

CITY OF JOSEPH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 7, 2019
Community Center
102 East First Street
Joseph, OR 97846

1. **Call Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance** at 7:14 by Mayor Teresa Sajonia. Attending councilors: Tanya Collier, Pearl Sturm, Patty Bufford, Marty Hamilton, Utility Clerk Crystal Bronson, and City Recorder Belinda Buswell, recording.
2. **REPORTS:**
 - A. **Police Report** – Under-Sheriff Fred Steen – The Sheriff’s department was able to locate the hit and run driver that ran over the light pole at the post office and the owner has insurance to pay for it.
 - B. **Library Report** – Eric Shoudel –Presented Library report (Appendix A) Mayor Sajonia mentioned the Library workshop meeting on March 6, 2019 where the Library requested \$10,000 to the library fund. Motion was made by Mayor Sajonia and 2nd by Councilor Bufford to approve giving the library \$10,000 and anything spent would be tracked by the administrator and any money over \$10,000 would go before the council. Vote passed unanimously.
 - C. **Fire Chief Report** – Chief Jeffrey Weeks – No report.
 - D. **Public Works Report** – Dennis Welch –Public works doing well, fire hydrants are visible but it would help if land owners could clear a 3’ area around them would greatly help. Mayor Sajonia also mentioned that the new Public Works III employee Levi Tickner will be starting next week.
 - E. **Committee Reports** –
 - **Community Center Committee** – Patty Bufford-Ordered steam table and starting to get paint and repairs started. Raider Heck (601 N East) range hood and fire suppression has been scheduled. A set of keys for the community center have been put together. The furnace external vent has been closed up to prevent the outside air coming in and that has increased the furnace’s ability to keep up with the heat. Addressing these items. Energy audit will be done in March 2019. Councilor Hamilton mentioned he would get the artist together with the Community Center Committee to mural.
 - **Marijuana Law Committee** – Marty Hamilton- Last meeting for the committee was held last week. The committee wanted to keep ordinance 2015-01 as is.
 - **Ordinance Review Task Force Committee** – Raider Heck- The next meeting is scheduled for March 19th at 6pm at the Community Center Meeting room. Councilor Hamilton asked if anyone is interested please let them know, Chair Raider Heck said no that train has left the station but there is a period of open discussion for the public at the end of the meeting. Mayor Sajonia said no it is already in progress.
 - **Main Street Committee** – Mayor Sajonia mentioned that the nursery is currently working on the main street flower baskets and they will be mixing it up with more color this year and more than just petunias. Mayor Sajonia requested the nursery to design them to increase water retention so the flowers can withstand the afternoon heat. Mayor Sajonia also asked Raider Heck to post the two positions for the main street maintenance employees as soon as possible.

- **Triangle Park** – Rotary Club member Dick Burch (502 N Lake) said he has adopted the triangle park about 15 years ago and they are ready to hand it off. The rotary club would like to fully automate the water system of the park to alleviate the work. The rotary club would like to split the cost to fully automate the water system and that bid was \$725. Councilor Hamilton made a motion to \$400, 2nd by Councilor Collier, vote passed unanimously.
- **Budget Committee** – Mayor Sajonia appointed Jessie Michaelson and Scott Lanier to the budget committee. Per Oregon Ethics Commission we still need 5 more citizens to match our governing body of 7.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- a) **Mike Lockhart** – (103 E First) Update on main street statues but we are waiting for the weather to be better. The two statues will be cleaned and re-patina completed. We are also cleaning all the rest of the statues. Risk management part is a concern. I have some information regarding that and if anyone has any questions you can contact me. We are also looking at phase two and we have a potential grant to do a major campaign to upgrade the arts in Joseph. Mayor Sajonia requested Mike Lockhart bring in his information on the insurance of the bronzes to City Hall for the budget season.
- b) **Don Swart** – Recognized Public Works Dennis Welch on his outstanding work for the city. Request was made to have the snow by the post office to get from the parking spot to the sidewalk.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Appoint Councilors** – Three applicants (Garik Asplund, Kathy Zacharias, and Lisa Collier) were questioned about becoming a councilor. Motion was made by Councilor Sturm and 2nd by Councilor Bufford, to appoint Lisa Collier and Kathy Zacharias to the council. There was some discussion by Garik Asplund where he reminded the council, he won the write-in vote in the last election and he felt it would be a disservice to the public if he wasn't one of the seats. The vote was held on the motion and it passed unanimously. Mayor Sajonia performed the swearing in of the two new council members and they joined the council at the council table for the remainder of the meeting.
- b) **Mayor Pro-tem assignment**—Postponed until April to allow for full council vote

