



CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes October 28, 2024

Mayor Drotzmann called the regular meeting to order at 7:06pm. Present were Councilors Primmer, Peterson, Myers (exited at 7:54pm), Duron, and Barron. Councilors Linton, Hardin, and McCarthy were excused. City Staff in attendance included: City Manager Byron Smith, Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan, City Attorney Rich Tovey, Chief Jason Edmiston, Parks and Recreation Director Brandon Artz, City Planner Clint Spencer, Court Administrator Jillian Viles, HES General Manager Nate Rivera, and City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong. Also present was Student Advisor Jeanine Heredia. The pledge of allegiance was given.

Presentation- Umatilla County Fire District #1 (UCFD1) Annual Report

UCFD1 Chief Scott Stanton presented information (PowerPoint Presentation attached) regarding: the District overview to include UCFD1 is the largest and busiest Fire Department and Ambulance service in Eastern Oregon, staff and volunteer members who have many different job responsibilities including being part of the regional Haz-Mat Team and the difficulty there is to find persons who are qualified to be both a firefighter and paramedic, previous and current budget, calls they respond to and how many of those calls overlap with one another as well as the age of patients treated from calls and the 10-15% increase of call that specifically respond to the homeless population and those specifically impacted by drug use and overdoses, capital construction projects and grants received, community risk assessment and plan, as well as receiving the Health and Wellness Special Districts Association of Oregon Program Award.

Citizen Input on Non-Agenda Items

None given.

Consent Agenda Items

Councilor Peterson asked to removed Item H from the Consent Agenda. Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Barron seconded to approve Consent Agenda item A-J with the exception of H, to include:

- A. Replat - Ludcon Ventures LLC 4N2811CB Tax Lots 11700 & 11702 - 230/240 SE 2nd St
- B. Recommendation to Reappoint Josh Burns to the Airport Advisory Committee, Position 4, Term Ending October 31, 2027
- C. Recommendation to Reappoint Jeff Kelso to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, Position 1, Term Ending October 31, 2027
- D. Recommendation to Reappoint Hunter Tibbals to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, Position 3, Term Ending October 31, 2027
- E. Recommendation to Appoint Mary Mejia-Weaver to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, Position 2, Term Ending October 31, 2027
- F. Minutes of the September 23, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting
- G. Minutes of the October 14th City Council Work Session and Regular Meeting
- I. New Liquor License Recommendation for: Cuban Family Bakery & More, located at 425 W Hermiston Ave
- J. Change of Ownership Liquor License Recommendation for: One Stop Mart #9, located at 1050 S. Highway 395

Motion carried unanimously.



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Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

H. Reschedule the 1st City Council Meeting in November

Councilor Peterson stated this item was asked to be removed from the Consent Agenda to bring attention to it as it is being moved to the Holiday.

There was some discussion regarding if there would be a quorum due to the Council members who will be unable to attend the upcoming meeting due to the National League of Cities Conference and other commitments. It was determined there most likely will be a quorum to meet on this date. Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Peterson seconded to approve item H. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing- Exemption from Public Contracting Competitive Bidding Requirement- Design Build Services, Signage, Various Locations (Resolution No. 2341)- Hearing no declarations of conflict of interest from the Council, City Manager Byron Smith read the hearing guidelines and Mayor Drotzmann opened the hearing at 7:31pm.

City Manager Smith presented information regarding allowing an alternative method for project construction called Design/Build which will allow the City to hire a contractor and designer at the same time which has significant cost savings.

There were no proponents, opponents, or neutral parties who wished to provide testimony, and the hearing was closed at 7:33pm.

Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Myers seconded to approve the Findings of Fact as presented by City Manager Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2341- Authorize Alternative Procurement Method- Design build- Signs (Public Hearing)
City Manager Smith stated this item was presented during the public hearing.

Councilor Duron moved and Councilor Primmer seconded to approve Resolution No. 2341 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2342- Authorizing a Temporary Easement Across City Property to ODOT

City Manager Smith stated The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is proceeding with Phase 2B of their Curb Ramps Project that will improve areas in the City and need temporary easement access to complete this project.

After further discussion, Councilor Duron moved and Councilor Myers seconded to approve Resolution No. 2342 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.



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Resolution No. 2343- Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Amendments on Civic Projects

City Manager Smith gave information regarding approval to sign two GMP amendments with CB Construction related to Phase II of the Library and Arc Building.

Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Duron seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2343 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2344- Authorizing a Building Plan Review/Inspection Services Agreement with the City of Umatilla- City Manager Smith gave information regarding amending the Building Plan Review/Inspection Services Agreement to include market rate reimbursements and add bi-directional services so the City of Hermiston is able to receive services if needed.

After Council discussion, Councilor Myers moved and Councilor Primmer seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2344 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

Acceptance of Bureau of Justice National Community Court Grant Award

Court Administrator Jillian Viles presented information (PowerPoint Presentation attached) regarding the proposed Municipal Court's Community Court Program intended to resolve the underlying issues that make repeat offenders, and have those offenders give back to the community through various means instead of traditional punishments. Community Court would give individualized sanctions tailored to help with community service, job training, as well as substance abuse and/or mental health treatment. Collaboration with community organizations has already begun and will be essential to the success of this program. Court Administrator Viles spoke regarding Community Court's mission, process, participation requirements and sanctions for violations, partnerships, and overall programs goals.

City Manager Smith and Court Administrator Viles answered Council questions regarding how this program will enhance court and not take anything away from it, adding additional court time to account for this program, other cities who have adopted this program, and more.

(Councilor Myers exited the meeting at 7:54pm)

Councilor Primmer stated this program is very similar to CAB Citizen Accountability Board and that has been a great program.

Public Comment

Joshua Roberts, 1709 6th Place- Stated he believes this will be a great program but would like to know what will happen when the grant has been depleted as he would hate for this program to go away.

Court Administrator Viles stated grant money is expected to last four years but the City will continue to apply for other similar grants to continue to sustain this program.

After further Council Comments, Councilor Barron moved and Councilor Primmer seconded to accept the Bureau of Justice Assistance Community Court Program Grant. Motion carried unanimously.



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September 2024 Financial Report

After Council discussion, Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Duron seconded to accept the September Financial Report as presented (PowerPoint Presentation attached) by City Manager Smith and Assistant City Manager Morgan. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of "City Chats"

City Manager Smith stated one of the items that came from the Civic Leadership Academy Participants this summer was "Coffee with a Councilor" which the City has renamed "City Chats", for the public to meet city officials in more neutral settings. The intention behind meeting somewhere besides City buildings is to help the community feel more comfortable and at ease meeting in places they enjoy to talk with and get to know their elected and appointed officials to ask questions, talk about concerns they have, or get a better understanding of city happenings.

Staff has planned to have these events on a quarterly basis with three business's already in agreement to host an event, ie: Maple Moose/Keg and Kork, Java Junkies, and Cup of Yo. Additional locations are still being worked on. City Manager Smith stated he, another staff member, and up to three Council members can attend these events. To make sure that a quorum is not present, Council members are encouraged to sign up with City Recorder Alarcon-Strong prior to the event.

Council members gave feedback asking that another location be a Hispanic business to appeal to the large Hispanic population, that the City work with these businesses to have discounts available to attendees, and have a Zoom meeting option as well.

Committee Reports

Public Safety Committee- Councilor Primmer and Councilor Barron spoke regarding the decline in property and violent crime statistics, how other police departments are using AI for translation services and more, Christmas Express, Municipal Court updates, deflection program, and praised all Police Department staff members for the great service they provide to the community.

Hispanic Advisory Committee- Councilor Barron and Councilor Duron spoke regarding the Committee electing a new Chair Alberto Munoz and Vice Chair Jessica De La Cruz, introductions of new Student Advisors, a presentation from AAPR who is in need of volunteers, and community comments regarding the City considering building a public use commercial kitchen and community grant opportunities for businesses.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Drotzmann spoke regarding:

- Attending the League of Oregon City's Annual Conference where the Hermiston received an award for Excellence in IT for the work they do maintaining and securing computer systems and networks in Hermiston and surrounding areas
- Will be attending the National League of City's Conference in Florida
- Encouraged the community to help a very ill Police Department staff member to offset medical costs by donating to her Go Fund Me.



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Council Reports

Councilor Primmer gave recognition to his wife, Karen Primmer, for receiving the 2023 911 Manager of the Year Award from the Oregon Chapter of Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials, stating he is proud of her and her dedication to the community. Apologized for not attending the last meeting as he had medical issues and encouraged everyone to vote.

