



Where Life is Sweet

CITY COUNCIL & URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

Regular Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2023

Mayor Drotzmann called the regular meeting to order at 7:04pm. Present were Councilors Barron, Duron, Linton, Hardin, Primmer, McCarthy, and Myers. Councilor Peterson was excused. Municipal Court Judge Bendixsen was in attendance, as well as City Staff to include: City Manager Byron Smith, Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan, City Attorney Rich Tovey, Chief Edmiston, Planning Director Clint Spencer, Court Administrator Jillian Viles, Parks and Recreation Director Brandon Artz, and City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong. The pledge of allegiance was given.

Presentation- Hermiston School District Updates

Assistant HSD Superintendent Jake Bacon gave information: Enrollment and registration for next year, graduation information and scholarships received, end of school year dates, construction updates, free lunches available all summer for K-12 students, free breakfast and lunch will also be available for all students throughout the school year next year, as well other information.

Citizen Input on Non-Agenda Items

Ronald Caudell, 420 SE 8th Street- stated neighbors are frustrated with a certain homeowner on their street who has many code violations. The Code Enforcement Official and Police Department have been notified, he has seen Officers speak with the specific neighbor and issues are resolved temporarily for a few days and then revert to the same code violations, however, the Code Enforcement Official does nothing. Mr. Caudell asked that the City enforce the code for everyone not only those who comply, and suggested the City invest in video cameras throughout the City for video evidence.

Virginia Garcia-Rome, Hermiston- Invited all to attend the Juneteenth event on Saturday, June 17th at 4:00pm at McKenzie Park where there will be free food and entertainment for all.

Consent Agenda Items

Councilor Linton moved and Councilor McCarthy seconded to approve Consent Agenda items A-G, to include:

- A. Committee Vacancy Announcements
- B. Committee Re-Appointment Recommendation of Mark Gomolski for: Hispanic Advisory Committee Position #1- term ending 06/30/2027
- C. Committee Appointment Recommendation of Albert Munoz for: Hispanic Advisory Committee Position #5- term ending 06/30/2025
- D. Liquor License Application for Grocery Outlet
- E. Minutes of the May 11th Budget Committee Meeting for the City of Hermiston and Hermiston Urban Renewal Agency
- F. Minutes of the May 22 City Council and Urban Renewal Agency Meeting
- G. Minutes of the May 31st Budget Committee Meeting for the City of Hermiston and Hermiston Urban Renewal Agency

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing- City of Hermiston 2023-24 Fiscal Budget (Resolutions 2277, 2278, 2279, & 2280)

Hearing no conflicts of interest from the Council, City Manager Smith read the hearing guidelines and Mayor Drotzmann opened the hearing at 7:22pm.



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City Manager Smith gave information regarding meetings held by the Budget Committee and their recommendation to the Council to adopt the proposed resolutions for the 2023-24 fiscal year budget.

There were no persons present who wished to give public testimony and the hearing was closed at 7:24pm.

Resolution No. 2273– Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Umatilla County Fire District #1 regarding renovations/additions to the Public Safety Center. - City Manager Smith presented information regarding the \$2.5 million grant awarded to the City for the proposed renovation.

After further discuss, Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Hardin seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2273 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2274 – Authorizing an Information Technology Services Agreement with the City of Pilot Rock & Resolution No. 2275 – Authorizing an Information Technology Services Agreement with the City of Milton-Freewater- Mayor Drotzmann asked that these items be combined as they are very similar. The Council agreed.

City Manager Smith stated both City's have current IT services though IMESD who will no longer be providing services to non-school districts after June 30, 2023. The City has been approached by both entities to provide them with service.

After further discussion, Councilor Duron moved and Councilor Myers seconded to adopt Resolutions. 2274 and 2275 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2276- Establishing “No Parking” on SW 3rd Between Orchard Ave. and Locust Ave.

Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan stated the proposed “No Parking” areas are being requested by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation through their Kayak Public Transit Department as these areas are bus stops for Hermiston Hopper and Hermiston HART.

After further discussion, Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Linton seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2276 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions (2277, 2278, 2279, & 2280) Related to the adoption of FY 2023-24 City of Hermiston Budget

City Manager Smith stated these resolutions to adopt the FY 2023-24 budget were discussed during the public hearing and provided in the agenda packet. There have been many layers of transparency built into the budget process, to include: two Budget Committee Meetings and the many different opportunities for the public to participate and be informed via the website, newspaper, and at City Council meetings.

