

NYSSA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

14 S 3rd Street Nyssa, OR 97913

04/12/22 - 7:00 p.m.

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

Audience: Bruce Goodell, Greg Moffis, Carolyn Lassiter, Ken and Niki Enders, Ashlan Enders and Ryker Enders, Bruce Goodell, Ann and Scott Jacobs.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. The council meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance

Esplin made the motion to adopt the agenda. Edmondson seconded the motion Six ayes.

Consent Agenda: Motion Action Approving Consent Agenda items (Consent Agenda items can be approved in one motion):

- A. Minutes of Regular Meeting March 08, 2022.
- B. Staff and Committee Monthly Reports March 2022.
- C. Correspondence and information FYI
- D. Budget Calendar

Councilor Oliver made the motion to approve the Consent agenda. Councilor Walker seconded the motion Six Ayes.

Approval of Accounts Payable \$120,169.55 and Current Payroll \$49,611.19.

Councilor Escobedo made the motion to adopt the agenda. Councilor Esplin seconded the motion. Six Ayes.

Public Hearing on development code lot size changes.

The public hearing opened at 7:03 pm

No comments

The public hearing closed at 7:04 pm

Public Comment Period - None

Presentation of awards - "If I Mayor" contest winners are Ashlan Enders for the 4th and 5th-grade poster category and Ryker Enders for the middle school essay category and were presented with a check for \$100.00 each.

Judges for this contest were Cole Sahleen – Five Rivers Law Office, Pete Pena – M&W Market, Clancy Flynn – Owyhee Irrigation, and Kathy Flanders - Kathy's Music.

Jim Maret made two announcements – The WWTP Operator of the Year was Bruce Goodell.

Appreciation goes to Scott Jacobs for the wonderful photos he has taken and donated to the City of Nyssa Scott said it was taken at 7:00 am and on Long Drive of Nyssa skyline.

Department Reports:

City Engineer Report - Doug Argo – We put in for the Parks grant application and hoping to see if we are a finalist. Grant is for \$900,000.00 our match is \$180,000, actual grant fund would be \$720,000. The sewer master plans are almost completed. Consultants working on wells trying to find a replacement for an additional well on the Idaho side. How is the plan going on the extension of the water line to the Re-load facility? We will put it out for bid soon.

Police Report and Police Business – Police Sgt. Greg Armenta – Reserve Officer hours are 198.5 patrol hours for March. Two officers to DPSST ORPAT instructors in the dept. One of our officers is currently at the academy now with great reports and will be back in mid-July. In some of the vehicle break-ins, two were arrested that were from Jerome ID, this investigation is ongoing. There are other random ones in the last couple of weeks that have appeared but not taking much so far but are testing doors to see if they are unlocked. Chief Ballou is out of town for training this week.

Old Business: Reminder: If you have not done your ethics report only two days left if not, please see Marla for help. Stop sign on Locust and 3rd Street for input and hope to bring it to the Council in May. Truck exhaust signs four of them have been approved through ODOT, no exhaust brakes in town.

New Business: Hosting LOC meeting this Thursday lunch catered 11:00 am
Budget Meeting will begin. Next Tuesday night will be the budget committee meeting at 7:00 pm at the NHS Auditorium.

Ordinance No. 670-22 Amending tax lot sizes in the City of Nyssa – Mike Horton read the first reading of Ordinance 670-22. Betty made the motion to accept Ordinance 670-22. Pat Oliver seconded the motion. Six ayes. Absent: Morganne DeLeon.

Resolution 1424-22 Sparklight agreement with Nyssa Fire Department. Patricia Esplin made the motion. Seconded by Edmondson. Six ayes. Absent: Morganne DeLeon.

Resolution 1425-22 Agreement in support of the Community Development Block Grant Program. Esplin made the motion to adopt Resolution 1425-22. Escobedo seconded the motion. Six ayes. Absent Morganne DeLeon.

Resolution 1426-22 Surplus property –Escobedo made the motion to adopt Resolution 1426-22. Esplin seconded the motion. Six ayes. Absent Morganne DeLeon

LOC Bulletin – FYI

Manager Report – Information is given to Council – Public works building update we are working on a plan then review with the Council.
Treasure Valley Grain will be expanding, and they need a letter of support from the Council.

Attended the Malheur County Economic Development meeting this morning there have been issues with the process that has caused delay and some expenses that they were not counting on. With inflation, costs have increased by 40%. Jim took pictures for display.

Ron Edmondson made the motion to approve Jim writing a letter of support to Treasure Valley Grain growers in support of their expansion. Mayor Holcomb seconded the motion. Six ayes. Absent Morganne DeLeon.

ODOT will be working on the curb repair on S 5th Street as soon as they can. Jim was at a meeting with ODOT, and the Cairo Junction roundabout was also a topic of discussion, they did not like the ideas Jim added at the meeting. Write your senators or congresspeople and ODOT to voice your opinion. We were in The Oregon Business magazine due to the loss of rural communities losing their banks. We are trying to get new banks, but they are closing so many in rural communities.

Election of Budget Officer Mayor Holcomb elected Jim Maret as budget officer. Esplin seconded the motion. Six ayes. Absent Morganne DeLeon.

Re-Appoint Budget Committee members – Betty re-appointed Kathy Flanders, Mary Shelton, Harry Flock, and Bob Quick.

Adjourned: 7:53 pm

If you would like to join the meeting online or by phone, please see the city website at nyssacity.org

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