

City of Fossil

Jeanne Burch Building

February 11th, 2025

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

Council Present: Chad Macomber, Cindy Burlingame, Geoffrey Brownell, Julie Knox-Lyon.

Staff Present: Lea Moyer, Bill Potter.

Community Present: Melanie Sperry, Bill Lyle, Anne Mitchell, Jon Goldsmith, Kathy Vonstriver, Stephan Allen.

Approve/Amendments to Agenda:

Consent Calendar: Councilor Burlingame made the motion to amend the consent calendar amending the January 14th meeting minutes with a correction of a motion and grammar corrections, Councilor Macomber seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (Aye: Councilor Macomber, Councilor Brownell, Councilor Burlingame, Councilor Knox-Lyon).

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from "Common Sense" was read by Mayor MacInnes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Anderson-Perry Project Update: The inspection was just done for the building the city. The city will move forward with the electrical and painting of the building.

Planning Committee Updates/Ordinance 417A: The County and the city have been working together with the design for the grandstand and the Wheeler County Food bank.

Lift Station 2-Pump Problem: Tabled.

Franchise Agreement: The attorney sent another attempt to make contact with Blue Mountain Networks, LLC

Website Upgrade: Mayor MacInnes is still working on the website quote with Kayla Rutherford and requesting assistance with the digital message board. Anne Mitchell raised the question about unable to locate the agenda a couple months back. The website was under new design and previously the agenda was being posted on the main page by the city recorder. The City of Fossil just had a redesign and is more user friendly than the old website which had glitches/issues.

Parks Grant: Jen Homer and Alex Logan wanted to go out for bid, however, there was a request to re-adjust the budget figures by those who gave us the grant. The city is not able to move forward with an upcoming grant with Ford Family Foundation due to a current signage grant through Ford Family Foundation. Currently Public works Bill Potter voiced his concerns of matched funding being 10% when our parks/street fund doesn't have that funding available. When the bid is ready the attorney has drafted the bid news article. As a way to move forward the council may request a presentation of the updated plans/ fundraising.

NEW BUSINESS:

Letter of Support-Turkeys: Jon Goldsmith voiced his concerns/frustrations with the city and ODF&W on the turkey nuisance. The turkeys have been destroying Lyle's property and Mr. Goldsmith's property ruining his beautiful trees, and just the birds have become disgusting and a nuisance to nearby properties. Mr. Goldsmith voiced his concern that he will refuse to pay property taxes until this is resolved. Mayor MacInnes voiced that she understands his frustrations as she is also a property owner that has been affected. The solution the city is working on to mitigate the issue is working with ODF&W and complying with adding an ordinance to ban the feeding of wildfire. With an ordinance in effect, they can start to look for a way to do population control of the turkeys. Bill brought a sample draft ordinance for the council to review and the city could schedule a work session to adjust any changes of the ordinance to Bill. Bill will schedule another meeting with Mr. Cherry (ODF&W) after his email that day, responding with that even declaring turkeys a nuisance the state would not allow a trapper to come in.

City Lighting Issue: The city has issues with the lighting in city hall and the library. The ballast needs replaced. Bill made the request to hire professional help with electrical and if we could move to led lighting as the ballasts will continue to have issues. Bill will move forward with finding quotes.

ACTION ITEMS:

REPORTS:

Councilor Macomber: No update.

Councilor Burlingame: No update.

Councilor Knox-Lyon: The cemetery meeting will be February 24th at 1:00 PM locate at Marilyn Garcia's residence.

Councilor Brownell: The ambulance Board currently has a vacancy on the board. If anyone is interested, please write a letter of interest to the ambulance board. The ambulance board would like to request to move forward with a cpr training with Joan Fields for \$10 a person for an 8-hour class. Councilor Brownell made a motion to support the CPR class, up to 20 students for their CPR cards, Councilor Burlingame seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (Aye: Councilor Macomber, Councilor Brownell, Councilor Burlingame, Councilor Knox-Lyon).

EMT Training: Impact EMS informed the city that there has been no progress/sign in in for 100+ days and an incident occurred with a student and was subject for removal. After a lengthy discussion with Councilor Brownell, City recorder, and the EMT, advice was given to have zero contact with the instructor, and a work study group was formally being organized to help the students to succeed. After the weekend had passed the EMT informed the city he was removed from the program after contacting the instructor. Impact EMS will offer a \$2400 credit back to the city. The EMT student will be subject to a \$1,000.00 invoice. Councilor Knox-Lyon made a motion to honor the request by the ambulance board to move forward with the request to invoice Mr. Garren Burlingame the remainder \$1,000.00, Councilor

Brownell seconded the motion. Motion passed by majority vote (Aye: Councilor Macomber, Councilor Brownell, Councilor Burlingame refrained from voting/discussion due to conflict of interest).

Library: Due to Mr. Brownell's resignation with the library board as a board member, Councilor Brownell made a motion to appoint Matthew Clendenen to the library board pending a cleared background check, Councilor Knox-Lyon seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (Aye: Councilor Macomber, Councilor Brownell, Councilor Burlingame, Councilor Knox-Lyon).

Mayor MacInnes: Mayor MacInnes attended the city day at the capitol. She was able to discuss with Greg Smith the small city allotment. She also was a part of the League of Oregon Cities press conference. Mayor MacInnes spoke with Senator Todd Nash after a discussion about contacting cities as a city and counties are separate entities and have separate needs. She also voiced that Wheeler County deserves the equality as Bend in funding. She also discussed the need for affordable housing. This next month she will be attending the DC meeting at the white house and will be absent for the city council meeting.

Public Works: Bill will be irrigating out of cycle about every other week and anytime this happens the city could be subject to a DEQ fine for being out of compliance. Ways to reduce I& I would be to remove any sump pumps and removing gutters from going into the sewer systems. The only funding sources are all loan/grant based. The smart cover lift 2 stations went dark. If a red light appears in the industrial park contact Bill any time. The fire department is working with the sheriff's department and updating the mutual aid agreements/ The Firewise committee is being established with 8 homes and next to plan assessments. The city applied for the small city allotment and the city was not in the pulling for this grant. The city will reapply in the next application. Spring Short School will begin March 30th- April 2nd. Bill will present the Flood Hazard Mitigation Resolution next month.

City Recorder: The City of Fossil would like to schedule a community clean-up day in the month of May, and will reach out to the school, and the chamber to set a day. The LOC will be hosting a region meeting in June and will reach out to caters for quotes. The SEI filing will open up mid-March.

Ordinance Officer: Mayor MacInnes will work with the Sheriff's department to work on better reports and billing schedule.

COMMUNITY ISSUES/CONCERNS:

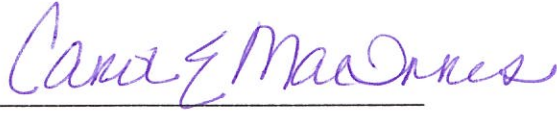
Anne Mitchell discussed her concerns with the federal funding and affecting the City of Fossil. Currently the city does not have any federal funding passing through.

Councilor Brownell had a question in regards to the fire camp funds. The city has received \$11,000 ish from the county. The city is still waiting on additional funds and adjustments from the end of use agreements. Councilor Burlingame is working on follow ups with Brooklynn Griffith. Mayor MacInnes would like to put a portion of those camping fees towards flower pots and the fire department.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

March 11th, 2025

Approved

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Carol E. MacInnes, Mayor

Handwritten signature of Lea Moyer in purple ink, written over a horizontal line.

Lea Moyer, City Recorder