

City of Fossil

Jeanne Burch Building

February 10th, 2026

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

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

Staff Present: Lea Moyer, Bill Potter.

Community Present: Marsha Holly, Bennett Hall, Sally Potter

Approve/Amendments to Agenda:

Councilor Burlingame made a motion to approve the consent calendar; Councilor Knox-Lyon seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (Aye: Councilor Macomber, Councilor Knox-Lyon, Councilor Burlingame, Councilor Brownell).

CORRESPONDENCE:

OLD BUSINESS:

Anderson-Perry Project Update: An electrician came in for the final piece for the pump station. EOC is at the end of the project and have sent their final invoice. Anderson Perry will still be working with us for a resolution for the FirePro. Potholing has been on hold due to other projects and Bill's recovery from surgery.

Planning Committee Updates/Ordinance 417A: No update.

Parks Grant: Alex Logan and Jen Homer dropped off \$4,001 from a trap shoot. They have continued to raise funds for the park project. Bill and Eddie have worked on removing the fence from the city park, they will be working on removing equipment, looking at tree removal, and a few things to prepare for spring when we expect to begin the project.

Museum: No windows have broken since the last two and they have been sealed with plastic temporary.

Fire Camp Funds: Mayor MacInnes received a point of contact from LOC event to contact.

Email Update on .gov conversion: Please see the attached timeline provided by Dan. Council agreed to move forward with what is needed to gather their emails.

Update-PR Liability Fix Per Auditor: Have a meeting scheduled for the 11th with Accuity.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ambulance (Mayor MacInnes): Mayor MacInnes discussed that she is actively working with the EMTs and the medical director. The next scheduled training is on February 11th and food will be provided.

Schedule Employee Reviews: The following employee reviews will be done by:

City Recorder: Mayor MacInnes and Councilor Macomber

Public Works Director: Councilor Knox-Lyon and Councilor Brownell

Public Works Assistant: Mayor MacInnes and Councilor Burlingame

Wheeler County Ambulance Board: After a lengthy discussion, Councilor Brownell discussed his concerns with the solution that the board has come to. The conclusion for a resolution to the ambulance crisis is that each city will dissolve their Ambulance, hand over the funds to the County for management and allow the county moving forward to handle the ambulance. They will create three substations in the county. The board would like this plan finalized and signed by April. Councilor Brownell discussed his concerns that the City of Fossil may not be in favor with signing the ambulance over. Councilor Brownell voiced his concerns with the sustainability of a county wide ambulance and no official plan for long term funding. Ideas of proposing a new health district, tax, requesting funds from Northeast Wheeler County Health District. Councilor Brownell stated he felt that the Fossil Volunteer Ambulance is more long term sustainable now than the plan the County is proposing. Due to Councilor Brownell's conflicting view, they requested to hold a meeting with Mayor MacInnes and other cities in the county to discuss further on February 17th.

Mayor MacInnes stated how she has been absent from these meetings and that no plan has been clearly shown to the Fossil Volunteer Ambulance Board or the City of Fossil. What does the process look like for the ambulance if we do enter this agreement? How does it benefit our community? Currently, the issue that Fossil Ambulance is struggling to find EMTs. Fossil's solution currently is increasing the stipend and a on call stipend which help sustain the ambulance temporarily.

Sally Potter- Bowerman Trail: Sally Potter discussed her concern with the Bowerman trail continuously being blocked and drove on by the neighboring premise. She addressed her concerns with the residential home operating as a commercial business, access to the pathway, parking to the pathway, and maintenance. As a volunteer and maintaining the trail it makes it difficult for her to assist in maintaining the trail when people are driving on it, blocking access, and frequent maintenance and the path is not made for vehicles. Sally discussed her concerns with who owns the property, and how can we resolve this issue. The Council will schedule a work session on February 23rd at 6:15 PM to further discuss.

ACTION ITEMS:

Purchase request- Fuel Tank: Councilor Burlingame made a motion to approve the purchase of two fuel tanks, Councilor Macomber seconded the motion. . Motion passed by unanimous vote (Aye: Councilor Macomber, Councilor Knox-Lyon, Councilor Burlingame, Councilor Brownell).

Purchase Request- PRV Valve: Attached is quote provided by HD Fowler for replacement of the PRV and additional components if needed. The quote from HD Fowler is \$6800 and predicted to be completed by April- May. Councilor Macomber made a motion to approve the purchase from HD Fowler for the PRV valve replacement, Councilor Knox-Lyon seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (Aye: Councilor Macomber, Councilor Knox-Lyon, Councilor Burlingame, Councilor Brownell).

Purchase Request -Approve Jim Newton with Geo- Cascade Engineering for post well- drilling: To follow state protocol, the city will need to approve Jim Newton with Geo-cascade Engineering for post well drilling and will anticipate the total cost to be \$8,995.00. Councilor Burlingame made a motion to approve Jim Newton with Geo-Cascade Engineering for post well drilling and the quote of \$8,995.00, Councilor Knox-Lyon seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (Aye: Councilor Macomber, Councilor Knox-Lyon, Councilor Burlingame, Councilor Brownell).

Adopt Resolution No. 469 | A resolution making budget adjustments and authorizing transfers for FY 2025-2026: Mayor MacInnes read Resolution No. 469. Councilor Burlingame made a motion to approve and adopt resolution no. 469 | a resolution making budget adjustments and authorizing transfers for FY 2025-2026, Councilor Knox-Lyon seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (Aye: Councilor Macomber, Councilor Knox-Lyon, Councilor Burlingame, Councilor Brownell).

REPORTS:

Councilor Macomber: Councilor Macomber has scheduled his NREMT test for February 17th remotely.

Councilor Burlingame: No update.

Councilor Knox-Lyon: Senior Meal bingo night continues to increase with people and 31 individuals attended this last Saturday.

Councilor Brownell: The library did receive the Technology grant.

Mayor MacInnes: Mayor MacInnes would like to recognize and show her appreciation for Bill Potter and last-minute request gathering information for a legislative request for the sulfur tower. Bill mentioned and thanked Lea for also assisting in gathering information. Mayor MacInnes has traveled 1\2 the state with LOC. The LOC Spring conference will be in Pendleton if anyone is interested in attending on April 23rd and 24th. The regional meeting will be in Fossil March 20th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Public Works: Annually the City of Fossil irrigates outside of the permitted time. Due to the excessive rainfall last year, the city irrigated more frequently. Due to potentially irrigating before the allotted time, DEQ will more than likely make a trip to visit and discuss I & I reduction. As the city has budgeted for it, other projects took priority. Mayor MacInnes mentioned the LOC will be lobbying for grant application to have smaller match rate percentages for small cities.

City Recorder: Reminder SEI filing, keep an eye on your emails for the annual filing. Bill and Lea worked on cleaning and decluttering city hall.

Ordinance Officer: Please see the attached report. Ordinance complaints have picked up at city hall and I would expect to see more hours on next months report.

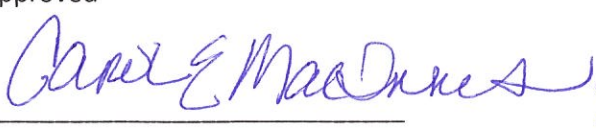
COMMUNITY ISSUES/CONCERNS:


Marsha Holly raised her concern regarding Wheeler County taking over the ambulances and her perception on how the County handles their finances. She discussed that she often sees in the newspaper the Fairgrounds, Food pantry, and other county programs not having enough funds for projects.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.

March 10th, 2026

Approved





Carol E. MacInnes, Mayor

Lea Moyer, City Recorder