

City of Fossil
Jeanne Burch Building
July 9th, 2024

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

Council Present: Chad Macomber, Cindy Burlingame, Julie Knox-Lyon, Carol MacInnes.

Staff Present: Bill Potter, Lea Moyer

Community Present: Paul Britt, Carlena Britt, Rodney Hines, Tami Stockton, Blair Stockton, Tom Burlingame.

Approve/Amendments to Agenda:

Councilor Macomber made a motion to approve the consent calendar and the AJE's, Councilor Knox-Lyon seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (Aye: Councilor MacInnes, Councilor Macomber, Councilor Knox-Lyon, Councilor Burlingame).

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayor Hunt read the letter from Northeast Wheeler County Health District regarding our proposal and our future partnership.

OLD BUSINESS:

Anderson-Perry Project Update: Well 3 piping is in and we are continuing to wait on the building permit which could take up to three weeks before construction can begin.

Planning Committee Updates: No update.

Ordinance 417A: Tabled.

Metal Business signs: No update.

Lift Station 2-Pump Problem: Currently delayed waiting on Flight.

DEI Policy: Councilor Macomber made a motion to approve the DEI Policy. Councilor Macomber made a amended motion to approve the DEI Policy with any typo corrections to, Councilor Burlingame seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (Aye: Councilor MacInnes, Councilor Macomber, Councilor Knox-Lyon, Councilor Burlingame).

NEW BUSINESS:

Franchise Agreement: Mayor Hunt read the attorney's letter as written in regards to the Gorge Networks franchise agreement and being violated. Councilor MacInnes states that she recalls funds within the agreement being within an escrow account. Councilor Knox-Lyon made a motion for the attorney to review and renegotiate the franchise agreement with Blue Mountain Networks, LLC, Councilor MacInnes seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (Aye: Councilor MacInnes, Councilor Macomber, Councilor Knox-Lyon, Councilor Burlingame).

Ambulance Resignation Letters: Bill Potter read his EMT resignation letter to the city council effective July 31st. Mayor Hunt read off Susan Moore's resignation letter as an ambulance board member and EMT effective July 31st, 2024. Mayor Hunt would like to thank Bill and Susan for their service to our community. After a lengthy discussion of the council's/community's concern with the Fossil Volunteer Ambulance. The City of Fossil lacks volunteers and support for continuing operations of our ambulance. In order for the ambulance to return to being in service is an increase of volunteers and support. Public comment was taken and concerns with taxes were being put towards 24/7 coverage from Asher Clinic. Asher Clinic at this time is not taking emergency patients and requesting ambulance to transport to the nearest hospital, which continues to put strain on local volunteers and increases burn out in our community.

Mutual Agreement: Tom Burlingame would like to formally request a temporary mutual agreement with the City of Fossil. The mutual agreement all Burlingame to operate/park his heavy equipment on a plotted street that doesn't lead any direction in return of maintenance of the unused street. Mayor Hunt and Bill will draft an agreement up.

Chris Stanley: Councilor Burlingame made a motion to give Christ Stanley a \$2.00 an hour, Councilor Knox-Lyon seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (Aye: Councilor MacInnes, Councilor Macomber, Councilor Knox-Lyon, Councilor Burlingame).

Encroachment Agreement: Councilor Burlingame made a motion to approve the Wheeler County Encroachment Agreement, Councilor Knox-Lyon seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (Aye: Councilor MacInnes, Councilor Macomber, Councilor Knox-Lyon, Councilor Burlingame).

ACTION ITEMS:

Purchase Request: Public Work requested purchase of weed eater in the amount of \$629.00. Public Works would like to request a 18ft trailer in the amount of \$3,500. Councilor Macomber made a motion to approve the purchase of the weed eater and trailer in the amount of \$4,129, Councilor Knox-Lyon seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (Aye: Councilor MacInnes, Councilor Macomber, Councilor Knox-Lyon, Councilor Burlingame).

REPORTS:

Councilor Macomber: Councilor Macomber has worked on weed eating the right of ways for potential areas with fire hazards and near the Bluegrass Festival. His next goal is the Bowerman trail. The library meeting has been postponed to 07/10 at 6:30 PM. If you are unable to attend in person via zoom is available. There is currently a vacancy on the library board.

Councilor Burlingame: The Ambulance has two EMT resignations and two board resignations by the end of July 31st. The Fossil Volunteer Ambulance Board is in favor of supporting funding for EMTs in our community and any assistance we can receive. One new EMT will be available Mon-Thurs to respond. Looking into the laws it is possible for 1 EMT and 1 Driver to respond. There hasn't been any support from the clinic in regards for emergency transports and non-emergency transports.

Councilor Knox-Lyon: No update.

Councilor MacInnes: Supreme Court favored in Grants Pass ruling. LOC Board of Directors met in Joseph. Councilor MacInnes discussed Ordinance Enforcement with Rodney Hines, Mitch Elliot, and Sheriff Mike Smith. During the discussion an update of 417A was given, discussed the agreement with the Justice of Peace, and the slow period with Ordinance Enforcement.

Mayor Hunt: Mayor Hunt assisted the city clerk with mailing out the alert flyer. Mayor Hunt would like to request an address stamp due to the Dymo label writer temporarily being out of service. Bluegrass Festival attendance numbers were currently low this year due to weather. She also served at a food stand flipping burgers. No update on the digital sign or business signs.

Public Works: Bill would like to request July 10th off. Burn Ban is in effect. At this time no water restrictions are in place and will depend on local water usage. Please use common knowledge when operating gas powered equipment due to the increased fire hazards in the area.

City Recorder: Open swim began June 18th and has continued to operate with high attendance. A cooling shelter is located at Fossil Baptist Church 8 am – 6pm. Would like to request July 15th off and August 15th - 23rd.

Ordinance Officer: Council had no questions for Deputy Hines.

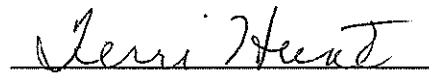
COMMUNITY ISSUES/CONCERNS:

None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

August 13th, 2024

Approved



Terri Hunt, Mayor



Lea Moyer, City Recorder

