

NYSSA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

14 S 3rd Street Nyssa, OR 97913
02/08/22 - 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Mayor Betty Holcomb, Councilors: Patricia Esplin, Pat Oliver, Ron Edmondson, Roberto Escobedo
Absent: Krissy Walker Staff: Police Sergeant Greg Armenta, City Manager Jim Maret, Administrative
Assistant Marla Roberts, City Attorney Mike Horton, City Engineer Doug Argo. Absent: Council
President Morganne DeLeon.

Audience: Sgt. Greg Armenta, Carisa Armenta, Jason Pearson.

Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance

Council President DeLeon made a motion to adopt the agenda. Councilor Edmondson seconded the motion.
Five ayes. Absent: Councilor Esplin and Walker

Consent Agenda: Motion Action Approving Consent Agenda items

- A. Minutes of Regular Meeting January 11, 2022.
- B. Staff and Committee Monthly Reports January 2022.
- C. Correspondence and information FYI

Councilor Oliver made a motion to approve consent agenda A-C. Councilor Escobedo seconded the
motion. Five Ayes. Absent: Councilor Esplin and Walker

Council President DeLeon made a motion to approve Accounts Payable \$325,862.32 and Current Payroll
\$50,055.52. Councilor Edmondson seconded the motion. Five Ayes. Absent: Councilor Esplin and
Walker.

Councilor Esplin arrived at 7:06 pm.

Public Comment Period – Jason Pearson with Nyssa Chamber of Commerce – They will be having the
annual chamber banquet coming up on April 23rd at the shed again. The theme is “Home of the Brave” if
you know any heroes and veterans please invite and send the chamber information about them they would
like to honor them. He would like to volunteer to redo the baseball field if possible. Mayor Holcomb
asked him to bring a plan for their review.

Guest Speakers: Ryan Bailey from Greg Smith’s Office Malheur County Economic
Development on the phone while City Manager Maret spoke about the reload facility. There is a
video online also. Dirt and rocks are moving so they are working on the project. The metal
building is on order there will be a bid in March then the bid will be awarded. The waterline bid
will be going out at the end of February. Ryan Bailey also commented on the reload facility and
how important it is for all area communities to grow.

Department Reports:

City Engineer Report - Doug Argo – We just gave the waterline design to the County for their review. They were approached by FMTC to put the conduit in with but due to the proximity of the pipe, it will aggravate the fiber optic line, Mayor Holcomb asked if they could dig a trench close to that one. Argo stated that would be fine. Sparks RV is delayed due to weather compaction on the soil is still too cold. The water line will come in in the middle of the site at Arcadia. He is looking forward to working with the Mayor and the Parks committee on the application on the grant for Park improvements.

Police Report and Police Business – Police Chief Donnie Ballou – Training coming up for some of our officer's free training in Baker City for emergency vehicle operations, also upcoming radar training next week in Baker City. We are hosting a defensive tactic training course. Officer Brown is back at the academy. Officer Buckland will go in April to the academy. Officer Wilson is a level one reserve and helps out on shifts while those officers are at the academy.

Old Business: Mayor Holcomb asked about how is the Lot size Ordinance going? Street Vacation on S 7th Street?

City Manager Maret said it takes longer due to the DLCD needing to be notified etc. possibly April before we will have the first hearing.

New Business: Mayor Holcomb announced that there is a Parks committee, and the meetings are at 9:00 am every third Tuesday at City Hall. Also, we have decided to participate in the OMA "If I were Mayor contest". The Superintendent provided the information to the teachers. Several of the business leaders in town have been asked to be judges for the contest. Also, this month she is will be giving the Council members the City Manager's evaluation and would like to have those back within the week.

Resolution 1419-22 Ani-Care agreement Mayor Holcomb made a motion to adopt Resolution 1419-22. Council President DeLeon seconded the motion. 6 Ayes. Absent Councilor Walker.

Resolution 1420-22 Esmerelda's Mexican restaurant OLCC liquor license application recommendation. Council President DeLeon made a motion to adopt Resolution 1420-22. Councilor Esplin seconded the motion. Pat Oliver No 5 ayes. Absent Councilor Walker.

Resolution 1421-22 Community in Action to help citizens with their water bill provided they apply. Councilor Oliver made a motion to adopt Resolution 1421-22. Councilor Esplin seconded the motion. 6 ayes. Absent Councilor Walker.

Resolution 1422-22 Surplus vehicles Mayor Holcomb made a motion to adopt Resolution 1422-22 seconded by Councilor Esplin. 6 ayes. Absent Councilor Walker.

LOC Bulletin – FYI

Mayor Holcomb announced that the City of Nyssa will be hosting the LOC meeting on April 14th and will be serving lunch meeting begins at 11:00 am. She would like to Thank the Reserve Officers for the 140 hours of volunteer time.

Manager's Report – SEACT southeastern area transportation ODOT safe routes to school program. Truck exhaust still needs three letters of complaint. The planning commission met in January 2022 He and the Mayor met with the Brownfields person they assess buildings in town. He attended the monthly library board meeting and is sitting in on their meetings and he has learned a lot about their plans to update the library. Two lots in Turning Leaf are sold and built in the spring. LOC Spring Conference coming up on April 21-22.

Reminder March 15th will receive an email from the Ethics Commission.

Adjourned at Time: 7:46 pm

Marla Roberts, CMC

City Recorder

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