City of Fossil

Jeanne Burch Building

July 14th, 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, Eric K, Anne Mitchell.

**Approve/Amendments to Agenda:**

Councilor Knox-Lyon made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Councilor Macomber seconded the motion. Motion passed by majority vote, Councilor Macomber, Councilor Brownell, Mayor MacInnes abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest, due to the minimum requirements to meet a quorum, Councilor Brownell voted. (Abstain: Councilor Macomber, Councilor Brownell, Mayor MacInnes AYE: 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**: The last well one sample went out July 15th to the state. Unfortunately, in order to find a solution for the fireflo the suggestion from Anderson Perry would be to drain the reservoir which we cannot till fall. Due to the undisclosed testing the testing cost will be about $16,000.

**Planning Committee Updates/Ordinance 417A:** No update.

**Parks Grant:** Currently we will be resurfacing the court and have found a sidewalk issue and may need to be repoured. Councilor Brownell made a concern with gravel being used for the walk path, Council would like to potentially use coal mix if possible.

**Museum:** Tabled.

**Fire Camp Funds:** Tabled.

**Email Update on .gov conversion**: Waiting on asmallorange to do the integration per IT request.

**Wheeler County Ambulance Board**: The proposal has been completed, and will be moving forward with the voting process. After the vote, the ambulance boards with receive the proposal and move forward with their voting process on voting, then moving toward the Fossil City Council for recommendation and vote.

**Friends of Fossil Library Grant:** The FOFL received the official letter to move forward with the project. The next step would to be finding a location which would best be suitable for public information. Discussion wase raised to put in the pocket park where the public restrooms are located.

NEW BUSINESS:

**Highroad Engineer Eric K: Eric introduced himself as a water/wastewater operation who is a contract engineer out of Prineville seeking smaller rural communities to help improve projects within the city at a much more cost-effective rates than bigger firms. As a former public works director, Eric understands the financial hardship smaller cities go through and lack of resources we have to obtain additional funding.**

ACTION ITEMS:

**Ambulance Stipends Admin/EMR/off-duty:** Councilor Knox-Lyon made a motion to approve the ambulance stipend increase for admin at $200 a month, EMR/Off-duty at $100 per transport, Councilor Brownell seconded the motion. Councilor Macomber and Mayor MacInnes abstained due to a conflict of interest. Motion passed by majority vote (Councilor Knox-Lyon, Councilor Burlingame, Councilor Brownell, no: None, Abstain: Mayor MacInnes, Councilor Macomber).

**Library Board Member**: Councilor Burlingame made a motion to appoint Michael Edwards to the Fossil Library Board, Councilor Macomber seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (Aye: Councilor Brownell, Councilor Macomber, Councilor Burlingame, Councilor Knox-Lyon, no: none).

**Ambulance EMT**: Councilor Burlingame made a motion to send Steven Holly to collections for reimbursement per recommendation from the Ambulance Board, Councilor Macomber seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (Aye: Councilor Burlingame, Councilor Brownell, Councilor Macomber, Councilor Knox-Lyon, No: none).

**Ambulance purchase request:** Councilor Macomber made a motion to approve of the purchase of a new computer for the Fossil Volunteer ambulance up to $1,200.00, Councilor Burlingame seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (Aye: Councilor Burlingame, Councilor Brownell, Councilor Macomber, Councilor Knox-Lyon, No: none).

**Ambulance Debt Collector Bid:** The Fossil Volunteer Ambulance for made a recommendation to approve Lifeline Collections bid proposal for the Fossil Volunteer Ambulance. Councilor Knox-Lyon made a motion to accept Lifeline Collections per recommendation from the Fossil Ambulance Board, Councilor Macomber seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (Aye: Councilor Burlingame, Councilor Brownell, Councilor Macomber, Councilor Knox-Lyon, No: none).

REPORTS:

**Councilor Macomber**: Councilor Macomber will continue to respond when he is available to respond, and appreciates the stipend.

**Councilor Burlingame**: During the Bluegrass Festival, it was successful and the city had received payment. Thank you to Mr. Mac for donating the camping fees to the city as well for the kids' activities in the street fund.

**Councilor Knox-Lyon:** Councilor Knox-Lyon wanted to make note that the kids bicycle program has appeared to have gone well based off the number of kids with helmets on and riding off the sidewalk. July 31st – August 1st Councilor Macomber will water the flower pots, August 14th-15th, Mayor MacInnes will water the plants.

**Councilor Brownell**: Thank you to Bill Potter for repaving after digging the sewer up on B St. OICC is also working on a sidewalk and will look really nice once it is complete.

**Mayor MacInnes:** Ambulance training is once a month, and we have a good turnout and dinner has been prepared by Lea. Although the ambulance has been responding we do not have enough available to add an extra day this time. At the end of July, Mayor MacInnes will be gone for about a week.

**Public Works**: The County has been patching and has allowed us to also purchase to patch about 9 tons at $63 yd. The fuel project at the firehall to move the utility pole will be about $2700.00, which majority is labor. Mick has discussed with the Homers on donating a truck of rock. The power board tends to continue to have power outages and may need to eventually look at an electrician. Water restrictions are still in effect till we can receive the test results. Dave Prindle has approached the City again in behalf of purchasing the building at the cost of what the property taxes cost and potentially the closing costs. The city expressed interest in that building and will move forward with discussing the opportunity of purchasing the building when he returns back to Fossil.

**City Recorder**: Elections are open to apply; two council positions and mayor are up for re-election. A Firemed contract should be available by the end of the month and will provide that to the ambulance board. The annual audit will be July 23rd.

**Ordinance Officer**: Attached report available.

**COMMUNITY ISSUES/CONCERNS:**

Marsha Holly addressed her concerns from Randall Miller regarding the highway speed through town, and would like to request it be reduced. Unfortunately, ODOT would be a point of contact regarding highway speeds.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM.

August 11th, 2026

Approved

Carol E. MacInnes, Mayor

Lea Moyer, City Recorder