City of Fossil

Jeanne Burch Building

September 8th, 2026

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

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

Staff Present: Lea Moyer, Bill Potter.

Community Present: Marsha Holly, Melanie Sperry, Michael Miller

Approve/Amendments to Agenda:

Councilor Knox-Lyon made a motion to approve the consent calendar; Councilor Brownell seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote (Abstain: Councilor Macomber declared conflict of interest, Aye: Councilor Brownell, Councilor Knox-Lyon, Mayor MacInnes and declared a conflict of interest).

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Anderson-Perry Project Update: Well one samples have not been received yet at this time, and weekly follow ups to check status. Water restrictions sign was removed from the Fossil Mercantile; the sign has been placed back up.

Planning Committee Updates/Ordinance 417A: No update.

Parks Grant: The public works has laid the coal mix on the walk path and finished up sealing it. The contractors have sent their remaining invoice for the balance on the work to be complete. However, they will need to fix the concrete on the bathrooms and when they do the check will be available for pick up.

Museum: The Museum was requested to have a tour from a private donator, after a tour was given they then rephrased that they want access to the museum as they chose and offered a security system to be added in order for the city to receive a donation to the parks. The consensus from the Museum board is that they did not feel comfortable in providing access as they please.

Fire Camp Funds: Remove off agenda.

Email Update on .gov conversion: Sam with BusinessIT has worked with Lea on the securing the emails, to do the integration.

Wheeler County Ambulance Board: The Wheeler County Ambulance Board is curious if the City of Fossil and the Fossil Ambulance Board would be interested in supporting the proposal if there was a permanent funding source.

Friends of Fossil Library Grant: The FOFL board will continue to move forward with the install process for the message board.

Rural Infrastructure Fund (RIF): Bill and Lea will continue to work on the grant process for the RIF project.

Small City Allotment: Attorney has reviewed the contract and will move forward with the small city allotment.

Public Works Director Position: Council will schedule a work session September 17th at 5:30 PM with interviews to follow.

NEW BUSINESS:

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner: October 22nd at 6 PM, the City of Fossil will host the annual Volunteer Appreciation.

Trunk or Treat request for Street Closure: October 31st Alex Logan has requested the annual street closure for the trunk or treat.

ACTION ITEMS:

REPORTS:

Councilor Macomber: None.

Councilor Burlingame: Absent.

Councilor Knox-Lyon: September 24th-26th, Councilor Knox-Lyon will be unavailable to water flowers. Mayor MacInnes will water while she is gone.

Councilor Brownell: Library report was attached in the council packet; Library board is currently working on the bylaws. Ambulance board has been rescheduled.

Mayor MacInnes: The ambulance crew has been running Monday-Thursday since June. We currently are one EMT down at this time, and one of the past EMT students have been actively responding. October 13th-17th Mayor MacInnes will be gone to attend the League of Oregon Cities Conference.

Public Works: The City of Fossil has received coal mix and cost $3,700 for the truck and labor. The City of Fossil has received two violations from Oregon Health Authority for not reporting before their deadline. Unfortunately, this is out of the city's responsibility and falls back onto the lab. This will remove Fossil off of the outstanding performer.

City Recorder: September 9th will request off for a Dr's appointment. The OAMR conference will be Sept 21st-25th. LifeFlight contract has been reviewed and pending response back from LifeFlight.

Ordinance Officer: City Recorder will follow up in an email.

COMMUNITY ISSUES/CONCERNS:

Melanie Sperry addressed why she received a second bill from the City of Fossil, the city recorder had printed two copies.

Prindle Building: No update.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

October 13th, 2026

Approved

Geoffrey Brownell, Councilor

Lea Moyer, City Recorder