

NYSSA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

03/08/22

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Roll Call: Betty Holcomb Mayor, Council President Morganne DeLeon, Councilors: Roberto Escobedo, Pat Oliver, Patricia Esplin, Ron Edmondson. Absent Krissy Walker. Staff: Jim Maret, City Manager, Donnie Ballou, Chief of Police, Greg Armenta, Police Sgt. Marla Roberts, City Recorder, Mike Horton, City Attorney, Doug Argo, City Engineer.

Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm

Audience: Erin Beck, Doug Dewar, Lalo DeLeon, Carissa Armenta.

Mayor Holcomb – The mask mandate will not be in effect at the next council meeting.

Council President DeLeon made a motion to adopt the agenda. Councilor Oliver seconded the motion. Six ayes. Absent Councilor Walker.

Patricia Esplin made a motion to approve agenda items A, B & C on the consent agenda. Councilor Escobedo seconded the motion. Absent Councilor Walker.

Councilor Escobedo made a motion to approve Accounts Payable \$95,030.87 and current payroll \$50,150.31. Edmondson seconded the motion. Six ayes. Absent Councilor Walker.

No public comments

Department Reports:

Engineer Report – Doug Argo's update on the waterline to the reload facility county has approved the location. WWTP proposed options and a summary.

Six hundred acres can be developed in our urban growth boundary. The question would be what can we do for the future and what do we expect, we are hoping for significant industrial growth. There is not a realistic way that will manage high-strength industrial use, it needs to be pretreated and what the system can manage. We are limited by our land application area our area will only take about 3.3 million gallons per day of average flow.

Option one is no cost do nothing.

Option two would cost under a million at 280 acres we would not have to increase our storage or treatment area but would have to add about another 120 acres for a land application area so twenty acres under an additional contract or purchase.

Option three is over 3.7 million and add treatment and storage and about one hundred acres for the land app. Roberto asked if the residents could hook up to that. Question answered, there are restrictions, they would need to be in the City limits. They could be on the left side but not on the right.

Option four assuming all the industrial six hundred acres get developed needs to add eighteen acres for more storage and 127 additional acres so 9.5 million.

Intermediate Option five is to put in a 3-acre pond on existing city property just south of the existing first treatment cell put aeration which results in higher operating costs, but it breaks down the waste faster. We would put additional treatment to put in a pond with aeration and which breaks down the waste faster and manages the swings in intensity better and which provides more potential growth capacity. If we add that lagoon, it could become the primary treatment, and the existing lagoon Cell A could become the secondary treatment. Our treatment could happen in the new aerated cell and the other could be treated for storage. If we do that it would be under two million and we could get about 80% of the growth of our industrial coverage area the good news, is we would not have to build it today so we could get funding in place first.

Potential funding through the eastern Oregon border board, for industrial growth.

Water wastewater fund is another source it is a 50–50 funding.

Rural development USDA is also a 50-50 loan.

We may need matching funds and if we could do it soon enough the ARPA funds could also be used.

We could potentially pay for a portion of it through ARPA funds or grants.

Council feedback consensus is to go with option five.

Police Report Donnie Ballou – Officer training coming up so far, all the training has been free except for short travels to Baker City. Officers attending training in Ontario with a Boise Police Officer on how to recognize substances. Radar lidar training certifications. Coming up on March 28th will be ORPAT instructor training in Baker City. Officer Brown is almost finished with his training and will be back on the 17th of this month. Officer Buckland will be going to class on March 21st. There have been vehicle break-ins going on around the community and local communities, they are alternating hours to help with that issue.

Old Business: We will be hosting the LOC meeting on April 14th at 11:00 am at 415 Main Street the gathering place.

Mayor Holcomb asked Horton how the Lot sizes and the street vacation was coming along.

DLCD was notified today on the Lot sizes, and the street vacation we are waiting on information from the gas company on a survey.

Nyssa girls won State hopefully now they will have time to apply for the “If I Were Mayor contest” before the March 17th deadline.

New Business:

Need to file with the ethics commission before April 15th and will receive an invite from them on March 15th.

Resolution 1423-22 Surplus Property city vehicle 2013 ford explorer – Councilor Oliver made the motion to adopt Resolution 1423-22. Councilor Escobedo seconded the motion.

Six ayes. Absent: Councilor Walker.

City Manager Jim Maret gave a presentation on the Parks Plan beginning with Lyons Park. Doug Dewar and Erin Beck along with Mayor Holcomb are on the Parks Committee. Items of discussion are building a well-lit 8ft. wide path with security cameras, a soccer field, a small basketball court, and playground equipment. We care about the citizens of the City of Nyssa, exercise signs around the walking trail will help with a healthier community, playground equipment that is ADA accessible. There will be plans for water fountains at all the parks, if there is enough funding we could put bathrooms, and a gazebo, at Memorial Park. The cost will be around \$900,000 we hope to apply for grants.

Doug Dewar said what is proposed is not just for the young it is for everyone in the community.

Resolution 1424-22 Parks plan apply for a local government grant through Oregon Parks and Recreation Dept. Board FY 2022-23. Mayor Holcomb made a motion to adopt Resolution 1424-22. Councilor Escobedo seconded the motion. Six ayes. Absent Councilor Walker.

City Manager Report to Council – Two more letters concerning the exhaust brakes. Go out for bid in March on the waterline to the reload facility. Community in Action has funds available that can help with water bills if citizens are struggling. At Turning Leaf subdivision there is another foundation up and another lot worked, and the builder hopefully will be building more. PW building update will be down no later than April. Plans will be brought before the council.

Budget meetings will be starting in April 2022.

Councilor Edmondson – There needs to be a stop sign on 3rd and Locust, people are not slowing down. Unfortunately, we no longer have a speed trailer because it is unrepairable, and we cannot afford a new one.

Officer Ballou can do a traffic study and bring it to the Council next month.

Councilor DeLeon – Is it possible to have the juvenile dept. help the city in doing community service? Manager Maret, our insurance company would prefer not to have them help in the public works area due to the liability. Food Pantry is an option, and he will check on the library to see if that is another option.

What about information regarding a tax exemption? Manager Maret has no information yet.

Adjourned at 8:16 pm

Executive Session as Per ORS 192.660 (1)(I)

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Marla Roberts City Recorder, CMC