

NYSSA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

14 S 3rd Street Nyssa, OR 97913
08/9/22 - 7:00 p.m.

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

Audience: Jerry Holmes, Griffin Hewitt–Argus Observer, Hailey Castro, Jason Pearson, Marc Bybee-Fiesta Farms, Renae Kesler-Lifeways.

Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance

Council President Morganne DeLeon made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Councilor Oliver seconded the motion. 6 Ayes. Absent: Krissy Walker.

Consent Agenda: Motion Action Approving Consent Agenda items

- A. Minutes of regular council meeting 07.12.22 and special meeting 07.19.22.
- B. Staff and Committee Monthly Reports July 2022.
- C. Correspondence and information FYI

Council President Morganne DeLeon made a motion to pass all three items at once. Councilor Esplin seconded the motion. 6 Ayes. Absent: Krissy Walker

Approval of Accounts Payable \$159,111.99 and Current Payroll \$53,535.58.

Councilor Esplin made a motion to approve A/P and Payroll. Councilor Escobedo seconded the motion. 6 Ayes Absent: Krissy Walker

Public Comment Period:

Jason Pearson with Nyssa Chamber announced that the Farmers' appreciation is coming up they will be announcing a date soon. Looking forward to having another meeting with the city sometime in the early evening due to work schedules. Mayor Holcomb said it is difficult to meet in the evenings for them also. Would be great to do a lunch meeting. A few people have come to him stating that the Parks are looking much better.

Guest Speakers

Marc Bybee Anchorman Properties LLC Marc Bybee asking for an extension for an enterprise zone on commercial and has been approved for 3 years and are asking for an additional 2-year tax-free. They have done everything they can to deem the extra 2 years and would not be a takeaway from the city. They have been in the city for over 75 years and have paid taxes all that time so it would be beneficial to all. The delay in construction and expenses have greatly increased, it would help to ease the burden of the increase in cost. This is benefitting our community and would appreciate the help.

Renae Kesler with the Malheur County Prevention Coalition read the recovery proclamation for month 18th annual “Hands around the Park” It is a national observance held every September to promote and support new evidence-based treatment and recovery practices, the emergence of a strong and proud recovery community, and the dedication of service providers and community members across the nation who make recovery in all its forms possible. Many in our community have donated and supported this effort, mental health, suicide, and gambling awareness. Matt Stringer was planning to attend tonight concerning the Nathaniel Sean Stringer memorial bench and tree

fundraiser donation, for anyone that would like to participate the website is www.4rhc.org. Mayor Holcomb accepted the recovery proclamation for September 2022.

Hailey Castro Hometown Athletic Hero's donation. She is the daughter of Jerry Allen and Naomi Castro she has gone to school in Nyssa and has been here for 20 years she is playing basketball for TVCC as a walk-on and the money will go towards uniforms, travel, etc.

Mayor Holcomb said the city donation fee is \$100.00 and other donations were received from members of the Council that wished her luck.

Ryan Hamilton-Not present

Department Reports:

City Engineer Report - Doug Argo water line contractor is working on getting the parts and coordinating the schedule without delays but due to the wait for the materials, it is progressing forward. They are looking at the new public works building it is in the preliminary planning stages and figuring out the layout and cost and will bring it to the Council next month, still looking for additional funding. Jim Maret added that we have almost half the funds already, and he is searching for additional funding.

Police Report and Police Business – Police Chief Donnie Ballou – The neighborhood watch program going forward on the 23rd of last month and the room was full. Ontario's neighborhood watch program attended and spoke on how it is going and how it works for them. He will be putting together districts for each member he has been very impressed with those interested in making this work. They participated in the "National Night Out, corporal Webster was in attendance. On the 1st of August, Officer Wilson is moving from Ordinance Officer to Police Officer to fill in the vacancy. They are hosting an event on defensive tactics in October at Fruitland gym next month. Matt Leach who is a professional from Las Vegas will be there to contribute to the training.

Mayor Holcomb announced the upcoming event that Carrissa Armenta was going to talk about tonight it is a murder mystery dinner to benefit the Nyssa PD for new equipment. City Manager Maret added that there will be a silent and live auction from 7:00 PM to 11:00 pm on October 1st.

Old Business:

Ordinance 671-22 An Ordinance banning hallucinogenic mushroom facilities. Mike Horton read 3rd and final reading by title only. Mayor Holcomb made a motion to adopt Ordinance 671-22. Councilor Esplin seconded the motion. Six ayes. Absent: Krissy Walker.

New Business:

Resolution 1441-22 Ban on Hallucinogenic Mushroom Facilities. Mayor Holcomb made a motion to adopt Resolution 1441-22. Council President DeLeon seconded the motion. Six ayes. Absent: Krissy Walker.

Resolution 1442-22 Easement for Cascade Natural Gas Vacating S 7th Street they have a gas line through there so this will allow them to use it as an easement. Mayor Holcomb made a motion to approve Resolution 1442-22. Councilor Escobedo seconded the motion. Six ayes. Absent: Krissy Walker.

Resolution 1443-22 Enterprise Zone for Anchormen Properties LLC. A brief discussion by Council. Mayor Holcomb made a motion to approve Resolution 1443-22. Edmondson seconded the motion. Council President DeLeon No, Councilor Oliver No. Councilor Esplin No. Resolution 1443-22 was a tie vote, so it did not pass. It needs to pass by a majority vote to pass.

LOC Bulletin – FYI

Manager Report – Information is given to Council – Rehabilitation grant has been a great program for our city, it looks like all the funds will be spent.

Liz Haun Farris of Nyssa mercantile was named one of the top women in the US in hardware and building supply in business excellence and is listed in a major magazine. The Haun' is great for our community and appreciate knowing them.

Small Cities allotment grant is submitted it is worth \$250,000 for our streets. Parks Master Plan did not get accepted, but he is still working on it to see if we can somehow get more funding. The mayor has been out gathering donations, so we did get soccer goals and a basketball court along with playground equipment at Lions Park. Greg Smith is staying on with the reload facility to complete the project.

Jason Pearson is not sure why this enterprise zone for anchorman properties was not approved due to other similar businesses getting the approval from the Council. Council President DeLeon asked if there could be an agreement to split the funds for roads etc. Mayor Holcomb asked if it could be presented again next month. Mike Horton responded that yes, it could be brought up again if someone wants to bring it to the Council again.

Comments from Council – Mayor Holcomb announced the Nyssa Fire Dept. will be having their benefit dance this Saturday, August 13th at 203 Good Ave. in the parking lot of Fehlman construction there will be a silent auction at the Fire Station and then across the street will be the dancing it begins at 5:30 pm. Till midnight.

Adjourned: 7:40 pm

Marla Roberts, CMC

City Recorder

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