City of Fossil

Jeanne Burch Building

June 9th, 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, Melanie Sperry, Bennett Hall, Anne Mitchell.

Approve/Amendments to Agenda:

Councilor Burlingame made a motion to approve the amended agenda removing the budget committee meeting minutes from the consent calendar, adding Wheeler County Bluegrass Festival under new business. 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.

Mayor MacInnes would like to thank the city staff last week. Thank you, Bill Potter, acting in the capacity of Fire Chief, EMT, and Public Works, Lea Moyer and Chris Stanley for fire patrol. The fire department responded with full force to those fires. Thank you to EMT Tara Holmes who remained in Fossil to be available if the Ambulance was needed. Mayor MacInnes recognizes that there was a disconnect to the public and in the future will do her diligence to improve that.

OLD BUSINESS:

Anderson-Perry Project Update: After a post was made online and throughout town, Abbas quickly responded to the City of Fossil and were able to move forward with the install of the pump. The City of Fossil appreciates their fast response. Water samples were taken that day and the city is still waiting on the results to come back. The engineer with well one would like to do a pump test. An update to the fireflo pump is to possibly install a new valve, in that process we would need to dump the reservoir, and at this time the city cannot do that at this time. ACS was currently visiting yesterday June 8th fixing the floats and fans. Those will notify a cellular device when they are activated to pump chlorine, which is the last part of the ACS project.

Planning Committee Updates/Ordinance 417A: No update.

Parks Grant: They currently just poured concrete in the park; they will pact gravel down on the walking trail and will be at the city's expense. New water lines will need to be installed at the park. The pickleball court is waiting to be resurfaced, and in June the bathrooms will come in. Anne Mitchell raised the question if the park would be ready during the Bluegrass Festival and unfortunately it is still actively a construction site and will not be available for camping. Mayor MacInnes suggested that maybe the high school field would be a good option.

Museum: Tabled.

Fire Camp Funds: Tabled.

Email Update on .gov conversion: No update.

Wheeler County Ambulance Board: Councilor Brownell is currently working on finishing up the proposal and will have a meeting the following day to go over the draft proposal. Mayor MacInnes wanted to confirm that this is just a proposal and hypothetical. Councilor Brownell mentioned that they believe this is feasible and might have funding without needing to go to the voters. Mayor MacInnes addressed the main concern of the proposal not addressing the main concern, which is the lack of people/volunteers. Councilor Brownell will bring the proposal and a one-page fact sheet to provide to the council.

NEW BUSINESS:

Friends of Fossil Library Grant: The friends of Fossil have been awarded a grant on a national level to place a community information board within the city. The community information board they are looking to obtain would be about 8' x 4' enclosed information board with solar lights to light up the information in the evening. The idea of placement could be in the pocket park where the public restrooms are located. The state will begin announcing June 24th, 2026 those who have been awarded the grant. This community board will allow priority information such as notices from city, county, fire, EMS, ODF, etc. In the off season or as available additional information would be allowed to post.

Wheeler County Bluegrass Festival Request for Street Closure: Anne Mitchell would like to request street closures for 4th street between Adams and Jefferson and on Adams between 3rd and 4th street. Councilor Knox-Lyon made a motion to approve the request for the streets closure; Councilor Burlingame seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (Aye: Councilor Burlingame, Councilor Brownell, Councilor Macomber, Councilor Knox-Lyon, No: none).

ACTION ITEMS:

REPORTS:

Councilor Macomber: Councilor Macomber has passed his EMT certification. Councilor Macomber will be attending a cardiac class for additional training opportunities.

Councilor Burlingame: Councilor Burlingame has volunteered to manage the camping fees received at the Wheeler County Fairgrounds. The Council will wait till the special meeting to discuss the Wheeler County Bluegrass Festival contract.

Councilor Knox-Lyon: No Update.

Councilor Brownell: Attached is the library staff report. Michael Edwards has expressed interest in volunteering for the Fossil Public Library Board.

Mayor MacInnes: The Fossil Volunteer Ambulance is up and running. Between the Fossil Ambulance and dispatch a few glitches will need to be worked out. Currently there has been one transport to madras with Tara Holmes, Bill Potter, and Carol MacInnes.

Public Works: The owners of the building next to the City of Fossil has expressed interest in selling it to the City of Fossil if the city was interested. The owners have not formally addressed the sale to the city but through Bill Potter. Bill would like to thank Councilor Knox-Lyon for watering the plants over the weekend. Water the plants does not affect our water supply as the water is pulled out a well by the

sewer lagoons and is undrinkable water. Bill Potter wanted to thank Carol for allowing the city staff to assist last week, and Travis Rutherford for supplying the City of Fossil with plywood, the county for their service truck, and all fire department members, and that without all of their help we wouldn't have been able to do city stuff without their assistance. Bill mentioned how the starlink has been working amazing out on fires and actually assisted other departments such as ODF. One of the fires it assisted the fire department in was the Zen Fire. The ambulance will soon also need one as well. The fuel tanks are up at the fire hall; the city is currently waiting on Columbia Basin Electric to come out and move the power pole. The Homers have donated base rock for the pad.

City Recorder: The city has begun to prepare for our annual audit. Lea is currently waiting to hear back from FireMed for the Ambulance membership. She was able to touch base with Joan Field and Joan recommended a point of contact. Open Swim Notices have been distributed to the school. Lea is still waiting for the Medicare ambulance audit. The meeting to approve and adopt the City of Fossil budget will be held on June 18th, 2026.

Ordinance Officer: A report was unavailable.

COMMUNITY ISSUES/CONCERNS:

The reader board appears to be out of power.

Pearl Whistler made a complaint of the dogs running lose in the ball field and waste being left all over. She requests that maybe dog bags or a no dogs allowed signage to be placed at the ball field.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

July 14th, 2026

Approved

Carol E. MacInnes, Mayor

Lea Moyer, City Recorder