5. BUSINESS

- a) **Variance Saturno** – Rahn Hostetter, Bruce Ginsel, and John Harris represented the absent property owners Doug and Malinda Saturno and presented the variance application. There was one citizen in favor of the variance. There were 10 citizens speaking in opposition, and 23 written oppositions submitted and read by Mayor Sajonia. Mayor Sajonia read the four ordinance requirements. Councilor Hamilton motioned to deny the variance, 2nd by Councilor Sturm. Vote passed to deny Variance 7-0.
- b) **OLCC License Ross Effinger & JoMarie Pitino** – Initial application has been approved by OLCC and we are seeking approval by the City Council. Mayor Sajonia made the motion to approve the OLCC license, 2nd by Councilor Bufford. Vote passed unanimously.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) None

7. Action Items

- a) **Business License** – Mayor Sajonia pushed this to April meeting

8. CONSENT AGENDA

The items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and all will be adopted by one motion unless a Council Member or a person in the audience requests, before the vote on the motion, to have any item considered separately. If any item is removed from the Consent Agenda, the Mayor will indicate when it will be discussed.

a. *City Council Minutes Regular Meeting*

1. *February 11, 2019*

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

9. STAFF ITEMS

- a. **Larry Braden** – Caselle Software final approval was presented by Administrator Larry Braden. Mayor Sajonia made the motion to pass the Caselle proposal and cost of \$57,452, 2nd by Councilor Sturm. Vote passed unanimously.
- b. **Belinda Buswell** – None
- c. **Crystal Bronson** – None
- d. **Dennis Welch** – None

10. COUNCILORS' and MAYOR'S ITEMS

- a) **Councilor Collier** – None
- b) **Councilor Collier** – None
- c) **Councilor Bufford** – None
- d) **Councilor Sturm** – None
- e) **Councilor Hamilton** – None
- f) **Councilor Zacharias** – None
- g) **Mayor Sajonia** – **1. Letters (10-day notice)** need sent to repair shops regarding the fencing requirements be met per our junk ordinance. **2. Resolution 2019-03** – Resolution stating that all fees exceeding the permit fee will be the sole responsibility of the applicant. Motion was made by Councilor Sturm, 2nd by Councilor Hamilton. Vote passed unanimously.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **BGood Bars Letter** – Mayor Sajonia read a letter of concern from Judy Goodman regarding a petition request to lower her water and sewer bill. No action was taken by council.
- b) **Todd Nash Letter** – Requests a letter of support to present to the Ways and Means committee on March 25, 2019. The council will have Administrator write the support letter. **Mike Lockhart** (103 E First) This would be better than taxing our citizens. **Raider Heck** (603 N East) This letter is due by March 25, 2019.
- c) **Letter to Editor** – Mayor Sajonia read a thank you letter from Catherine Garver (200 East Street) thanking the City Staff and especially public works Dennis Welch for removing the snow in front of her paper box.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a.) None

13. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT Motion was made to adjourn by Councilor Sturm, 2nd by Councilor Bufford. Motion passed unanimously at 9:57pm.

