

City of Fossil
Jeanne Burch Building
March 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, Melanie Sperry.

Approve/Amendments to Agenda:

Councilor Burlingame made a motion to approve the amended agenda adding Gene Mortimore under new business, add approve recommendation put forth in executive session. Councilor Knox-Lyon seconded the motion, motion passed by unanimous vote (Aye: Councilor Macomber, Councilor Knox-Lyon, Councilor Burlingame, Councilor Brownell).

CORRESPONDENCE:

Common Sense/New Directions letters are available to read at City Hall.

OLD BUSINESS:

Anderson-Perry Project Update: Business Oregon sent out their final close out letter to the City of Fossil. Bill and Anderson Perry will be working on the FirePro. GIS reached out regarding a report due mid-February for additional reporting on the ASR project and this was an unexpected expense. Well one is still not fixed and waiting on Abbas.

Planning Committee Updates/Ordinance 417A: No update.

Parks Grant: The public works have begun to tear down on the city park and have started to pour the concrete at the public park. Dewey at Gilliam County has supplied the gravel that was requested. Thank you to Jaegers and Lee Homer for bringing equipment down to assist. The sprinklers at the park were damaged in the start of the park upgrade.

Museum: The museum has been using more heating oil during these colder months.

Fire Camp Funds: Tabled.

Email Update on .gov conversion: No update.

Update-PR Liability Fix Per Auditor: Auditors have responded that it looks okay.

Sally Potter- Bowerman Trail: The conclusion of what has come to the Bowerman trail solution is that the city will create a fence that leads some accessibility for emergency services and move equipment to allow parking/access to the trail. Sally still voiced her concerns of residents operating as a commercial and excessive vehicles parked in the right of way. Council will revisit in another work session.

Wheeler County Ambulance Board: Mayor MacInnes and Councilor Brownell have been attending a county wide ambulance board meeting regarding solutions to our ambulances. The idea Oregon solutions is proposing is that the cities hand over each ambulance to the county, the county will create an ambulance at each location, each city will hand over their assets to the county for one management. The county will potentially provide these services based off of grants and a tax-based system. Mayor MacInnes and Councilor Brownell address their concerns that this isn't a solution or a long-term plan. Mayor MacInnes feels that in a long-term the \$\$ is not the issues but the volunteers running the ambulance is.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gene Mortimore- Weed Abatement: Gene Mortimore discussed his concerns with excessive amount of Nap weed in the area and has offered to take care of the nap weed in the area. Currently public works is doing as much as they can to manage the nap weed among other weeds in the area.

Community Clean Up Day: Typically, the City of Fossil hosts the annual community clean up day along Main Street and First Street. Lea will reach out to the school and see which dates work for them and send a poll out to city council.

Vacant Budget Committee Position: A vacant position still remains for the City of Fossil. Mayor MacInnes made a recommendation to consider Melanie Sperry for the budget committee position.

Elect Budget Officer: Councilor Burlingame made a motion to approve Lea Moyer as the budget officer for the City of Fossil FY 26_27 Budget, Councilor Knox-Lyon seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (Aye: Councilor Macomber, Councilor Knox-Lyon, Councilor Burlingame, Councilor Brownell).

ACTION ITEMS:

Executive Session Recommendation: Councilor Macomber made a motion to approve the recommendation presented within an executive session; Councilor Knox-Lyon seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (Aye: Councilor Macomber, Councilor Knox-Lyon, Councilor Burlingame, Councilor Brownell).

GIS Quote: Due to licensing requirements, the City of Fossil will need to complete an annual report for the ASR project and annually will cost roughly around \$10,000. The current quote from GIS is \$21,0230.00 over time. Councilor Burlingame made a motion to approve the GIS quote as presented by Bill Potter; Councilor Macomber seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (Aye: Councilor Macomber, Councilor Knox-Lyon, Councilor Burlingame, Councilor Brownell).

REPORTS:

Councilor Macomber: Councilor Macomber will schedule a retest on his NREMT and continue to take practice tests. EMT trainings are the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm.

Councilor Burlingame: No update.

Councilor Knox-Lyon: Marilyn Garcia and Councilor Knox-Lyon will continue to work on the annual donation letters for the cemetery.

Councilor Brownell: Councilor Brownell has been working on solutions with the Friends of Fossil Library relocation. The library will be hosting a library clean-up day on March 13th. Councilor Knox-Lyon made a request to see the library by-laws.

Mayor MacInnes: Mayor MacInnes would like to hold the budget work session in early April. March 28th Senator Ron Wyden will be hosting an event. Mayor MacInnes would also like to request from Council to discuss and search for additional funding for the Library, Council was in favor. Mayor MacInnes drafted a letter to NEWCHD in behalf of retention of EMTs by requesting funding for stipends for one year and report back to the board how the money was spent and how much. Sonja Hancock is currently a medical assistant looking to join the EMT program. Councilor Macomber made a motion to approve Sonja Hancock into the EMT program, Councilor Knox-Lyon seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (Aye: Councilor Macomber, Councilor Knox-Lyon, Councilor Burlingame, Councilor Brownell). Councilor Brownell addresses his concerns of looking potentially into a different process of how we except EMTs based on the turn out rate.

Public Works: Short school will begin the first week of April. Moving forward due to irrigating Eddie will stay back and training at one of the other two locations. The city has already begun to irrigate outside of the allowed period and puts us in non-compliance with DEQ. The fire department staffing grant opens up again here shortly, the city will apply for it again and may begin to pay out as 06/1/26. If the city is approved, we will need to do a budget adjustment. Bill also recently completed the VFC required reporting on the grant. Bill will be requesting time off for appointments and to utilize his accumulated vacation.

City Recorder: Reminder SEI filing, keep an eye on your emails for the annual filing. Lea would like to request a day off to attend an appointment sometime the following week. Mayor MacInnes, lea, and Bill have been working with EMS| MC to gather the data request to get the billing set up as soon as possible.

Ordinance Officer: A copy was emailed with their council packets.

COMMUNITY ISSUES/CONCERNS:

Marsha Holly addressed her concerns with Wheeler County taking over additional projects based off the current projects.

Marsha Holly mentioned OSF fire prevention assessment and property risks.

Bennett Hall request clarity on a motion made on executive session. Mayor MacInnes addressed the ORS pertaining to the executive session, and further mentioned a follow up with CIS attorney per discussion due to employee rights.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

April 14th, 2026

Approved



Carol E. MacInnes, Mayor



Lea Moyer, City Recorder