



CITY COUNCIL

Goal Setting Meeting Minutes January 25th & 26th, 2024

Mayor Drotzmann called the Goal Setting Meeting for Thursday, January 25, 2024 to order at 5:37pm. Present were Councilors Duron, Primmer, Hardin, Myers, Linton, McCarthy, Peterson, and Barron. Staff members in attendance were City Manager Byron Smith, Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan, City Attorney Rich Tovey, Library Director Mark Rose, Parks and Recreation Director Brandon Artz, Chief Edmiston, Planning Director Clint Spencer, Court Administrator Jillian Viles, Hermiston Energy Services General Manager Nate Rivera, Human Resources Specialist Crystal Inners, IT Director Jordan Standley, and City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong.

Sara Singer Wilson, Ashley Sonoff, and Sasha Konell from SSW Consulting, LLC outlined the agenda, council and staff gave information regarding Hermiston's history related to growth and city projects from 1990 through 2023 and discussed progress, accomplishments, and challenges of projects from the 2023 established goals.

After Council and staff discussion, Sara Singer Wilson discussed next year's Goal Setting Scheduling and preferences the Council may have regarding during the week and/or weekend scheduling. Councilor Barron stated he would prefer a Friday/Saturday schedule; Councilors Duron and McCarthy stated they would prefer weekday scheduling; and Councilors Peterson, Linton, Hardin, and Primmer stated they did not have a preference. After additional discussion, the meeting adjourned for the evening at 8:25pm.

Mayor Drotzmann called the Goal Setting Meeting for Friday, January 26, 2024 to order at 8:30am. Present were Councilors Duron, Primmer, Hardin, Myers, Linton, McCarthy, Peterson, and Barron. Staff members in attendance were City Manager Byron Smith, Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan, City Attorney Rich Tovey, Library Director Mark Rose, Parks and Recreation Director Brandon Artz, Chief Edmiston, Planning Director Clint Spencer, Court Administrator Jillian Viles, Hermiston Energy Services General Manager Nate Rivera, Human Resources Specialist Crystal Inners, IT Director Jordan Standley, EOTEC General Manager Al Davis, and City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong.

Ashley Sonoff reviewed the 2023 goals as discussed the day prior. There was consensus that due to recent budget issues, the 2023 established goals that are still in progress, should be refined to identify and prioritize only the most pressing issues facing Hermiston and only those items should be put forth as the 2024 Council Goals. After Council and staff worked on this effort, Ashley stated the 2024 goals will be refined by SSW Consulting, LLC and presented for adoption at a City Council Meeting in the near future.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.

SIGNED:

Dr. David Drotzmann, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Lilly Alarcon-Strong, CMC, CITY RECORDER