

MEETING MINUTES  
Jeanne Burch Building  
December 13, 2022

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

**Council Present:** Jerry Beckham & Melanie Sperry.

**Staff Present:** Lea Walker via Zoom, Bill Potter

**Community Present:** Julie Knox- Lyon, Bill MacInnes, Marsha Holly, Tim Milligan, Brenda Snow Potter, Mayor Jeff Gowing, Mayor Teri Lenahan, Mayor Beth Wytoski, and Auralea Johnson.

**Approve/Amendments to Agenda:** Councilor Sperry made a motion to approve the December 13<sup>th</sup> agenda as amended: adding property lease to own under old business, Councilor Beckham seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (aye: Councilor Sperry, Councilor Beckham, Mayor MacInnes, no: none).

**Approval of November 8<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting Minutes:** Councilor Sperry made a motion to approve the November 8<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting Minutes, Councilor Beckham seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (aye: Councilor Sperry, Councilor Beckham, Mayor MacInnes, no: none).

**Approval of bills from November 8<sup>th</sup> to December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022:** Councilor Beckham made a motion to approve the bills from November 8<sup>th</sup> to December 12<sup>th</sup>, Councilor Sperry seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (aye: Councilor Sperry, Councilor Beckham, Mayor MacInnes, no: none).

**Approval of financial statement for November 2022:** Councilor Sperry made a motion to approve the financial statement for November 2022, Councilor Beckham seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (aye: Councilor Sperry, Councilor Beckham, Mayor MacInnes, no: none).

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Frontier Regional 911 Dispatch: Holiday Card

Wheeler County Soil and Conservation invite to attend the December 12<sup>th</sup> dinner.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Anderson-Perry Project Update:** No new update.

**Cemetery:** Lea will update the council at the January meeting.

**Community Development Funds:** Remove from the agenda

**Volunteer Appreciation BBQ:** Several people attended the volunteer BBQ and was a fun event/good outcome.

**Christmas Lighting Contest:** Judging will be the 17<sup>th</sup> of December for the secret judges.

**Tree Lighting Event:** The outcome of the tree lighting ceremony was a good turn out of kids and Santa had done a really good job. The City of Fossil will send out thank you letters. The lights put up by Mike and Karen and Eloise were excellent this year.

**Property Lease to Own:** Industrial Park Lot is on a lease to own and has been delinquent on payments. Request to send to the attorney and a text message of the certified letter to the individual leasing the lot. It will be added to the next city council meeting agenda and the amount owed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Accept Abstract of Votes from November 8, 2022 General Election:** Mayor MacInnes read the Abstract of Votes from the November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 General Election. Councilor Sperry made a motion to certify the election, Councilor Beckham seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (aye: Councilor Sperry, Councilor Beckham, Mayor MacInnes, no: none).

**Councilor Position #3 resignation:** Mayor MacInnes read the resignation letter for Councilor Position No.3. Councilor Sperry made a motion to accept the resignation from Councilor Hunt for Councilor Position No. 3, Councilor Beckham seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (aye: Councilor Sperry, Councilor Beckham, Mayor MacInnes, no: none).

Letters of Interest for Councilor Position No. 3 will be open for the next few weeks and can be decided by the next council at the January 10<sup>th</sup> city council meeting.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Ordinance 449 Amending the City of Fossil Comprehensive Plan/Zoning Map:** Mayor MacInnes read by title only Ordinance No. 449. Councilor Sperry made a motion to adopt Ordinance 449 Amending the City of Fossil Comprehensive Plan/Zoning Map, Councilor Beckham seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (aye: Councilor Sperry, Councilor Beckham, Mayor MacInnes, no: none).

**Resolution No. 449 A Resolution Acknowledging Unanticipated Revenue:** Mayor MacInnes read Resolution No. 449. Councilor Sperry made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 449, Councilor Beckham seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (aye: Councilor Sperry, Councilor Beckham, Mayor MacInnes, no: none).

**Resolution No. 450 A Resolution Transferring Funds from the Industrial Park:** Tabled.

**Resolution No. 451 A Resolution Transferring Funds from the Ambulance Fund:** Mayor MacInnes read Resolution No. 451. Councilor Sperry made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 451, Councilor Beckham seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (aye: Councilor Sperry, Councilor Beckham, Mayor MacInnes, no: none).

**Remove Mayor Carol MacInnes, Council President Melanie Sperry, and Councilor Jerry Beckham from all bank signature cards:** Councilor Sperry made a motion to remove Carol MacInnes, Melanie Sperry, Jerry Beckham, and Brooklynn Griffith from the Bank of Eastern Oregon Signature Cards, effective January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and add Lea Moyer, Terri Hunt, Chad Macomber, and Tim Milligan to the Bank of Eastern Oregon Signature Cards, effective January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. This way there will be no gap in financial matters before the transition of office. Councilor Sperry made the motion in favor; Councilor Beckham seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote. (Aye: Councilor Sperry, Councilor Beckham, Mayor MacInnes, no: none). Mayor MacInnes will be need to be removed from any online access documents and may be changed to the new mayor.

