



CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes August 22, 2022

Mayor Drotzmann called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm. Present were Councilors Hardin, Spicerkuhn, Primmer, Peterson, Davis, Myers, Barron, and Duron. Judge Creasing was in attendance, as well as staff to include: 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, and City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong. Youth Advisory Members Julissa Gonzales Mendoza, Manuel Salazar, and Elizabeth Doherty were also in attendance. The pledge of allegiance was given.

Citizen Input on Non-Agenda Items

Kim Rill, 15 Smith Dr, Echo- Invited the Council and public to participate in the World Suicide Prevention Day Remembrance Walk on September 10th at 9:00am at the Oxbow Trail (flyer attached). There will be information posted throughout the trail to help people spot warning signs and seek help; Good Shephard Hospital and mental health providers will also be onsite along with Walchli Farms who will be donating watermelon at this event.

Councilor Duron offered to translate all signage and information in Spanish for this event, to which Ms. Rill was thankful.

Consent Agenda Items

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

- A. Committee Vacancy Announcements
- B. Confirmation of appointment to the Parks and Recreation Committee: Carlisle Harrison, Position 4, 3-year term ending October 31, 2025.
- C. Confirmation of appointment to the Parks and Recreation Committee: Erica Juarez, Position 5, 3-year term ending October 31, 2025.
- D. Minutes of the July 25 City Council Meeting
- E. Minutes of the July 25 Public Safety Committee Meeting
- F. Minutes of the August 8 City Council and HURA Meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2236 – IGA with City of Echo for IT Services

City Manager Smith stated this resolution is similar to the other IT Services Resolutions passed in previous meetings; however, in this case, the City would provide IT Services to the City of Echo but in more of a backup support role compared to the other IGA's (Intergovernmental Agreement).

After some discussion, Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Duron seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2236 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

July 2022 Financial Report

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

Committee Reports

None Given.



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Mayor's Report

Mayor Drotzmann spoke regarding:

- Thanked Council President Primmer for filling in for him at the last meeting
- Thanked all those who participated in the Fair and Rodeo
- Encouraged participation in the LOC Homelessness Session on Sept 19th at the Community Center
- Announced the LOC Board meeting this Friday and the topics of discussion
- Reminded all present of the Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies of the Elementary Schools next week

Council Reports

Councilor Davis stated she attended Melon Fest this Saturday and judged the Watermelon Costume Contest with Assistant City Recorder Heather La Beau and City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong. Melon Fest is sponsored by the Downtown Association. And thanked Human Resources Specialist Crystal Inners and City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong for their work putting on the City Picnic.

Councilor Primmer wished his wife, Karen, a Happy Birthday.

Councilor Peterson stated Councilor Peterson and oldest son volunteered for the Lions Club at the Fair.

Councilor Peterson and Councilor Duron gave information regarding School Open Houses and Councilor Duron thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for all the activities offered to children during the summer months, as well as all the employment opportunities given to youth.

Councilor Spicerkuhn announced the grand-opening of the new Head Start Building at 160 NW 2nd St to be named the Cathy Wamsley Center for Early Learning and encouraged the Council and public to attend.

Councilor Myers thanked all the Council members that participated in the Fair, Fair Parade, Rodeo, National Night Out and all other Council duties and events the last few weeks.

Youth Advisory Report

Youth Advisors spoke regarding: Start of school, freshman orientation, asked that people wear masks to school if they are sick, and spoke regarding another record-breaking year at the Livestock Auction at this year's fair.

Mayor Drotzmann thanked the youth for the reports and stated Hermiston has always been such a supportive community and because of this, he believes the Livestock Auction Record will continue to be broken year-after-year.

City Manager's Report

None Given.

Recess for Executive Session

At 7:32pm Mayor Drotzmann announced the City Council of the City of Hermiston will now meet in Executive Session in the Conference Center Rotary Room for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to the review and evaluation of the employment-related performance of the City Manager. The Executive Session is held



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pursuant ORS 192.660 (2) (i) which allows the Council to meet in Executive Session to review and evaluate, pursuant to standards, criteria and policy directives adopted by the governing body, the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer of any public body, a public officer, employee or staff member unless the person whose performance is being reviewed and evaluated requests an open hearing.

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 15 mins.

Reconvene- Consider Approval of Changes to the City Manager's Employment Contract

Mayor Drotzmann reconvened the regular meeting at 8:02pm.

City Manager Smith asked that the Council consider a motion to extend his employment contract for an additional year, to August 24, 2024 and increase the automobile use allowance as presented in the agenda packet.

Councilor Myers moved and Councilor Davis seconded to amend the proposed contact amendment of City Manager Smith to accept the proposed amendment as presented and give an additional \$5,000.00/year raise. Councilor Spicerkuhn stated he feels that City Manager Smith did a very good job this year and is deserving of this raise. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Drotzmann agreed with Councilor Spicerkuhn's remarks and thanked City Manager Smith for his leadership, and doing a good job this year taking care of city business, managing Council Goals, and for having a very successful year.

Councilor Duron thanked City Manager Smith for his leadership and all the hardworking and great staff members the city has.

City Manager Smith thanked the Council.

Adjournment

Mayor Drotzmann adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:07pm as there was no other City business.

SIGNED:

Dr. David Drotzmann, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lilly Alarcon-Strong, CMC, City Recorder

World Suicide Prevention Day *Remembrance Walk*

Join us this fall at the Hermiston Remembrance Walk, and together, we can walk towards a world without suicide.

Saturday, September 10th at 9:00 am
Oxbow Trail - Hermiston, OR
This is a free event



For more information, please visit our Facebook Event:

