

CITY OF JOSEPH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 3, 2019
Community Center
102 East First Street
Joseph, OR 97846

- 1. Call Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance** at 7:00 by Mayor Teresa Sajonia. Tanya Collier, Councilors Lisa Collier, Patty Bufford, Pearl Sturm, Mayor Teresa Sajonia, City Administrator Larry Braden, Public Works Supervisor Levi Tickner, with City Recorder Belinda Buswell, (recording from audio only).
- 2. REPORTS:**
 - A. Police Report** – Sheriff Rogers: – No one present from Sheriff’s department (Appendix A)
 - B. Library Report** – Eric Shoudel –Presented Library report (Appendix B)
 - C. Fire Chief Report** – Chief Jeffrey Weeks – (Appendix C)
 - D. Administrative Report** – Larry Braden – (Appendix D) Donna Bronson (200 S Lake) – Is the new bill going to stay at \$83.60 a month? Larry replied yes. Meg Bowen- I was thinking if you provide an update on the rate change and send it out once or twice it may get ahead of it and have less questions about it later.
 - E. Public Works Report** – Levi Tickner – Paving job this month took a lot of time to oversee the project, doing some tree maintenance, and planning to pull baskets down.
 - E. Committee Reports** –
 - **Community Center Committee** – Patty Bufford/Raider Heck – **Patty**-Siding from Raider and his volunteers. **Raider**-Basically a work in progress. Paved the parking lot which makes a nice exterior. Jim Russell worked to obtain a 50% donation from Boise Cascade and 50% from James Hardie, a savings of over \$7,000.00. I would like to get LED lights here and have worked with John Hillock and Energy Trust to get the lights switched over here and at City Hall at no cost to the City. Lots of volunteers and Scott Reinhart, Russ Zavodsky, and John Hillock are just a few. **Meg Bowen**- Do we have any rentals after all these improvements? **Raider**- The idea is to bring it back to a state and we have to crawl before we can walk and have it available. The ones that have rented it since the work was done have been happy. The whole attitude is different. We are wiring the building with teleconference abilities to allow for meetings. You can simply rent a meeting room and not the entire building. **Larry**- To add to that Megan, the rates have changed to and setting the rates at a respectable amount so they do appreciate it. **Mayor Sajonia**-What I would like to see that as soon as it is completed, we can market it out there to let people know what they can do. **Kathy Norman**-Is the kitchen considered to be a commercial kitchen. **Mayor Sajonia**-The health inspector did inspect it so I’m not sure. **Councilor Lisa Collier**- Is there a list for this building that we want for this building that the rental funds would go to? **Raider**- There were certain things that had to be done like the kitchen fire suppression system was out of compliance for 13 years. The siding and parking lot were two large issues to repair so we can care for it and have it last for years. **Larry**-I’d like to touch on something that I do want on record. The parking lot outside is brand spanking new. That was paid for out of the Community Center budget. **Sally Brandt** (80221 Country Side Road)-Sound system-I haven’t heard anyone talk about the sound

system and it used to have one. It is difficult to hold events when there isn't a microphone system.

- **Zoning Ordinance Review Task Force Committee – Raider Heck-** September member went well, 1 task force member was absent, October meeting within in the next 10 days.
- **Main Street Committee – Raider-** When the main street team begins in the spring it will be understood that they will work into October. Judy should have the boxes where they need to be for the winter by Friday. She started a seed bed to use for backfilling spots next year. The intent is for her to work with the Public Works department to remove the bulk of the leaves. Levi- blower is running along with the street sweeper so should be an easy job. **Sally Brandt-** (80221 Country Side Road) Is there a plan for the snow removal that is usually piled 10 feet plus high in the handicap spots this year? **Larry-** Yes, Levi and I have a plan to address the snow removal. **Mike Lockhart-** I wanted to talk about the future care and maintenance for the bronze statues that need to be cleaned once a year. **Larry-**The maintenance issue is something we can look at during the budget process and I did have a meeting with the insurance agent and they are getting me a quote for insuring them. Mike-A replacement value is what you need and it is an issue.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