**Purchase Request (Lift Station alarm system):** Bill Potter presented a SMART Level Remote Sewer Monitoring System quote of being ½ the price of TAG's quote. This quote is \$8000 per site install with discounted rates for additional installs. Councilor Sperry made a motion to accept the SMART Level Remote Sewer Monitoring System, Councilor Beckham seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (aye: Councilor Sperry, Councilor Beckham, Mayor MacInnes, no: none).

**Purchase Request (Leaf Blower):** Councilor Sperry made a motion to purchase the professional backpack leaf blower, Councilor Beckham seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote (aye: Councilor Sperry, Councilor Beckham, Mayor MacInnes, no: none).

Councilor Sperry made a motion to purchase a welder, Councilor Beckham seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (aye: Councilor Sperry, Councilor Beckham, Mayor MacInnes, no: none).

**Wheeler County Rattler's Day Proclamation:** Mayor MacInnes declared December 20<sup>th</sup> as Wheeler County Rattler Day in the City of Fossil.

**Mayor MacInnes Recognition:** Mayor MacInnes recognized Councilor Jerry Beckham for his years of service to the City of Fossil. He was presented a plaque with extreme gratitude.

Mayor MacInnes thanked Council President Melanie Sperry for the last eight years of service the City of Fossil. Mayor MacInnes stated that all the accomplishments could not have been done without a strong Council President. Council President was presented a gift from Mayor MacInnes as she expressed her extreme gratitude.

Mayor MacInnes recognized citizen Marsha Holly for being the most involved citizen by attending most of our council meetings the past eight years. Mayor MacInnes presented Marsha with a gift and thank you card.

Mayor MacInnes wanted to recognize the current council as we have accomplished great things and completed some major projects and achieved many goals. They were able to get things accomplished and hope the next council will just take the ball and keep going to be great.

REPORTS:

**Councilor Hunt:** Absent

**Councilor Sperry:** No update.

**Councilor Beckham:** No update.

**Councilor Burlingame:** No update.

**Mayor MacInnes:** No update.

**Public Works:** Absent.

**City Recorder:** No report

Ordinance Officer: Absent

**COMMUNITY ISSUES/CONCERNS:**

**Bill MacInnes:** Bill MacInnes, a previous Councilor would like to recognize this current council as the most progressive council for this city that he has seen in 40 years, taking our city to a different level, and being recognized throughout Oregon. Councilor Sperry would like to recognize Mayor MacInnes dedication by traveling to all meetings as well as other cities on her own expense, to further put the City of Fossil forward.

**Beth Wytoski (OMA Past President):** Mayor of City of Dayton: A few years ago, at a conference Beth had the opportunity to meet Mayor MacInnes and become close friends with her. Had the opportunity to appoint her to the Oregon Mayor's Association Board of Directors. Carol has been a rockstar leader for our entire region and that every mayor in Oregon knows where Fossil is and every mayor knows Fossils accomplishments and priorities and that is exclusively to Mayor MacInnes credit. Last year at their conference she presented the Oregon mayors leadership award, the highest award the Oregon Mayor's Association offers, to Mayor MacInnes. This is for long standing leaders who have built relationships statewide and leading other leaders and has become such an incredible leader. She has been able to bring a voice Rural Eastern for the Homeless Task Force. Beth would like her to be recognized for the service she has provided for Fossil and will value her friendship for years to come.

**Jeff Gowing OMA Current President:** I would say that I appreciate our friendship at a personal and professional level. Traveling all over the state of Oregon in support of each Board of Directors city event and creating a personal level relationship with other mayor's and their families. Mayor MacInnes leads by example and will be remembered. Every Mayor in the state of Oregon now knows where Fossil is because of Mayor MacInnes.

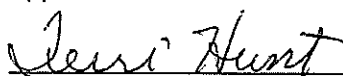
**Teri Lenahan Mayor of North Plains Incoming OMA President:** I would love to echo the same thing both previous mayors' speeches. Mayor MacInnes has been a huge voice for Eastern Oregon and small cities all across Oregon. She has been an incredible human being to those all around us. I have never met a more dedicated, inspiring human being on this planet and am grateful for her friendship, spirit, and her love of community. Fossil should be extremely proud that Mayor MacInnes has allowed Fossil to be recognized and heard through the State of Oregon and am proud to know you.

**Julie Knox-Lyon:** Some people run for office to further their personal agenda; the current council has ALWAYS made decisions that were the best for all citizens of Fossil.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

January 10th, 2023

Approved



Terri Hunt, Mayor



Lea Moyer, City Recorder