

# NYSSA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

14 S 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Nyssa, OR 97913  
05/10/22 - 7:00 p.m.

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

Audience: Myo Castro, John Villanueva, Marvin Seuell, Eric Menchaca, Alberto Escobedo, Kim Speelmen, Greg & Carisa Armenta, Steve Wilson -Ordinance Officer, Rick Luna, Rosie Luna.

The council meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

- A. Minutes of Regular Meeting April 12, 2022, and Budget Committee Meeting April 19, 2022.
- B. Staff and Committee Monthly Reports April 2022.
- C. Correspondence and information FYI

Councilor Esplin made the motion to adopt all consent agenda items together A-C. Councilor Escobedo seconded the motion. Six ayes. Absent Krissy Walker.

Approval of Accounts Payable \$89,019.71 and Current Payroll \$49,386.23

Councilor Escobedo made the motion to adopt A/P and Payroll. Mayor Holcomb seconded the motion. Six ayes. Absent Krissy Walker.

## **Public Comment Period** (30 Minutes Maximum)

Kim OLCC Nyssa Nite Rodeo is here for the following agenda item for the OLCC license for the rodeo.

Rick and Rosie Luna – His neighbor has had sewer leaking onto his property along with junk and garbage close to his fence and she just keeps adding more buildings to the property that is unkept so he would like to know where the Ordinance Officer is at concerning this property. Chief Ballou commented that this property owner has been cited. Ordinance Officer Steve Wilson said he spoke today with the building dept. and met with the plumbing inspector. They will be citing more issues, so they are making progress. Another problem area is Zambrano he has a motor home, and a van dangerous to other vehicles. The ordinance officer Wilson has been tagging his vehicles, he has already spoken with him about the vehicles being on the road and blocking the stop sign, he was there for about an hour today working on this issue also.

Alberto Escobedo came to speak about the proposed stop sign he lives on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street proposing a four way stop at that intersection. The rock trucks will end eventually and, we should wait till the re-load is completed. He says it will be noisier with the trucks stopping and going at the Stop signs.

Mayor Holcomb said they have two letters in their packet in front of them that are in favor of the stop signs.

Department Reports:

Fire Department business Eric Menchaca –There will be a class coming up at TVCC that helps to remove debris and help prevent fires and keep your place looking good. He has two promotions tonight to award. Myo Castro and Johnny Villanueva received their badges pins, and the oath of office was given by Fire Chief Menchaca

City Engineer Report - Doug Argo – The water out to reload is out for bid and will be opening the bids on June 19<sup>th</sup> and an evaluation for a new well on the Idaho side. Waiting to hear back on the Parks Grant. Reload for sewer will be septic systems they are looking for funding. They are trying to get a grant on the sewer line.

Police Report and Police Business – Police Chief Donnie Ballou Our newest officer had to resign so he is no longer at the academy, but he will help as a reserve and will be putting it out to hire another officer. Regional training for eastern Oregon and will bring it to us with some of our instructors, patrol tactics training last Friday through DPSST. We were hosted by the grant county sheriff's office and DPSST helped with ammo for this training. Officer Bunker, mental health training, and FBI training in Ontario. On May 13<sup>th</sup> he will be meeting with citizens to have a neighborhood watch program in the city. Armenta is the new VP for FOP.

#### Old Business:

Mayor Holcomb said we are tabling the stop signs on Locust and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street for another meeting. Mike Horton read Ordinance 670-22 by title only the next meeting will be the third and final. Mayor Holcomb made the motion to adopt Ordinance 670-22. Councilor Escobedo seconded the motion. Six ayes. Absent: Krissy Walker.

#### New Business:

Mayor Holcomb and Councilor Escobedo attended the LOC meeting along with Jim Maret. They met with OINIA Martha Raney she is an Oregon design consultant and design something just for us in the Parks. Her company partners with everyone from playground equipment to construction and excavation. They also spoke with Megan Banks at the University of Oregon; they can do a study of our city in their classes about sustainable cities. Mayor Holcomb gave them material to review. Roberto spoke with T-Mobile concerning new tablets for the Council.

Resolution 1427-22 Authorizing City Manager to sign the engagement letter and audit contract with Zwygart John & Associates CPA's PLLC for Auditing services for FY 2022/23. Mayor Holcomb made to adopt Resolution 1427-22. Councilor Oliver seconded the motion. Six Ayes. Absent: Krissy Walker.

Resolution 1428-22 Playground equipment as surplus property. Mayor Holcomb made the motion to adopt Resolution 1428-22. Councilor Esplin seconded the motion. Six ayes. Absent: Krissy Walker.

Resolution 1429-22 Nyssa Nite Rodeo OLCC – Council President DeLeon made the motion to adopt Resolution 1429-22. Councilor Edmondson seconded the motion. Councilor Oliver No. Five ayes.

Resolution 1430-22 OLCC for RDH Entertainment Bob's parking lot for All Class Reunion. Councilor Esplin made the motion to Adopt Resolution 1430-22. Councilor Escobedo seconded the motion. Councilor Oliver No. Five ayes. Absent: Krissy Walker.

Councilor Edmondson distributed pictures of road damage on Gamble Island Road to show that eventually, the third street will look like that with all the heavy truck traffic.

LOC Bulletin – FYI

Manager Report – Information is given to Council

Comments from Council – Council President DeLeon asked about the noise ordinance.  
Adjourned: 7:54 pm

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