

City of Fossil

Jeanne Burch Building

March 11th, 2025

Councilor Burlingame 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: Anne Mitchell, Marsha Holly, Terri Hunt.

Past Mayor Terri Hunt was presented with an award for her dedicated time to the City of Fossil.

Approve/Amendments to Agenda:

Consent Calendar: Councilor Macomber made the motion to amend the consent calendar moving Ordinance 452 to old business with the turkey update, Councilor Knox-Lyon seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (Aye: Councilor Macomber, Councilor Brownell, Councilor Burlingame, Councilor Knox-Lyon).

CORRESPONDENCE:

OLD BUSINESS:

Anderson-Perry Project Update: The project is moving slowly currently. Please see the attached budget with current expenses and projected expenses. There will be potentially additional expenses related to the project such as Columbia Basin Co-op.

Planning Committee Updates/Ordinance 417A: The planning committee will meet the 26th of March at 6:00 PM to discuss any updates. A public hearing to rezone will be held April 21st at 6:00 PM then will be moved forward to council. The Planning committee currently has a vacant position on the board and will advertise the open position.

Franchise Agreement: The attorney was able to receive a signature from Blue Mountain Networks and can move forward with the adoption of Resolution No. 466.

Website Upgrade: Tabled.

Parks Grant: Jen Homer is waiting to hear back about the request to move forward from grantees. The city has received a \$1,000 donation from a local and a \$1,500 grant. Before awarding the contract, the city should consider a percentage be raised in donation/in-kind. The museum is currently out of service till further notice, therefore; events will be taken out of Glover Hall.

Wild Turkey Update: Steve Cherry has voiced the concern that at the end of the end of March they will be hatching. Therefore, they will be off limits for hazing after the end of March. They cannot trap and relocate due to bird flu. It is a possibility to shoot to kill and donate the meat to the food pantry. Steve

Cherry, Zack Perdue, and Bill will meet tomorrow and discuss the matter more. Please see attached ordinance 452 draft; to move forward with the turkey nuisance, city council will need to ban the feeding of wildlife. ODF&W, the attorney will also need to review before the city council can adopt it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Small Cities Meeting: Mitchell March 21st @11:00 am. Mitchell is hosting a small city's meeting and if anyone was interested in attending, please contact Lea at City Hall.

Car Show July 5th -Request for road closure: A request for a road closure (First from Main to Washington and Main from second to Broadway) 8 am -4:00 PM. Councilor Macomber made the motion to approve the street closure request, Councilor Knox-Lyon seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (Aye: Councilor Macomber, Councilor Brownell, Councilor Burlingame, Councilor Knox-Lyon).

Museum Update: The insurance company discussed with Mayor MacInnes there concern that the due to the condition of the museum, insurance will soon be removing the museum off of our insurance. The walls are buckling, mortar is crumbling off, some parts of the building have no support. Does the city want to create a plan to fix the museum. Few council members voiced that they would like to restore the museum to become operational. Past Mayor Terri Hunt mentioned the quote for a feasibility study was about \$12,000. The city will look at a cost frame of a feasibility study.

Appoint Vera Carini to the Fossil Library Board: Councilor Knox-Lyon made a motion to appoint Vera Carini to the Fossil Library Board, Councilor Brownell seconded the motion. . Motion passed by unanimous vote (Aye: Councilor Macomber, Councilor Brownell, Councilor Burlingame, Councilor Knox-Lyon).

ACTION ITEMS:

Resolution NO. 465: Councilor Burlingame read resolution NO. 465 in full. Councilor Macomber made a motion to adopt Resolution NO. 465 A resolution adopting the wheeler county multi-jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan November 2024, Councilor Knox-Lyon seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (Aye: Councilor Macomber, Councilor Brownell, Councilor Burlingame, Councilor Knox-Lyon).

Resolution No. 466: Councilor Burlingame read resolution No. 466 A resolution Adopting the consent to assignment of franchise granted to Gorge Networks, IN to construct, operate, and maintain a telecommunication network within the City of Fossil, Oregon. Councilor Macomber made a motion to adopt resolution No. 466 A resolution Adopting the consent to assignment of franchise granted to Gorge Networks, IN to construct, operate, and maintain a telecommunication network within the City of Fossil, Oregon. Councilor Knox-Lyon seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (Aye: Councilor Macomber, Councilor Brownell, Councilor Burlingame, Councilor Knox-Lyon).

Request for purchase- 4 flower pots: A request to purchase for 4 additional flower pots were made by Bill Potter. Councilor Knox-Lyon a motion to purchase 4 flower pots, Councilor Brownell seconded the motion. Councilor Knox-Lyon made a motion to amend her motion to \$2,000 or less, Councilor Brownell seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (Aye: Councilor Macomber, Councilor Brownell, Councilor Burlingame, Councilor Knox-Lyon).

REPORTS:

Councilor Macomber: Currently on Chapter 9 and continuing to push through a full day of study as quickly as he can.

Councilor Burlingame: No update.

Councilor Knox-Lyon: The 24th of February the cemetery board discusses raising costs for burial services, mailed out the annual letter with Marilyn Garcia. The letters were mailed out the first of March. The upcoming board meeting will be March 18th at 1:30 Pm at Marilyn Garcia's residence. The senior meal site would like to request that every Wednesday @noon be posted on the reader board. Kayla Rutherford with the Frontier Chamber of Commerce will manage the board.

Councilor Brownell: Due to library having no quorum no meeting has occurred. The ambulance board has concerns with termination by Impact Ems due to zero progress in the 30-day threshold. Councilor Brownell would like to appoint Bill Potter to the ambulance board. Councilor Brownell made a motion appoint Bill Potter to the ambulance board, Councilor Knox-Lyon seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (Aye: Councilor Macomber, Councilor Brownell, Councilor Burlingame, Councilor Knox-Lyon). The ambulance board recently approved Steven Holly to move forward with Impact Ems training.

Mayor MacInnes: Absent.

Public Works: Bill has already addressed his water concerns. Bill addressed his concerns with the sewer system overflowing. Due to the excessive amounts of I & I the pumps have been working 20+ hrs. a day. I & I is caused by excessive amounts of water into the sewer system. This can be caused from sumpt pumps, gutters connected to sewer lines, etc. There are about 8 sections having excessive amounts of water. Bill will try to mitigate the issue in the future by slowly replacing sections at a time as it very costly and the city cannot afford another loan at this time. The city will more than likely see a fine from DEQ from the overflow and will be considered a spill.

City Recorder: The City of Fossil schedule the community clean up day May 8th 10-11:30 am.

Ordinance Officer: None.

COMMUNITY ISSUES/CONCERNS:

Marsha Holly mentioned the Firewise program and the Wheeler County Soil and conservation is also putting a fire education on as well. Currently 10-11 homes are registered into the Firewise program.

Anne Mitchell mentioned the idea of looking into the Oregon historical Preservation Office to look into grants for the museum. The process could be passing an ordinance and forming a board.

Anne Mitchell also discussed having issues with opening things on the website.

Marsha Holly made a complaint regarding dogs barking all day long on C Street.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

April 8th, 2025

Approved



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol E. MacInnes".

Carol E. MacInnes, Mayor



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lea Moyer".

Lea Moyer, City Recorder