purchased book bags that come with fabrics/materials to match the storybook. This has been brought to the grade school and has been successful.

Councilor Sperry: Susan has recently purchased jackets for the volunteer ambulance members. Susan has mentioned due to inflation, increase in calls, and supply changing to a bulk order has brought there supplies line item over their expense line item. The ambulance just received the reprogrammed radio.

Councilor Beckham: No update.

Councilor Burlingame: Absent.

Mayor MacInnes: Absent.

Public Works: Lea and I did software training and meter installs for the sensus remote read meters. This will allow the city to gather data during the month. This data will help find leaks, pipe bursts, high usage such as irrigating, etc. Ferguson completed majority of the install and is waiting on the AMR in Jayhawk. This will allow one person to read meters rather than two in a shorter period of time. Eddie and Bill will be leaving for a training starting Sunday March 27th till Wednesday night March 30th. Jerry Luther will be covering the checks or emergency shut offs. Eddie was recently selected for Jury duty and will be out during the week. The cold mix recently came in from Beam for the five yards of cold mix. Road patches will begin as it warms up. Due to the fuel prices, there currently is a concern with the special city allotment.

City Recorder: SEI forms are due by April 15th. Fossil Community Clean Up Day is Thursday, May 19th from 10:45 am – 12:00 pm. I was unable to attend the cyclist event and will reach out to Anne Mitchell's regarding her notes.

Ordinance Officer: Closed two cases and opened four cases. The city property has been cleared on Washington Street, the public works has cleared a nuisance liability on Broadway, complaints on A Street property and there will be no further action as it is being cleaned up. Behind the fairgrounds they have been working with the owner's lawyer.

COMMUNITY ISSUES/CONCERNS:

Mick has mentioned the public works has been doing a fantastic job recently with the new hire.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43PM.

April 12th, 2022

Approved



Carol E MacInnes, Mayor



Melanie Sperry, Council President

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