Resolution No. 2277- Declaring the City of Hermiston’s Election to Receive State Revenues

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Resolution No. 2278 – Adopting the City of Hermiston’s Budget, make appropriations, and impose and categorize taxes for FY 2023-24- Councilor McCarthy moved and Councilor Myers seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2278 and lay upon the record. Councilors McCarthy, Hardin, Barron, Primmer, Duron, and Myers voted in favor, Councilor Linton voted against; Motion carried 6-1.

Resolution No. 2279- Establishes Reserve Funds for the City of Hermiston for FY 2023-2024

Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Hardin seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2279 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2280- Adopting the Compensation Plan for City of Hermiston Employees for FY 2023-2024

Councilor Linton moved and Councilor Duron seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2280 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

(Municipal Judge Bendixsen exited the meeting at 7:58pm)

Committee Reports

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee- Councilor Myers spoke regarding the Teen Adventure Park Groundbreaking event.

Budget Committee- Councilor Barron thanked all Committee members for their efforts to review and approve the proposed budgets.

EOTEC Advisory Committee- Councilors Primmer and Barron spoke regarding barn and field expansions, event operation updates, branding updates, financial reports and information on generating revenues to help EOTEC break even, and Fair and Rodeo parking at the Municipal Airport.

Public Infrastructure Committee- Mayor Drotzmann and Assistant City Manager Morgan gave information regarding: No Parking information that will be coming before the Council, Geer Road Realignment, Backflow prevention, FOG Program.

Stepping Stones Alliance (not a City Committee)- Mayor Drotzmann stated the Committee is looking to expand its membership to individuals that do not live in Hermiston as there are already many Hermiston members and the cities of Boardman and Irrigon have been added to the PATH partnership, 21 shelters have been built and another 2 ADA shelters are scheduled to be completed, thanked Marlette Homes for being a great community partner in this project, and asked that the City add PATH/Stepping Stones information on it’s website for those interested in learning more.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Drotzmann spoke regarding:

- Confirmed his announcement of running for the Senate, District 29 seat with the primary election in May 2024 and taking office in January 2025 if successful.
- Will not be running for another term as Mayor
- Recent meetings with USDA RD about programs the City can qualify for and Senator Wyden’s staff regarding Hermiston’s happenings and resource priorities



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Council Reports

Councilor Linton thanked the Police Department and all those involved in tearing down the rundown building at 125 W Cherry stating neighbors are very happy seeing the positive impact this has had in the area.

Councilor Primmer gave information regarding the memorial service for Jan Good, a Search and Rescue Coordinator and Retired Police Officer from the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office at the Vert Auditorium in Pendleton on June 21st at 11am. Ms. Good was one of the first female law enforcement officers in the State and served in many roles with the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office. Councilor Primmer thanked her and her family for her service and leadership.

Councilor Barron thanked Mayor Drotzmann for his work representing the City at the government level stating he will be a tough act to follow and wished him well in his campaign.

Councilor McCarthy gave information regarding events to be held on Festival Street this summer to include: the recent Art Festival, Melon Fest held on Aug 19, and Cork & Barrell held on October 7.

Youth Advisory Report

None Present.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Smith showcased the winning CGI Banners from each division, to include the Adult Division winner Roger Pope and Youth Division winner Manuel Salazar (a City Youth Advisor). Both winners were recognized at the Art Festival.

Adjourn City Council Meeting and Convene Hermiston Urban Renewal Agency (HURA) Meeting

At 8:27pm Mayor Drotzmann adjourned the City Council Meeting as there was no other business and convened the Urban Renewal Agency Meeting.

Public Hearing- HURA 2023-24 Fiscal Budget (Resolution 19)

Hearing no conflicts of interest from the members, City Manager Smith read the hearing guidelines and Chair Drotzmann opened the hearing at 8:28pm.

City Manager Smith gave information regarding meetings held by the Budget Committee and their recommendation to the Agency to adopt the proposed resolution 19. for the 2023-24 fiscal year budget.

There were no persons present who wished to give public testimony and the hearing was closed at 8:29pm.

HURA Resolution No. 19- Adopting the FY 2023-2024 Budget for the Hermiston Urban Renewal Agency

City Manager Smith stated this resolution was discussed during the public hearing and information was provided in the agenda packet.



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Member Primmer moved and Member Barron seconded to adopt HURA Resolution No. 19 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn Urban Renewal Agency Meeting

Chair Drotzmann adjourned the HURA meeting at 8:30pm as there was no other HURA business.

SIGNED:

Dr. David Drotzmann, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lilly Alarcon-Strong, City Recorder

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