Councilor Barron gave recognition to EOTEC General Manager Al Davis and staff for the great headliners of Latino music who have been performing at EOTEC, stating people from Idaho are traveling to Hermiston to attend these events, and reminded the community there is a second election ballot box at City Hall.

Councilor Duron stated she attended the second meeting of the Health, Wellness, and Aquatic Center Task Force and the Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) meeting. Councilor Duron stated she was disappointed in the lack of attendance at the FOG meetings but thanked the City for having two separate meetings and hopes that the community will contact staff if they have questions about this program.

Youth Advisory Report

Youth Advisor Jeanine Heredia gave High School updates to include: Homecoming Week, Cross Country, Trunk or Treat at the High School prior to the Football game, Radium Girls Theater Program, College Applications for seniors, first time voting for seniors, and more.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Smith stated he had nothing else to present.

Adjourn

There was no other business and Mayor Drotzmann reconvened and adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 8:42pm.

SIGNED:

Dr. David Drotzmann, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lilly Alarcon-Strong, City Recorder

Umatilla County Fire District #1

City of Hermiston Presentation

October 28, 2024



District Overview

- Largest and busiest Fire Department in Eastern Oregon
- Protects Approx. 4.9 Billion Dollars in assets – family homes to data centers
- Fire/Rescue response area – 230 sq miles
- Approx. 1000 Fire/Rescue calls/Yr.
- 85 paid and volunteer personnel
- Responding from 5 Stations



District Overview

- Busiest Ambulance service in Eastern Oregon
- EMS Response area – 620 sq miles
- Approx. 48,000+ served
- Approx. 5500+ EMS calls/Yr.
- 6 ALS Ambulances
- Community Paramedic Program
- 17+ calls per shift



Hazardous Materials

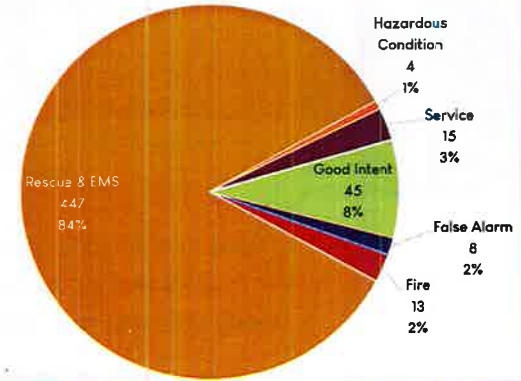
- Eastern Oregon's Regional Haz-Mat Team
- 2 Response Vehicles for 18 members
- 12 calls avg/yr and multiple phone consults
- Response area
 - 15,300 Square Miles
 - Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam, Wheeler,
 - Union, Wallowa, ½ Grant Counties



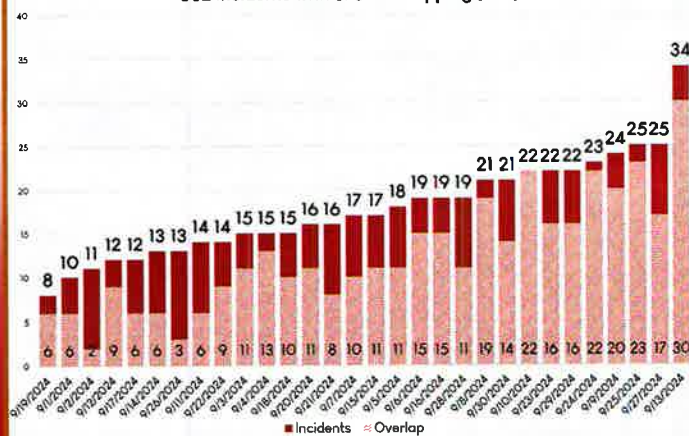
Financial Overview

- 2023-2024 Budget
 - General Fund 3% under budget
- 2024-2025 Budget Year
 - Adding one Paramedic only this Spring
 - Hired replacement Communications Coordinator
- Bond expenditures at 84%
 - Station renovations 7 million to date
 - Apparatus 4.5 million
 - Equipment 500K

