

NYSSA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

***14 S 3rd Street Nyssa, OR 97913
09/13/22 - 7:00 p.m.***

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

Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance

Audience: Alison Maglaughlin

Councilor Escobedo made a motion to adopt the agenda. Councilor Edmondson seconded the motion. 5 ayes. Absent: Council President Morganne DeLeon and Councilor Patricia Esplin.

- A. Minutes of Regular Meeting August 9th, 2022.
- B. Staff and Committee Monthly Reports August 2022.
- C. Correspondence and information FYI

Councilor Edmondson made the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda A-C in one motion. Councilor Oliver seconded the motion. 5 ayes. Absent Council President Morganne DeLeon and Councilor Patricia Esplin.

Approval of Accounts Payable \$58,051.84 and Current Payroll \$ 57,018.76.

Councilor Escobedo made the motion to approve A/P and Payroll. Councilor Oliver seconded the motion. 5 ayes. Absent Council President Morganne DeLeon and Councilor Patricia Esplin.

Comments: Alison Maglaughlin has questions about the Parks Master Plan meetings in 2021. There were two community-wide meetings with around 30 in attendance at the Council Chambers 14 S 3rd Street along with another meeting at the school. Unfortunately, we did not receive the Parks Grant for any additional funding. Jim said we are currently working on Lions Park now from funds set aside in the budget. Later in the meeting, Jim will be speaking about what is going on at Lions Park he also has a meeting set up for next week with her to explain further information she may need.

Department Reports:

City Engineer Report - Doug Argo – working through the contract, submittals, and acquisition for the extension of the water line also locations of wells. Preliminary work on drainage for the new public works building.

Police Report and Police Business – Police Chief Donnie Ballou – Is working with Boardman on a police vehicle fully equipped donated to us. Officer Bunker is moving to Milton Free water for a position with them. We are looking for another Officer and an Ordinance Officer. Officer Brown needs to complete his DPSST training they will come here and complete the training so he can obtain his certification.

Sgt. Armenta said the October Dance and auction will be canceled till next spring.

Old Business: None

New Business: Mayor Holcomb mentioned there is an Invitation to the Four Rivers Cultural Center 25th Anniversary for the Council on September 23rd so RSVP to Marla by Monday if you plan to attend.

Resolution 1444-22 Authorizing the Mayor to sign a grant agreement with OBDD for water line expansion. Mayor Holcomb made the motion to adopt Resolution 1444-22. Councilor Oliver seconded the motion. 5 ayes.

Absent: Council President Morganne DeLeon and Councilor Patricia Esplin.

Resolution 1445-22 Authorizing the City Manager to sign a contract agreement for water treatment with Scott Jacops. Councilor Escobedo made the motion. Councilor Edmondson seconded the motion. 5 Ayes.

Absent: Council President Morganne DeLeon and Councilor Patricia Esplin.

LOC Bulletin – FYI

Manager Report – City Manager gave information to Council on TV Grain expansion on the flacking facility they are building. They applied for a conditional use permit which was approved by the Planning Commission. Most of what they do will go by rail. There will be a slight increase in traffic, but it shouldn't be too much, and it will produce a smell like corn on the cob so it will be a good smell!

He also gave an update on Lions Park and playground equipment, soccer goals, etc. We can Thank our Mayor Holcomb for getting us a reduced rate on the concrete from Idaho Materials Construction, Bob Fehlman Construction to pour the concrete, and donations from M&W, Mel Beck Real Estate, Tracy Boster, Ray, and Christi Waldo, Kyle Lassiter, Les Schwab Tire, Munk Family Dental, etc. we appreciate the community coming together and helping with this project. This helps make a non-useable Park into a usable park. This will be inspected after we install it, then we will be good to go.

We have come up with a solution to get a new Public Works building, his original plan was to go to Business Oregon and ask for a low-interest loan but we have set aside through the years funds to pay for this and currently have about \$230,000 with all the PW departments can come up with enough funds to get one ourselves without getting a loan. It will probably cost us around \$700,000. What we need from the Council is a direction to have Doug start the engineering and development then go out for bid. The building has been leaning for years and will go into the same footprint as the current building with a curb gutter sidewalk and no longer dealing with a mud pit. A consensus of the Council is YES.

The Fire Dept. is looking for more grants to fund the Firemen to stay on at the Fire Hall because the City cannot fund full-time firefighters.

Mayor Holcomb has been busy working on City Hall to remember 911 and veterans' day.

Small City Allotment grant middle of 5th to the highway and have drainage solutions it is submitted but now we are waiting to see if we can get that grant.

Malheur County approved the 3-year abatement for Anchorman Properties. What we talked about last week was an additional two years but was turned down by the Council.

A few miles of track are lying out at the reload center, everything is coming along well.

Our Police Dept. is having difficulty keeping Officers and have looked at comparables and we are way under what other depts. offer. Councilor Edmondson had suggestions that he is taking into consideration.

In October or November, he will get together some ideas to bring to the Council.

Comments from Council – Mayor Holcomb said she appreciates our Officers and appreciates them staying here in this community and would like to find the money to give them.

Adjourned: 7:39 pm

*Marla Roberts, CMC
City Recorder
City of Nyssa*

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