- **Ray Mallon (Joseph) –** Ron Jett has had a water problem and why can't he get a break on that, he needs a break on that. **Larry-** If the water goes through the meter then he should pay for it. If we give him a break who pays for it. It is our responsibility to treat everyone the same. Levi-This came up at council meeting awhile back and the council voted to not make adjustments.
- **Sally Brandt (80221 Country Side Road) –** Read a statement to the council regarding the renting of the Community Center and the changes made are forcing the Christmas Bazaar to move to a new location that does accommodate as many folks.
- **Don Bronson (301 E Pine) –** Is the crosswalk getting put in down by Stein's Distillery? **Mayor Sajonia –** I believe it is on the agenda Don.
- **Kathy Bingham (403 E 3rd) –** I was wondering if you were thinking about bringing back the CI.
- **Matt Soots (Joseph) –** Is there a set schedule for grading? **Larry-** We already have that scheduled planned for the future.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Eagle Cap Extreme-16th Annual-** Request for Road Closure – Lynn Appleton – Requested the annual road closure from morning to afternoon. 1/22/2020 between noon-4pm. **Larry-** I am just clarifying that the Joseph Charter School will still be able to come down correct? **Lynn-** Yes we have a large education program and yes we are anticipating the kids coming down. FCCLA, FFA, and other kids volunteer with us too. **Mayor Sajonia** made a motion to approve the road closure between Wallowa Ave and Joseph Street, 2nd by Councilor Lisa Collier, vote passed unanimously.
- **Joseph Charter School FCCLA- Lake Project –** Rescheduled.
- **Appoint Open Council Position-** Term ending 12/2022 – **Mayor Sajonia** made a motion to appoint Richard Pointer to the office of councilor of City of Joseph, 2nd by Councilor Bufford, vote passed unanimously. The oath will be taken at the City of Joseph and effective November 1, 2019.

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **Resolution 2010-23-** Previously Approved-Needs Signed- Cannot be signed here until the Ordinance 2018-04 is read, I am asking for permission to sign these two documents. Councilor Bufford made a motion to approve **Mayor Sajonia** signing these two documents, 2nd by Councilor Sturm, vote passed unanimously. **Kathy Bingham (403 E 3rd)** Just because you can't find this signed document you have to redo this process. **Mike Lockhart-** Are you sure this is up to date? **Larry-**This is a formality, right behind this is going to be an updated version.

6. **Action Items**

- a) **Post Office 15-minute parking-Signs** – Signs have arrived and are scheduled for installation.
- b) **15 mph signs** – Daycare speed signs have arrived and are scheduled for installation.
- c) **Alley Debris** – Property owners have removed debris.
- d) **Steins/Community Bank Crosswalk-** Between Blythe Cricket and Community Bank, and ODOT is trying to determine if that location lies within the school crosswalk or not. After that decision has been made, we will move forward. School District and Safe Paths to School. Don Bronson (301 E Pine) I'm all for expanding the crosswalk, but the bubble out there by La Laguna takes up too much parking.
- e) **College/Lake Hwy** – They will have all of their personal property inside their fence.
- f) **Speed Trailer set up in town** – The trailer has worked effectively.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **City Council Minutes-** (Regular Meeting September 5, 2019 and Special Meeting September 23, 2019)
Councilor Sturm made a motion to approve the consent agenda, 2nd by Councilor Tanya Collier, vote passed unanimously

8. STAFF ITEMS -None

9. COUNCILORS' and MAYOR'S ITEMS

- a) Mayor Sajonia – Dead end signs, do we have any of those Levi? Levi-yes, we do. Website-Facebook-Lisa- we have made huge number increases by 1000 so we are up to 4000. Our highest trending post by Kody McCleary had 20,000 hits. We are also meeting with our website. Please keep saying what is missing so we can fix that.
- b) Lisa Collier – One thing is plowing that may cause issues where the transitions from gravel to pavement it may get damaged. Levi- We have a plan in place and have replaced the plow shoes which prevent road damage.

10. CORRESPONDENCE – None

11. PUBLIC COMMENT –

- a. Meg Bowen- Congrats to Richard.
- b. Donna Bronson (200 S Lake) – Are they doing anything about the puncture weeds? Larry- yes, we call them goat heads but yes, we pulled all the ones we saw and sprayed.
- c. Kathy Norman – Could there be signs on Daggett and College that shows 25mph and a Dead-End street sign?
- d. Kathy Bingham – Are some of these things going to be on the website? Mayor Sajonia- That is why we are meeting with Jeff Baird. Kathy-What is the status with the codification? Mayor Sajonia-It is at a standstill because we are not happy with the contract, their customer service is less than stellar. Kathy-Stop signs that are worn out...Levi-We'll come take a look at it and we have some signs.

12. BILLS REVIEWED AND PAID –September, 2019

13. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT-

Councilor Lisa Collier made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Tanya Collier motion passed. Meeting adjourned

Teresa Sajonia, Mayor

Attested:

Belinda Buswell, Recorder

Action Items-

- 1. **CJDs Rodeo** – Flag removal for winter?
- 2. **Term limits** for councilors-
- 3. **Status of Codification-**