

CITY OF JOSEPH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2019
Community Center
102 East First Street
Joseph, OR 97846

1. Call Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Teresa Sajonia. Attending councilors: Tanya Collier, Patty Bufford, Pearl Sturm, Marty Hamilton, and general clerk Belinda Buswell recording.
 - a. Mayor Sajonia asked councilor Sturm to come forward to be sworn in as a councilor for the next four years.

1. REPORTS

- a) **Police Report** – Sheriff Rogers-Reported he changed the computer program to display the individual officer, what is going on, summary, time-in, time-out. One report on a burglar report this week. The new officer Austin Violetti will arrive in the next couple of weeks. Requested ordinance book that has everything in it.
- b) **Library Report** – Eric Shoudel, Librarian-no report
- c) **Fire Chief Report** – Jeffery Weeks- no report
- d) **Public Works Report** – Dennis Welch- Sewer DMR was done 5 days early this month. DEQ is happy with the way things are going. Completed yearly report and monthly report. All the trucks got serviced this month. Requested a bid for upgrading the snowflakes to LED. Sidewalks need kept up but please don't use salt. Power plant it boarded up.
- e) **Other Committee Reports: Mayor Sajonia**-Gave an update on what the committees are for and read a statement regarding why we need committees. Focus was given on the importance of the need for public involvement along with the council to make a better place to live for all of us.
 1. **Community Center Committee** – Councilor Bufford-We have pulled nails and staples and cleaned the kitchen and labeled all the cabinets. We are ready to ask for more volunteers. Tuesday, January 15, 2019 for the next meeting at the Community Center in the meeting room. Councilor Collier reported Baker has a new center and it would be great to have the committee do a walk through and see what they did for their upgrades. Committee member Raider Heck (603 East Street) I have completed an audit on all of the utilities in this building. I'm focusing on safety, security, or stuff that we can do for free. Councilor Bufford replied that they will update more at the next meeting.
 2. **Marijuana Committee** – Councilor Hamilton-We now have 9 committee members. The city has opted back in to the OLCC so we should begin receiving marijuana tax allocations. Mayor Sajonia announced that the City of Joseph will be signing all eligible LUCS forms tomorrow morning and will begin editing the conditional use permit for the marijuana dispensary according to ordinance 2015.01.
 3. **Website Committee** – Mayor Sajonia/General Clerk Buswell- Website committee will be done now that the new website is ready to be online. There are edits that need to be done, along with uploading of minutes and codified ordinances.
 4. **Ordinance Review Task Force** – Raider Heck- We began this process mid-January. There is currently five members. The first meeting will be between the 14th-22nd and it will be a lengthy process. Councilor Hamilton was appointed to the taskforce by Mayor Sajonia. Raider mentioned he had Task Force applications with him tonight if anyone would like one, or call City Hall. Mayor Sajonia mentioned that all committee meetings will be held at the community center and not at City Hall. All councilors agreed. Don Bronson (301 E Pine)

asked about the room dividing curtain and it was mentioned that the chamber removed it years ago.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- **Bud Rayburn (612 Wallowa)**- First question that he hasn't received his water report, two why is an attorney approving the release of his water tests, and what happened to the documents he presented to the council regarding the barrels found in the lake? Mayor Sajonia said she will address it at city hall when she has more information.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- Declaration of Open Council Positions** – Mayor Sajonia announced there are two open city council positions that are four-year terms. Someone asked if we would be assigning a mayor pro-tem and I would like to wait until we have a full council.
- Letter of Support Request** – Greg Hennes-Request a letter of support to help designate Joseph an Oregon Main Street Community that would enable lottery funds to be made available through grants. Committee of three Rob Lamb, Greg Hennes, and Cheryl Coughlan are trying to get his done. Anyone interested please contact Greg to join. Councilor Sturm made a motion to issue a letter of support to the Oregon Mainstreet Foundation to support Joseph becoming an Oregon Main Street Community, Councilor Hamilton 2nd motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Citizen Awards (3)** – Mayor Sajonia-This has been moved to February
- Conditional Use Permit** – Deanna Van Doozer- Mayor Sajonia read the conduct of the hearing. There were no questions. Deanna Van Doozer presented her conditional use application for a registered childcare provider. It was brought up that she put Montessori daycare not school. Mayor Sajonia read three letters of support for Deanna Van Doozer. Councilor Hamilton motioned to approve four students not including her children, motion was 2nd by Councilor Collier. Vote passed unanimously.
- Conditional Use Permit** – Marty & Marcy Hamilton- Mayor Sajonia read the conduct of the hearing. Mayor Sajonia read the conduct of the hearing. Marcy Hamilton presented her conditional use application for the expansion of Five Peaks RV park by five spots. Mayor Sajonia asked for those in favor/opposition. Citizen Elwin Sams stated he is opposed to the approval of the CUP because he feels there have been several examples of the Hamilton's not following their current CUP. Citizen Mike Musia said the original five spaces have been abused and he doesn't feel it would be right to add more spots. He also said he was concerned about security in the alley behind his business due to the additional foot traffic this would cause. Mayor Sajonia read a letter Mike and Andrea Musia in opposition. Mayor Sajonia read a letter from citizen Dave S. Wergen in an opposition the conditional use permit because he feels he violated his original conditional use permit. Mayor Sajonia read a letter from citizen Angela Mart 707 N Park in opposition due to traffic concerns. Marcy Hamilton rebutted stated they have been in compliance with their current conditional use permit. Councilor Sturm asked for proof on the violations that were stated. Councilor Bufford inquired about the people that were supposedly waiting to enter the park. Mr. Sams mentioned he doesn't take a picture and then approach people. Councilor Sturm mentioned that there were previous issues between the Sams and Hamilton's and she felt there was a feud. Councilor Collier asked if Hamilton's would supply the Sam's with a sign to not block the drive way. Mayor Sajonia confirmed the street mentioned is the city street Alder. Mr. Sams confirmed. Mayor Sajonia asked if anyone wanted to make a motion or table it for further information. Councilor Bufford made a motion to approve the CUP to expand Five Peaks RV along with signage for Mr. Sam's driveway and fencing, motion was 2nd by Councilor Sturm. Vote passed unanimously.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) **Joseph Center Grant – \$2000-** Rich Wandschneider presented the grant request for \$2000 for the Joseph Center to add a granite sculpture called “The Return” to main street. Motion was made by Councilor Hamilton to approve the grant for \$2000 to the Joseph Center for the granite sculpture called “The Return”, the motion was 2nd by Councilor Sturm. Motion passed unanimously.
- b) **Alpenfest Grant – \$1000-** Chuck Anderson presented the grant request for the Alpenfest celebration accordion players. Councilor Sturm asked if over venues were available. Mr. Anderson replied that everyone expects it to be at the lake. Motion was made by Councilor Sturm to grant the Oregon Alpenfest 2019 for \$1000 for the accordion players, 2nd by Councilor Hamilton. Vote passed unanimously.
- c) **Update of fiscal year 2018-2019 goals-** Mayor Sajonia mentioned the council has some short-term goals and long-term goals and we will be focusing on it in February. She stated the short- and long-term goals. Mayor Sajonia appointed Councilor Hamilton to be the new liaison between the council and the Chamber of Commerce.

