



CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes October 24, 2022

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

Proclamation- Honoring Vietnam Veterans Across America

Mayor Drotzmann read aloud the Proclamation Honoring Vietnam Veterans Across America and thanked all veterans, specifically Vietnam Veteran, for their service.

Citizen Input on Non-Agenda Items

None given.

Consent Agenda Items

Councilor Spicerkuhn asked to remove Item A. Liquor License Application- Hermiston Tavern due to a conflict of interest. Councilor Davis moved and Councilor Primmer seconded to approve Consent Agenda items B - E to include:

- B. Committee Vacancy Announcements
- C. Replat- Hermiston Mini Storage LLC 4N2802D Tax Lot 1200 & 4N2802CD Tax Lot 501
- D. Recommendation of Appointment to Keith Ellis to Position #3 of the Airport Advisory Committee term ending 10/31/2024
- E. Minutes of the October 10, 2022 City Council regular meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

Items Removed from Consent Agenda

- A. Liquor License Application- Hermiston Tavern

Councilor Spicerkuhn stated he has a conflict of interest as Hermiston Tavern is a client of his and exited the dais.

Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Hardin seconded to approve Consent Agenda item A. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing- Annexation- Nobles 4N2804D Tax Lots 1100, 1101, 1102, & 1103 - NW Sjoren Lane (Ordinance No. 2342)- Councilors Myers and Spicerkuhn declared conflicts of interest. City Attorney Tovey stated with the two conflicts of interest and another two absent Councilors, the Council does not have a quorum to proceed with the public hearing and recommends a motion to table the hearing to another date.

Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Davis seconded to table the public hearing for the meeting of November 14, 2022. Motion carried unanimously, 4 votes for; none against.



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Ordinance No. 2341- Implement Southwest Hermiston Urban Renewal Area- Second Reading

Assistant City Manager Morgan stated this information was presented at the October 10th where the first reading of the Ordinance was read and Council approved that the second reading be at this meeting. Mayor Drotzmann requested that the second reading be by title only. Hearing no oppositions, City Attorney Tovey read the ordinance by title only. Councilor Spicerkuhn moved and Councilor Primmer seconded that the ordinance be put on for final adoption and become effective 90-days after adoption by the City Council. Motion carried unanimously. 6 votes for; none against.

Ordinance No. 2342- Annexation- Nobles 4N2804D Tax Lots 1100, 1101, 1102, & 1103 - NW Sjoren Lane

(Public Hearing)- Councilor Davis moved and Councilor Primmer seconded to table this Ordinance for the meeting of November 14, 2022 as previously directed with the Public Hearing as Councilors Spicerkuhn and Myers have declared conflicts of interest and two other councilors are absent. Motion carried unanimously. 4 votes for; none against.

Resolution No. 2241 – Approval of IGA related to Practical Assistance through Transitional Housing (PATH)

Project- City Manager Smith stated this resolution would authorize the City to enter into an IGA with Umatilla County and the cities of Umatilla, Stanfield, and Echo to provide services to the homeless population through the PATH Project which will be supervised by the City of Umatilla.

Councilor Spicerkuhn announced a potential conflict of interest as he is a new member of the Stepping Stones Board that has been awarded the PATH Project. City Attorney Tovey stated it is not an actual conflict of interest. After some discussion, Councilor Barron moved and Councilor Hardin seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2238 and lay upon the record. Motion carried 5-0 with one abstention; Councilors Davis, Primmer, Peterson, Hardin, Myers voted in favor, Councilor Spicerkuhn abstained.

City Manager Smith stated the groundwork and huts are not as far along as Stepping Stones would have liked to be open prior to this winter, therefore, the old Sears building on N HWY 395 will be used again this winter as the sleep center.

Approval of the Lease to Made to Thrive for the Construction of Sports Fields on the Front ~20 acres of the

EOTEC Property- City Manager Smith presented the proposed Sports Field Lease between the City and Made to Thrive with the proposed parking verbiage changes from the last City Council meeting.

After some discussion, Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Hardin seconded to sign the Lease with Made to Thrive as proposed. Motion carried unanimously.

September 2022 Financial Report

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

Goal Setting Update

City Manager Smith presented information regarding the 2022 established City Council Goals as described in the agenda packet.



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Committee Reports

Parks and Recreation- Councilors Myers and Davis gave updates regarding the Teen Adventure Park and Riverfront Park.

Public Safety Committee- Councilor Primmer stated the Committee met prior to the City Council meeting and heard updates from both the Police and Municipal Court Departments.

EOTEC Committee- Mayor Drotzmann stated the Committee is reviewing information regarding extending the Barns as users have already outgrown that space.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Drotzmann spoke regarding:

- Wayfinding signage throughout the City
- OMA Homelessness Task Force addressing this issue at a state level

Council Reports

Councilor Spicerkuhn asked that the City consider opening restrooms at Butte Park as there were only porta potties available and hundreds of people at this location for sporting events throughout the weekend. There will also be a Veterans Day Breakfast hosted by the Parks and Recreation at the Community Center on November 11th at 8:00am.

Youth Advisory Report

Youth Advisors were not present.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Smith spoke regarding the City's meeting with Mr. Owens from the Skating Rink as they work to address and clarify his concerns.

Adjournment

Mayor Drotzmann adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:05pm as there was no other City business.

SIGNED:

Dr. David Drotzmann, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lilly Alarcon-Strong, CMC, City Recorder