



# CITY COUNCIL

## Regular Meeting Minutes November 28, 2022

Mayor Drotzmann called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm. Present were Councilors Spicerkuhn, Primmer, Myers, Davis, Duron, and Barron. Councilor Hardin and Peterson were excused. Municipal Court Judge Thomas Creasing Jr., was in attendance, as well as City staff to included: City Manager Byron Smith, Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan, City Attorney Rich Tovey, Chief Edmiston, Finance Director Mark Krawczyk, Planning Director Clint Spencer, Court Administrator Jillian Viles, and City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong. The pledge of allegiance was given.

### **Presentation- Hermiston Chamber of Commerce Updates**

Executive Director Val Hoxie gave information regarding: Peppermint Lane at EOTEC's Festival of Lights, stating Marlette Homes is allowing their staff to volunteer their time, during work hours and still get paid, to set up Peppermint Lane; Chamber Luncheon's; monthly Workforce Meetings to help employers and employees get connected; Chamber Ambassadors; Ribbon Cuttings, Ground Breakings and many other Chamber events.

### **Citizen Input on Non-Agenda Items**

None given.

### **Consent Agenda Items**

Councilor Duron moved and Councilor Spicerkuhn seconded to approve Consent Agenda items A-C, to include:

- A. Final Plat- Cimmaron Terrace Phase V 4N2802DB Tax Lot 103 - NE 8th St
- B. Committee Vacancy Announcements
- C. Minutes of the November 14th City Council Meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Resolution No. 2246- Establishing the Necessity for a sewer main easement.**

Assistant City Manager Morgan presented the proposed easement resolution.

After some discussion, Councilor Davis moved and Councilor Duron seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2246 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion and possible support of a Hermiston Adopt-a-Street program in conjunction with the Greater Hermiston Chamber of Commerce.** - City Manager Smith presented the proposed Adopt-a-Street program partnership with the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce to increase investment in our community through volunteerism and to help keep the City's streets clean.

Hermiston Chamber Executive Director Val Hoxie thanked the Council for their consideration of this program stating she has seen this program become very successful in other communities she has lived in and believes there will be a small learning curve at the beginning but that the program will gain popularity the longer it continues.

After some discussion, Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Spicerkuhn seconded to support the proposed program and direct staff to prepare a formal agreement with the Chamber of Commerce for adoption. Motion carried unanimously.



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Mayor Drotzmann thanked Executive Director Val Hoxie and the Chamber for their great leadership and partnership on this program.

### **October 2022 Financial Report**

Councilor Davis moved and Councilor Duron seconded to accept the October 2022 Financial Report as presented by Finance Director Mark Krawczyk. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Committee Reports**

Hispanic Advisory Committee- Councilor Duron stated the Committee heard reports regarding: Christmas Express and the donations needed to fill food boxes and give gifts to children, Stepping Stones/Temporary Warming Station information and Groundbreaking event November 29<sup>th</sup> at noon, information from Martha's House, and Euvalcree.

Public Infrastructure Committee- Mayor Drotzmann stated the Committee met prior to the City Council meeting and heard updates regarding current and future projects, and pushed back the Geer/Harper Road improvements to 2023-24. The Committee plans to meet again in January.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Drotzmann spoke regarding:

- National League of Cities (NLC) Conference he attended and the many sessions and tours he attended that were very impressive, including: Services for Veterans and Homelessness
- PATH Project Groundbreaking November 29<sup>th</sup> at noon
- Lighted Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony and Festivities this Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 5:30pm
- Christmas Express food box build and present wrapping
- Council President Primmer will be chairing the meeting of December 12<sup>th</sup>
- Asked that the Council consider what Committees they would like to be appointed to for the coming year as new assignments will be given shortly
- Reminded the Council that a new Council President will be elected at the first meeting of the new year

### **Council Reports**

Councilor Myers and Davis stated they also attended the NLC Conference and agreed with Mayor Drotzmann's sentiments.

Councilor Duron gave a heartfelt thank you to Marlette Homes for allowing their staff to help the Parks and Recreation Department clean up leaves at Butte Park during work hours and helping to contribute to the community in this manner.

Chamber Director Val Hoxie stated Marlette Homes gives their employees paid days off, during the year, to volunteer their time to help non-profit organizations.

Mayor Drotzmann thanked Marlette Homes and all employers who give back to the community.



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## **Youth Advisory Report**

Youth Advisors were not present. Mayor Drotzmann asked that City Recorder Alarcon-Strong follow up with the advisors as they have not been present at recent meetings.

## **City Manager's Report**

City Manager Smith gave updates regarding City Hall punch list items and timelines.

## **Recess for Executive Session**

At 7:57pm Mayor Drotzmann announced the City Council of the City of Hermiston will now meet in Executive Session in the Executive Session Room for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to negotiating real property transaction. The Executive Session is held pursuant ORS 192.660 (2) (e) which allows the Council to meet in Executive Session to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the Council to negotiate real property transactions.

Representatives of the news media and designated staff shall be allowed to attend the executive session. All other members of the audience are excluded. Representatives of the news media are specifically directed not to report on any of the deliberations during the executive session, except to state the general subject of the session as previously announced. No final decision may be made in executive session. At the end of the executive session, the council will return to open session which the audience may attend. The executive session will last approximately 10 mins.

## **Reconvene and Adjournment**

Mayor Drotzmann reconvened and adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:17pm as there was no other City business.

SIGNED:

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Dr. David Drotzmann, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lilly Alarcon-Strong, CMC, City Recorder