- a) **Short Term Goal 1:** City Hall-made progress on the flooring, library has access to restrooms
- b) **Short Term Goal 2:** Community Center- that is in progress
- c) **Short Term Goal 3:** Website- moving forward with new website
- d) **Short Term Goal 4:** City work on Joseph Chamber- Mayor Sajonia appointed Councilor Hamilton
- e) **Short Term Goal 5:** Public Works Update-Anderson Perry will update on 1/17/19
- f) **Short Term Goal 6:** Rewriting our zoning ordinances-that is in progress
- g) **Short Term Goal 7:** Mainstreet maintenance- committee will start up in February
- h) **Short Term Goal 8:** Streets-Anderson Perry update on 1/17/19

Don Bronson (301 E Pine) the bubble out by the Mexican restaurant and why don't they add more parking. Mayor Sajonia replied that this is an ODOT issue not a City of Joseph issue. We understand the request but the street has to be brought before ODOT. Mr. Bronson asked if the City would support his complaint to ODOT. Lem McBurney (200 N Warnock) I believe he is looking for support from the council. Mayor Sajonia asked Mr. Bronson to come forward next month with a letter of support. Kathy Bingham (403 E 3rd) Will you be setting a new meeting to set new goals that will be open to the public. Mayor Sajonia confirmed that there would be a meeting set up and posted and would be open to the public.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilor Sturm to approve the consent agenda, 2nd by Councilor Hamilton. Motion passed unanimously.

- a) *City Council Minutes Regular Meeting August 9, 2018,*
- b) *City Council Minutes Regular Meeting October 4, 2018; October 17, 2018*
- c) *City Council Minutes Regular Meeting November 1, 2018; November 15, 2018*
- d) *City Council Minutes Regular Meeting December 6, 2018*

6. STAFF ITEMS

- a. Utility Clerk Crystal Bronson –
- b. General Clerk Belinda Buswell –
 1. Report – HB 2017 Keep Oregon Moving-Pavement & Bridge Report has been filed.
 2. Report – Annual Report of Water Usage (Oct.1 2017-through-Sept. 30, 2018) has been completed.
 3. Utility Software Upgrade – Caselle Utility Software bid request sent out. Will present bid at the February council meeting.
 4. PMs Wastewater and Water Plant- request for approval to schedule PMs-approved.

5. Dust Abatement 2019- Envirotech Services Comparable Quote will save over \$1000. Councilor Sturm made a motion to approve Envirotech Services \$9362.15 bid, 2nd by Councilor Hamilton. Motion passed 3-1.

c) Public Works Dennis Welch – none

7. COUNCILORS' and MAYOR'S ITEMS

a) Councilor Collier-none

b) Councilor Sturm-none

c) Councilor Bufford-none

d) Councilor Hamilton-none

e) Mayor Sajonia-

a. Business license task force will begin in February

b. Notes taken by council or Mayor will need copied at City Hall for the record

c. The leak on lower college by the shut off valve was partially closed but the flow 5gal/min for over 5 years. Calculated 61 households a year was wasted.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

a) None

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

a) Donna Bronson (201 S Lake) I'm not against or for, but I'm very disappointed you didn't table the decision until you went down and addressed the complaints for Hamilton CUP. Scott Lanier (601 S Lake) I'm in agreement with the previous speaker and it should have been tabled. This is the first time I feel it wasn't handled the way it should have been. Kathy Bingham (403 E 2rd) There is a lot of history on that conditional use permit and those of us that have heard this information and it was the same information that was presented and there was never any proof provided. I admire this council for moving forward on this decision. I do support the passage of the passage on the history of this.

10. BILLS REVIEWED AND PAID – December 2018

a) Bills approved and paid.

11. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

a) Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Sturm, 2nd by Councilor Collier. Mayor Sajonia adjourned the meeting.

Attested:

Teresa Sajonia, City of Joseph Mayor

Recorder