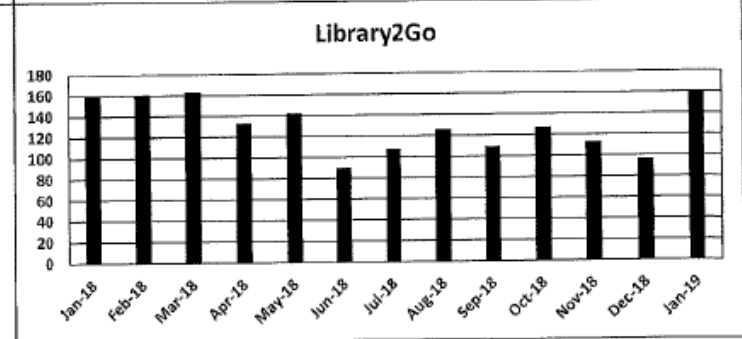
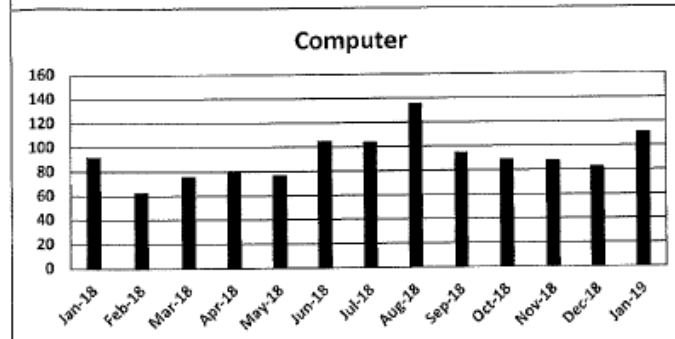
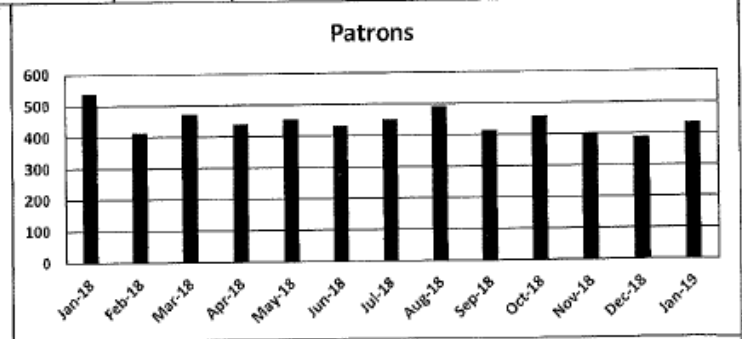
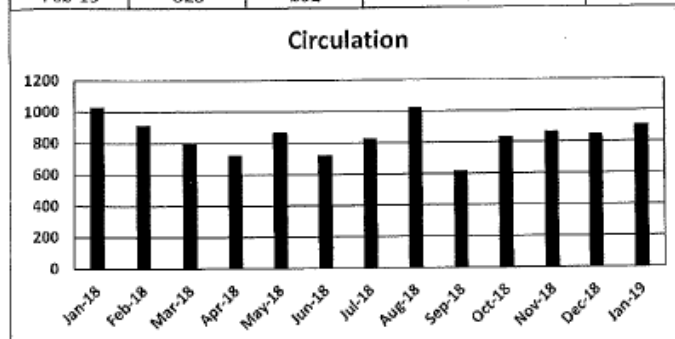
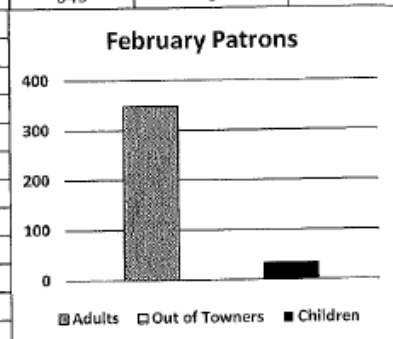
Attested:

Teresa Sajonia, Mayor

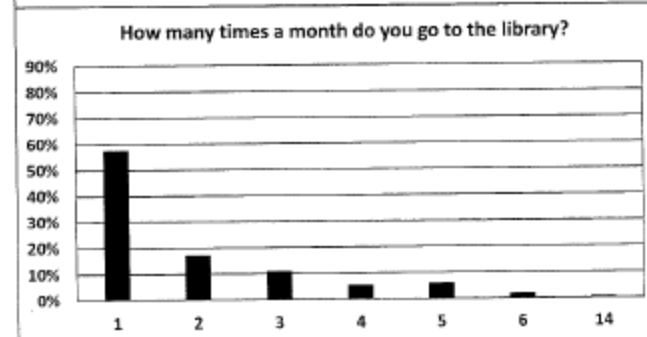
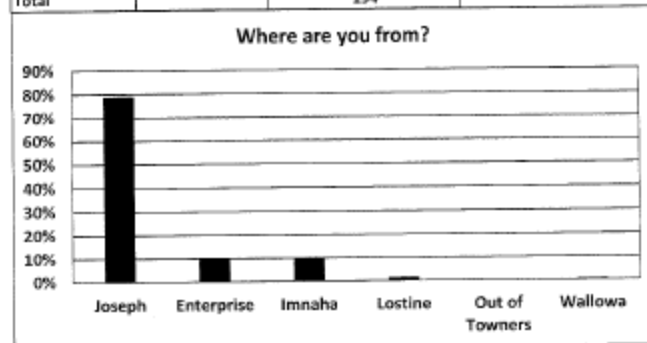
Recorder

APPENDIX A:

Month	Circulation	Library2Go	Interlibrary Loans Out	Interlibrary Loans In	Computer	Patrons	Adults	Out of Towners	Children
Feb-18	916	161	120	234	63	414	349	0	35
Mar-18	794	163	98	190	76	471			
Apr-18	722	133	112	172	79	439			
May-18	868	142	86	163	77	454			
Jun-18	722	90	55	107	105	432			
Jul-18	826	107	62	107	104	452			
Aug-18	1026	126	97	138	136	492			
Sep-18	619	109	55	89	95	414			
Oct-18	832	127	102	174	89	458			
Nov-18	866	113	77	150	88	401			
Dec-18	848	96	88	154	83	388			
Jan-19	908	160	99	199	111	433			
Feb-19	823	102	86	176	86	384			



Patron Town	% Attendance	Count individual patrons
Joseph	78.69%	152
Enterprise	9.62%	19
Imnaha	9.97%	19
Lostine	1.37%	3
Out of Towners	0.00%	0
Wallowa	0.34%	1
Total		194



Frequency	Percentage
1	57.53%
2	17.12%
3	10.96%
4	5.48%
5	6.16%
6	2.05%
14	0.68%