

CITY OF JOSEPH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Community Center

102 East First Street

Joseph, OR 97846

- a) **Call Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance** at 7:06 by Mayor Teresa Sajonia. Attending councilors: Patty Bufford, Kathy Zacharias, Pearl Sturm, Marty Hamilton, Public Works Levi Tickner, Dennis Welch and City Recorder Belinda Buswell, recording.
- b) **REPORTS:**
- A. **Police Report** – Sheriff Steve Rogers –
 - B. **Library Report** – Eric Shoudel –Presented Library report (Appendix A)
 - C. **Fire Chief Report** – Chief Jeffrey Weeks –
 - D. **Public Works Report** –
 - E. **Committee Reports** –
 - **Community Center Committee** – Raider Heck- Fire suppression will be completed tonight and an electrician will be in tomorrow to fix some unsafe areas. Flooring is set to go in during June. Windows were cleaned and look great. Time was donated by Joanie. Siding will be the next big project. I also spoke with Brad Baird regarding the parking lot here and if it is affordable it would be another big project.
 - **Zoning Ordinance Review Task Force Committee** – Raider Heck- It is a dry subject but we did have a couple of individuals attend last meeting and provide feedback. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 8th and it will be posted when it is set.
 - **Main Street Committee** – Mayor Sajonia- Adrian is back to work and she has made quite a dent already at the North end of town. This morning we had another interview for a second person. Judy Swank will start Monday at 8am.
 - **Marijuana Law Committee** – Marty Hamilton- Disbursement percentages are available on the OLCC website.
 - **Budget Committee** – Mayor Sajonia-We had our first meeting on April 29, 2019. Lance Homan is the budget chair and he recommended to have the next budget meeting on Tuesday, May 6, 2019 at . The goal is to have it completed by end of June, 2019.
 - **Business License Committee** – No update at this time
- c) **PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
- a) **Becky Rushton-at the budget meeting I asked if council members can sit on the chamber of commerce. Mayor Sajonia responded and said they can't hold an office with the chamber. I would like to have the lawyer address it and give us an answer.**
 - b) **Kathy Bingham-406 e 3rd- The criteria here is a conflict of interest. Patty wouldn't have a conflict of interest because she doesn't have a business. If you own a business you will have a conflict because you can't discuss any chamber business that comes before the council. You must recuse yourself.**

4 NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Joseph Fire Dept. – Jeffrey Weeks-** This started from a couple of years ago that we may need to cut our budget. I started looking for how our budget was funded. I asked Susan if the City put any money into the Fire Department budget. I have been asked by rural folks where their fire contract money goes. He replies that they go to pay for the engines, materials, etc. I'm just asking the City council if when they do their budget if they can take a look at the budget and possibly fund a part of the fire dept. Councilor Zacharias asked regarding the budget of \$40,000 and chief Weeks explained that is the moneys put into an equipment fund. Councilor Zacharias also asked if the fire dept serves Imnaha area. Chief Weeks replied yes and also the 39 road up to the Baker County line. Kathy Bingham, 403 E 3rd mentioned this looks like a proposal that should be coming before the budget committee. Chief Weeks mentioned it is addressed to the budget committee.
- b) **Wallowa Lake Rural Fire Protection District Contract – Chief Weeks** presented the new contract and the council will take it to the budget meeting.
- c) **Oregon Mountain Cruise – Road Closure-Andy Osborn-** Presented the paperwork for the road closure for the Oregon Mountain Cruise. He mentioned he should receive the ODOT road closure approval by end of next week. A motion was made by Councilor Hamilton to approve the road closure, 2nd by Councilor Zacharias. Vote passed unanimously.
- d) **Joseph Mountain Jubilee – Tammy Krueger 407 E 2nd street** and here to talk about the Joseph Mountain Jubilee and we do music up and down main street. We are asking for grant money for the sound system at two of the event locations. Discussion among councilors over the balance of the Hotel/Motel tax which has a balance of \$10,000. Mayor Pro-tem Zacharias made a motion to approve \$500 grant for the sound system, 2nd by

d) **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a) **Haunted House Summer Camp – pushed to May** for more information
- b) **Farmers Market Relocation – Update-Nathan Slinker-**at the last meeting the council voted to relocate the farmers market and we discussed it with our board and we made an agreement with Stein Distillery. Councilor Hamilton asked if they would be paying rent. Nathan replied he had not made a contract with Dan Stein yet. Councilor Hamilton made a motion to donate \$200 to the farmers market Emily Aumann, Enterprise. Michael Lockhart

e) **Action Items**

- a) **Wyatt-chamber/council question by Becky Rushton**
- b) **Wyatt-farmers market and transient merchant on private land**

f) **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. ***April 4, 2019***

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

g) **STAFF ITEMS**

- a) **Larry- Junk Ordinance Workshop**
- b) **Belinda- None**

h) COUNCILORS' and MAYOR'S ITEMS

- a) **Councilor Collier** – Absent
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- c) **Councilor Bufford** – No I think as far as the city I think we are doing great and moving forward.
- d) **Councilor Zacharias** – None
- e) **Councilor Sturm** – None
- f) **Junior Councilor Malikai**- Nothing today but perhaps later
- g) **Councilor Hamilton** – I think our city is doing well
- h) **Mayor Sajonia** – A lot of volunteers come forward and help us. The city has a lot of building we are trying to upkeep and protect our buildings.

i) CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Letter – Jennifer Klimsza-Mayor Sajonia read the letter for the record.
- b) Letter – Kathy Bowman- Mayor Sajonia read the letter for the record.
- c) Letter – Wallowa County Advisory Board- Mayor Sajonia read the letter for the record.

j) PUBLIC COMMENT

- a) **Becky Rushton-City wide cleanup this year**
- b) **Bowman-**
- c) **Beth Gibens-founder of market**
- d) **Seth Kinzey- Kathlin Rushmo-**
- e) **Scott Schmit**
- f) **Ann Robinson-Lostine**
- g) **Jeff Irish**
- h) **Belinda Buswell-**

- k) MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT** Motion was made to adjourn by Councilor Sturm 2nd by Councilor Zacharias. Motion passed unanimously at 8:pm.

Attested:

Teresa Sajonia, Mayor

Belinda Buswell, Recorder