

CITY OF FOSSIL
FOSSIL CITY HALL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 22ND, 2025

The purpose of this meeting is to allow the City of Fossil Council to declare an emergency within the City of Fossil and discuss the well 1 options and plans for repair. After a lengthy discussion the City of Fossil discussed the issues with the originally pump failing and when pulling up the pump sandstone was filled within the pump. After replacement of the pump/motor within four days the pump failed and was filled with sandstone and the screen bent in. Abbas who we have contracted with for the repair of the pump have discussed to try and warranty the pump. They had addressed concerns that the VFD may be the cause of the issue along with the pumps sucking up the sandstone. It has been discussed that it may be good idea to redrill a 500 ft well and drop the pump around 300 ft of casing. As the council discussed the best idea for the city would be to try and utilize the new pump once the VFD is repaired, hoping this would by the city time to see funding sources for a new drilling of well 1. The city currently has spent about \$45,000-\$50,000 on pump replacement. The cost of redrilling a well is roughly around \$220,000. Mayor MacInnes and Public Works Bill Potter are actively reaching out to funding sources. The feedback the city has been receiving are loan options with BIZ Oregon of a loan with 4% interest. Currently the legislative is not in session therefore, Greg Smith is unable to request those types of funds. The City's best option would be to take a loan out of the General Fund. Mayor MacInnes will continue to reach out to resources. Councilor Burlingame made a motion to declare an emergency within the City of Fossil for well 1, Councilor Macomber seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (Aye: Councilor Brownell, Councilor Macomber, Councilor Burlingame, Nay: none, Absent: Councilor Knox-Lyon.)

Councilor Macomber made a motion to draw a loan out of the general fund to the water fund for a new well, Councilor Macomber amended his motion to rephrase his original motion.

Councilor Macomber made a motion to draw a loan our of the General Fund to the Water Fund for the cost to repair well 1 and any associated costs, Councilor Brownell seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (Aye: Councilor Brownell, Councilor Macomber, Councilor Burlingame, Nay: none, Absent: Councilor Knox-Lyon.) The Fossil City Council will discuss exact figures for the loan and repayment schedule when an accurate quote is filed with the city.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:43 PM.

August 12th, 2025

Approved



Carol E. MacInnes, Mayor



Lea Moyer, City Recorder

