

NYSSA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

14 S 3rd Street Nyssa, OR 97913
10/11/22 - 7:00 p.m.

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

Audience: Kathy Marquee with CDBG grant, Ashley Clinton, Griffin Hewitt – Argus Observer, Lalo DeLeon, Alison Maglaughlin, Dustin Spang.

The council meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Esplin made a motion to adopt the agenda. Councilor Edmondson seconded the motion. 6 ayes. Absent: Councilor Krissy Walker

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

- A. Minutes of Regular Meeting September 13, 2022, and Special Meeting September 27, 2022.
- B. Staff and Committee Monthly Reports September 2022.
- C. Correspondence and information FYI

Councilor Oliver made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda A. thru C. Council President DeLeon seconded the motion. 6 Ayes. Absent: Councilor Krissy Walker.

Approval of Accounts Payable \$104,277.39 and Current Payroll \$53,233.07

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

Public Comment Period

Lalo DeLeon asked about high-speed traffic on Locust Ave. Chief Ballou asked what times of the day or night? He said at all times of the day and night, plus dogs are always running around. Can anything be done? Chief Ballou said he will investigate.

Alison Maglaughlin – She grew up in Nyssa and was here at the last meeting and she has been staying in town for about a month and will be here for about another month, she does not technically live here. She is living out of the country but has an interest in the community. She met with Betty and Jim and is passionate about the community, she has bike rides around town with other community members. She is interested in getting more infrastructure in Nyssa and bike paths. Please consider this aspect and make it a priority for the future.

Councilor Escobedo – Commented that he agrees and would also like to see more infrastructure.

Councilor Esplin – Commented that funds are always an issue even though we want these things here, there is a problem with getting the funds and people to volunteer.

Mike Stringer – Every time they try to put in the bike pathways, the property owners resist it, including his sister. The question is “Is it worth doing and how badly do you want to do it?”

Guest Speakers:

Adele Schaffeld Malheur County Building official – Information on their website at <https://bldgmalheurco.org> or you can go to the Malheur County website to find their information. They administer the States building code program here locally. The only thing they do not permit in Malheur County is the City of Ontario building permits and their mechanical permits.

Applications on their website include: • Electrical Permit •Electrical Solar Permit •Mechanical •Plumbing •Building •Manufactured Home and •Farm Exemption.

They have their applications online along with ready-built plans that will save people money and time.

Kathy Marquee CDBG – Gave updates on what they have been doing and how they have been going about it. She distributed pictures of homes with details on each project, such as repairs updates, etc. They currently have 110 waitlist applications. Some did not qualify for one reason or another. They are looking at necessary repairs on homes and bringing them to code. They look at the assessor's report and gather information from there.

If the City can receive the CDBG grant again then they will work off that list. They are at 19 for projects but anticipate 21 or 22. As far as the budgeting goes, the grant they received was \$400,000 the average is \$14,750 per home, \$295,000 go to homes, \$5,000 go to environmental review, and the other \$100,000 go to two years of the grant administration and program management. The lead City is Vale it is a collaborative grant effort between Nyssa and Vale. When they get through Vale next and if there are any funds left, then they will come back to Nyssa and go off the waitlist depending on priority depending on the critical nature.

Department Reports:

City Engineer Report - Doug Argo - Absent

Police Report and Police Business – Police Chief Donnie Ballou – They are going through the testing process for the new officer on Friday. On October 5th and 6th, they will have the defensive tactics training in Fruitland. The instructor was incredibly pleased with how everything went. Officer Brown completed his basic training certification and will be getting that soon. They will be participating in the trunk or treat for Halloween. Neighborhood Watch meeting on October 1st focusing on issues going on in the community, and scheduling the volunteers anyone interested can come to the next meeting.

Fire Department report Eric Menchaca – The burn ban has been lifted City Burn Days are the 14th thru the 24th. City of Nyssa residents can only burn during burn days, County residents can get a permit to burn. The Fire Dept. grant for personnel is ending on the 31st of this month, he applied for another grant for air packs which was awarded in the amount of \$150,500. with a 5% match which allows him to buy 20 air packs for the fire fighters. They will also be participating in the trunk or treat at the Fire Station.

Old Business:

Mayor Holcomb asked about the traffic study on the stop sign on N 6th street. It is ongoing.

New Business:

Councilor Roberto Escobedo went to the LOC meeting which was a great meeting he received valuable information to bring back to the Council and distributed information on the benefits of

diversity, equity, and inclusion. If we could hire a consultant to come to the meeting and interview community members, schools, etc. the consultant will get the information and let us know what we can do to make things better and how to implement it.

Resolution 1446-22 Authorizing the City Manager to sign the renewal lease agreement with Doug and Kim Stipe for wastewater agricultural lands. Mayor Holcomb made a motion to approve Resolution 1446-22. Councilor Esplin seconded the motion. 6 Ayes. Absent Krissy Walker.

LOC Bulletin – FYI

Manager Report – Information is given to Council

He spoke to the playground equipment builder, and we should see that finished the first part of next week. The basketball court will be poured this week and the soccer goals will be put up in the spring. Reload is close to dropping the rails everything is moving forward. We met with contractors for the preconstruction meeting on the waterline last week, which will tentatively begin in November 2022.

The auditors were in the office the last few days, everything is looking good, they will be here at the next Council meeting with their report.

Councilor Edmondson asked about how everything is going with Ani-Care. Chief Ballou said everything is going well they just have some problems taking our dogs due to not having enough space, because they are a no-kill shelter.

Jim Maret commends Chief Ballou and his staff on the efforts to get the dogs back with their owners.

Mayor Holcomb said someone mentioned to her about the stop sign on Bower Ave. and people not stopping or just running through, revving their engines very loud and waking them up. Could an Officer be at NAPA Auto parts to watch that location? Chief Ballou said he will check on that issue.

Council President DeLeon asked about the Nyssa Laundromat. Jim Maret said they are replacing the old equipment and improving the inside and outside. It does have a new owner according to Councilor Escobedo.

Adjourned: 8:00 pm

Marla Roberts, CMC

City Recorder

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