



CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes June 27, 2022

Mayor Drotzmann called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm. Present were Councilors Hardin, Barron, Spicerkuhn, Davis, Primmer, and Myers. Councilors Peterson and Duron were excused. Staff in attendance was: City Manager Byron Smith, Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan, Chief Edmiston, Planning Director Clint Spencer, Finance Director Mark Krawczyk, Parks and Recreation Director Brandon Artz, HES General Manager Nate Rivera, IT Director Jordan Standley, and City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong. Youth Advisory Members Julissa Gonzales Mendoza, and Manuel Salazar were also in attendance. The pledge of allegiance was given.

Citizen Input on Non-Agenda Items

David McCarthy, Hermiston- gave updates regarding the most recent ground-breaking event for the new Fire Station as asked to report by UCFD1 Chief Stanton.

Consent Agenda Items

Councilor Davis moved and Councilor Primmer seconded to approve Consent Agenda items A-G, to include:

- A. Replat- Diamond Run Phase 1 4N2812B - 1210 E Elm Ave
- B. Certifying the Ward Councilors and Municipal Judge Primary Election Results
- C. Committee Vacancy Announcements
- D. Confirmation of Appointment to the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center (EOTEC) Advisory Committee: Weston Putman, Position #7, 3-year term ending June 30, 2025
- E. Confirmation of Appointment to the Hispanic Advisory Committee: Jose Garcia, Position #4, 3-year term ending June 30, 2025
- F. Confirmation of Appointments to the Recreation Projects Fund Advisory Committee:
 1. Representing The Chamber of Commerce: Val Hoxie, Position #2, term ending 12/31/2022
 2. Representing The Parks and Recreation Committee: Jeff Kelso, Position #3, term ending 12/31/2023
- G. Minutes of the June 13, 2022 City Council and Urban Renewal Agency Meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2226- A Resolution Re-Adopting the Financial Policies and Investment Policy for the City of Hermiston- City Manager Smith stated the City is required to review each policy annually prior to re-adoption.

Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Spicerkuhn seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2226 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2227 – Adopting an IGA with Morrow County for IT Services

City Manager Smith stated the following resolutions referring to IT services are very similar. The City's IT Service rates with Intermountain Educational Services District (IMESD) was set to increase by more than three times the current amount. Based on those rates, the City decided to establish its own IT Department and is offering services to other neighboring municipalities. The City has hired people with expertise in this field who are working diligently to provide service starting July 1st.

After some discussion, Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Hardin seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2227 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.



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Resolution No. 2228 – Adopting an IGA with Umatilla County Fire District #1(UCFD1) for IT Services

City Manager Smith stated this resolution was previously discussed during Resolution 2227.

Councilor Davis moved and Councilor Primmer seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2228 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2229 – Adopting an IGA with the City of Umatilla for IT Services

City Manager Smith stated this resolution was previously discussed during Resolution 2227.

Councilor Spicerkuhn moved and Councilor Davis seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2229 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

May 2022 Financial Report

Finance Director Mark Krawczyk presented the Financial Report.

Public Comment

Jackie Linton, Hermiston- asked if the County would be leasing space in the new City Hall.

City Manager Smith stated yes, the County will be paying rent to use the space.

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

Hermiston Energy Services Wildfire Mitigation Plan

Hermiston Energy Services (HES) General Manager Nate Rivera gave information regarding Senate Bill 762 which passed during the 2021 legislative session. The bill requires electric utilities to file its approved risk-based Wildfire Mitigation Plan with the Oregon Public Utility Commission.

This year, HES with assistance from Umatilla Electric Cooperative (UEC) worked to formalize its existing wildfire mitigation practices into a formal plan and is asking that the Council consider its adoption to be in compliance with the bill.

After some discussion, Councilor Barron moved and Councilor Spicerkuhn seconded to adopt the Hermiston Energy Services Wildfire Mitigation Plan as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Community Accountability Board (CAB)- Councilor Barron stated the Board met for the first time after COVID with the intention of restarting the program. The Board will be working with the Hermiston School District and the Juvenile Department to help mentor and support our at-risk youth. Because this Board specifically works with youth, the information is confidential. The program has been very successful in the past and has been a great benefit to the youth and our community.



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Mayor's Report

Mayor Drotzmann spoke regarding:

- Thanked the Women's Coalition for putting together the Eastern Oregon Economic Summit on June 16th and 17th at the Hermiston High School. It was a great event that was well attended with over 200 attendees, including representation from candidates and current politicians. It was a great way to be able to show off all the work the Hermiston community is doing here
- Meeting with Senator Merkley to discuss federal opportunities to help support Hermiston

Council Reports

Councilor Myers stated she attended the Juneteenth Celebration at McKenzie Park. It was a very nice event that was well attended with entertainment and food.

Youth Advisory Report

Advisor Gonzales Mendoza encouraged the public to keep safe this summer as the temperature rises by drinking water and wearing sun screen.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Smith introduced the new IT Director Jordan Standley.

IT Director Jordan Standley stated he has 22 years of IT experience specifically working with governments. Including him, there will be a total of four IT staff members who are all excited for the opportunity to work for the City.

Mayor Drotzmann and the Council welcomed IT Director Standley to the City.

City Manager Smith spoke regarding:

- The 4th of July event changes
- The Parks and Recreation Department was awarded an Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) Grant. The money will be applied in the form of discounts for new activity enrollment until the funding has been exhausted. Those previously registered for swim lessons will received a towel and other items.
- The City will be gifting water from the Regional Water System to Morrow County due to the high level of nitrates in their water. This will give Morrow County residents clean usable water for free. The City will reevaluate potential charges in the future if water is needed long-term.

Adjournment

Mayor Drotzmann adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:48pm as there was no other City business.

SIGNED:

Dr. David Drotzmann, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lilly Alarcon-Strong, CMC, City Recorder