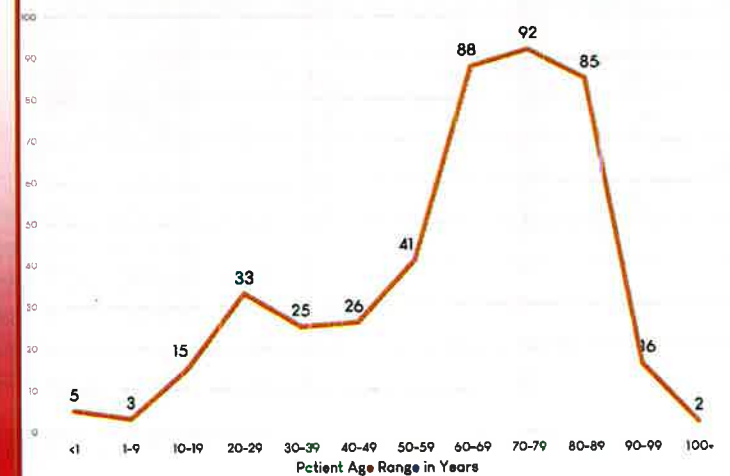
SEPTEMBER 2024 - ALL INCIDENTS BY TYPE
532 Incidents



SEPTEMBER 2024 - DATES AND OVERLAPPING INCIDENTS
532 Incidents with 378 Overlapping (71%)



SEPTEMBER 2024 AGE OF 431 PATIENTS TREATED



Capital Construction

- Station 23 completion – Mid November
- House and temporary metal building at Hospital – staffed 24hrs/day
 - Ambulance, QRT and Battalion Chief
- Admin to OSU ext Station in the PIAF building
- UES building for storage for apparatus



Community Risk Assessment & Plan

- **AP Triton**
 - Community Risk Assessment and Standard of Cover
 - Strategic Plan



Grants

- Apprenticeship Grant – 5 positions
Recruiting late spring / summer
Academy in the fall
 - SAFER grant (FEMA)
 - Open advertising now for 16 positions- 17th is replacement position
- Allows additional station to be staffed**
National Staffing and deployment standard – Goal is to meet the 80%
Reduce delays in medical responses.

Additional grants: for PPE, pub ed trailer, AED's, UTV, VHF radios

Recognition

Special Districts Association of Oregon Program Award:
Special District with 26+ employees for outstanding program:
Health and Wellness





Questions



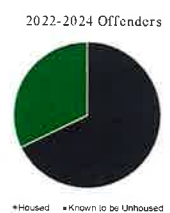
BACKGROUND

- City Council Goals 2023
 - **Goal 2: Safe + Healthy**
 - Develop a plan, gather data, and explore partnerships for a community court program.
- 2024
 - Resumed adjudication of A Misdemeanors
 - Full-time City Prosecutor
 - HPD Fully Staffed with Increased Number of Officers
 - Dedicated CCS Peer Mentor
 - Stepping Stones Alliance/Project PATH
 - COPES Peer Center



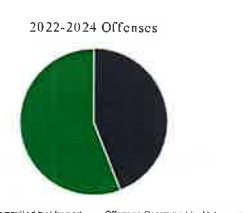
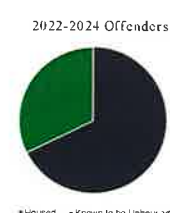
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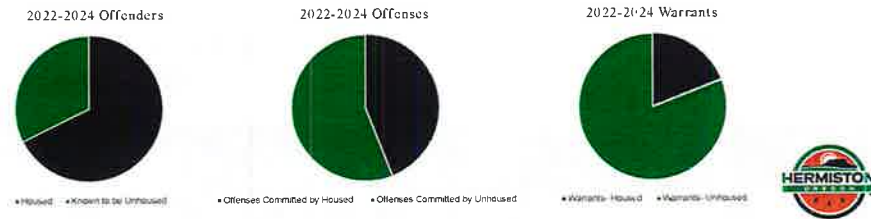
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 - 81% of the warrants issued by HMC were for this group.



COMMUNITY COURT

• Community Court

- Started in 1993 in New York City, Midtown Manhattan
- Neighborhood Court
 - Citizens could see the impact of the justice system in their own neighborhoods.
 - Reduced the time from offense to being held accountable.
- Focus is on resolving the underlying issue and giving back to the community vs. traditional punishment.



COMMUNITY COURT PRINCIPLES

• Enhanced Information

- Better information about the defendant, context of the offense, and utilizing evidence-based screenings to assess criminogenic risks and related needs.

• Community Engagement

- Active engagement from residents and citizens helps to provide resources to the program and improve public trust in the justice system.
 - Make justice visible
 - Make justice accessible
 - Make justice proactive

• Collaboration

- Engage diverse range of people, agencies and social service organizations.
- Representatives from multiple agencies in one place.



