



Where Life is Sweet

PROCLAMATION

James “Ed” Brookshier Retired Hermiston City Manager

Whereas, James “Ed” Brookshier came to Hermiston to serve as city manager in 1991; and

Whereas, Ed tirelessly served the City of Hermiston for more than two decades from 1991 to 2014; and

Whereas, Ed’s efforts to fuel the regional economy through infrastructure development and business attraction resulted in regional investments totaling more than \$6 Billion; and

Whereas, Ed’s efforts in developing the Regional Water System in conjunction with the Port of Umatilla continues to spur development in the greater Hermiston area; and

Whereas, Ed’s efforts in attracting companies like the Wal-Mart Distribution Center, Corteva Agrisciences and other employers have provided thousands of jobs to workers in the region; and

Whereas, Ed’s efforts to move the Umatilla County Fairgrounds out of the downtown area and create the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center (EOTEC) as a regional community asset; and

Whereas, Ed’s efforts to develop the Hermiston Family Aquatic Center and create the Hermiston Parks and Recreation Department show his ability to take the community’s vision and turn it into a positive impact on thousands through swimming lessons and other recreational opportunities; and

Whereas, Ed’s efforts in bringing into existence the Eastern Oregon Higher Education Center have led to higher educational opportunities that improve economic opportunities for Hermiston residents; and

Whereas, Ed’s efforts in creating Hermiston Energy Services as the first municipal electric utility created in decades that provides affordable electric rates to Hermistonians; and

Whereas, Hermiston lost a great community advocate and supporter when Ed passed away on October 4, 2025.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that I, Mayor Doug Primmer, do hereby proclaim that the City of Hermiston recognizes and expresses heartfelt thanks for the extraordinary commitment made by Mr. Ed Brookshier to the City of Hermiston and its residents.

Signed this 13th day of October 2025

Doug Primmer, Mayor