COMMUNITY COURT PRINCIPLES

• Individualized Justice

- Individually tailored, community-based sanctions such as community enhancement work, job training and substance abuse and/or mental health treatment.

• Accountability

- Even low-level misdemeanors have an impact on community safety.
- There are still consequences for breaking the law.

• Outcomes

- Active collection and analysis of data
 - Outcomes and process
 - Costs and benefits



HERMISTON COMMUNITY COURT

- Mission:
 - The Hermiston Municipal Community Court Program strives to enhance public safety and quality of life by promoting participant accountability and providing navigation to individualized services and resources in the community.
- Goals:
 - Reduce recidivism in the City of Hermiston.
 - Improve public safety and quality of life for residents in the City, including participants.
 - Enhance trust of the community in the justice system.



HERMISTON COMMUNITY COURT Objectives

- Immediacy
 - Reduce the time from offense to court appearance, and from court appearance to treatment in order to swiftly address the underlying issues leading to criminal behavior.
- Court Engagement
 - Participants will have a voice throughout their time in the Program. All interactions will work towards the participants success and well-being.
- Problem-Solving Focused
 - Evidence based practices will be used to determine participants needs and level of support.
- Accountability
 - Court staff, judges, attorneys and community organizations will work cooperatively to assist participants with program participation and individualized care plans. The team will work problem - solve with participants for any obstacles they may face.



HERMISTON COMMUNITY COURT

- Referrals directly from HPD or City Prosecutor
- Quality-of life Crimes and Violations
 - Theft
 - Criminal Trespass
 - Criminal Mischief
 - Prohibited Camping Ordinance
- Program Length
 - 1-12 months depending on assessed level of needs.



HERMISTON COMMUNITY COURT

- Process:
 - Appear at Community Court
 - Complete an assessment to determine needs and risk of participant.
 - Review case plan with Attorney, and Judge if entering the program.
 - Connect with service providers at Community Court.
- Participation Requirements
 - Weekly or bi-weekly check-in at Court
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HERMISTON COMMUNITY COURT

- Partnerships
 - Hermiston Police Department
 - Community Counseling Solutions
 - COPEs
 - Stepping Stones Alliance/Project PATH



BJA COMMUNITY COURT GRANT

- \$500,000 Award
 - 4-year grant period
 - \$270,450 personnel
 - \$71,753 training/travel
 - \$157,797 participants supports
 - 25% Required Match
 - \$125,000
 - Program Implementation and Planning Assistance from the Center for Court Innovation
- City Council Approval to Accept the Grant





Questions?

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Hermiston Urban Renewal Agency (HURA)

- North Hermiston Urban Renewal Area – projected to go out for bid in January 2025



General Fund

- Third month of 24-2025 fiscal year (first full quarter)
- Monthly Revenues are below projections (~\$648,000)
 - Primarily due to revenue timing
 - ARPA proceeds included in 2 years of the projected balance in From Other Agencies



General Fund

- Monthly Expenses below projections by ~\$745,000
 - Primarily due to expenses not yet incurred for various HPD projects
 - Two departments are over budget when compared to Projected
 - Transportation and Harkenrider Center
 - When compared to budget to date (3/12 or 25%) no departments exceed budget



Utility and Street Funds

- Observations:
 - Street fund revenues under projections due to timing of STP proceeds
 - Utility fund ~\$940k over projected revenues
 - Increase services (~100) and usage when compared to same period for FY 2022, 2023 and 2024
 - Annual CPI adjustment
 - Other charges
 - Regional Water fund ~19.5\$k over projected expense



Capital Projects

- A number of projects in design
 - Geer/Harper Realignment- submitted to UP
 - Well #6 Chlorination
 - Well #4 Controls
- Gladys/Main/Newport – Under Construction



Capital Projects

- Hangar Replacement – Contractor awaiting delivery of hangar kit
- IT Build-out – Completed minus minor data wiring changes
- Harkenrider – Light Fixtures have been installed November turnover is planned.
- EOTEC Barns small animal barn concrete work this week.



Capital Projects

- The Arc – Waiting on window arrival
- Public Safety Center
 - Phase I Court Renovation slightly delayed
 - Phase II working on final numbers – Start date early November





Discussion Questions?

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