

## CITY OF JOSEPH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 1, 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. Councilors Lisa Collier, Patty Bufford, Pearl Sturm, Marty Hamilton, Mayor Teresa Sajonia, Public Works Supervisor Levi Tickner, and City Recorder Belinda Buswell, recording.
2. **REPORTS:**
  - A. **Police Report** – Sheriff Dept.: Deputy Neil Rogers – (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)
  - E. **Public Works Report** – Levi Tickner – Liquivision cleaned the Water Treatment plant tank. The roads were dust abated, refinished benches, trimmed trees around the road signs. Traffic control for CJDs, SEE RECORDING
  - E. **Committee Reports** –
    - **Community Center Committee** – Patty Bufford/Raider Heck – Patty started inventory on the kitchen and found the pan information to order steamer pans. Raider – We can take note on the new flooring, door jams are fixed, kitchen door has a new stripping to repel the water outside. Will start outside tomorrow.
    - **Zoning Ordinance Review Task Force Committee** – Raider Heck- We haven't met since the last meeting between juggling schedules.
    - **Main Street Committee** – Teresa Sajonia/Raider Heck/Becky Rushton – **see recording**
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
  - a) **Scott Lanier (601 S Lake)** – Does the City get paid for the work when employees get pulled away to help with the CJDs activities.
  - b) **Kathy Norman (810 N Lake)** – I would like clarification on our policing in Joseph. We were burglarized over the CJDs and we feel we were targeted. Fred Steen showed up but it was lazy at best. Mayor Sajonia – Fred Steen is a WC Sheriff Deputy and is under our Sheriff's contract. Kathy Norman – Can you explain the difference between a tax, a fee, and a resolution.
  - c) **Scott Lanier** –
  - d) **Raider Heck** –
  - e) **Kathy Bowen** – Telecommunication issues during CJDs, is there a temporary internet boost available.
  - f) **Matt Soots** – **See Recording**
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - a) **Census 2020 – Lynne Gross** – My job as the partnership specialist is to go out in the communities in Eastern Oregon and encourage people to get involved with the census. 2020 is the next decennial census. Our goal is to count everyone once, only once, and in the right location. Based on the count we get Federal money in the proportionate amount according to population and stats accurately. Each state gets one representative and then the rest are set by

population. Joseph in particular, the County population is 7081, City of Joseph population is 1101. See Appendix E for Census information.

## **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a) **Resolution 2019-12 Creating a Marijuana Monies Sub-Fund** – Councilor Bufford made a motion to approve the Resolution 2019-12, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Sturm, motion passed 4-0 with Councilor Lisa Collier recusing herself from the vote.
- b) **Resolution 2019-14 Credit Card User Fee** – Mayor Sajonia made a motion to approve the Resolution 2019-14, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Bufford, motion passed 4-0 with Councilor Lisa Collier recusing herself from the vote.
- c) **Grant Process** – Mayor Sajonia made a motion is to put a freeze on the grant program for a period of five years in order to make upgrades for our park. Motion passed 3-2 with Councilors Sajonia, Bufford, and Sturm voting in favor and Councilors Hamilton and Collier opposing the moratorium of the grant program.
  - i. **Public comment** – Raider Heck – see recording

## **6. ACTION ITEMS** – Larry Braden

- a) **Folk School wood on City right of way** – Met with owner and moved rocks and wood.
- b) **RV concerns on East St. between 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>** – We sent out a certified letter today on that issue and wait for a response within 10 days.
- c) **The Place Parking** – Signs were installed by the Methodist church on the lot to improve the parking lot instructions.
- d) **Website – Committee is Mayor Sajonia and Councilor Collier and they will be taking Facebook and the City of Joseph Internet.**

## **7. CONSENT AGENDA**

The items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and all will be adopted by one motion unless a councilor 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) *Anderson Perry Engineering Update Meeting July, 11, 2019*
- b) *Regular Meeting July 11, 2019*

Motion was made by Councilor Bufford to approve the consent agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Collier. Vote passed 4-0 with Councilor Sturm abstaining due to absent for most of the meeting.

## **8. STAFF ITEMS**

- a) **Larry Braden** –
- b) **Belinda Buswell** –

## **9. COUNCILORS' and MAYOR'S ITEMS**

- a) **Councilor Tanya Collier** – Absent
- b) **Councilor Lisa Collier** – Stated she had some selfish requests: One to put signage at the top of Main street and 10<sup>th</sup> to reduce the risk of traffic accidents. She also requested a stop sign on 10<sup>th</sup> coming from the West side of the lake.
- c) **Councilor Patty Bufford** – Stated she has been silent long enough that her complaints were originally presented in 2017 and ignored. She requested that Joseph Avenue that runs in front of her house be blocked, signage be changed from McCully to Joseph Avenue, and complained about the speeding around the curve.
- d) **Councilor Sturm** – Car parked for sale across from Community Bank-
- e) **Councilor Hamilton** – Cross walk by Community Bank, Update on Junk Ordinance
- f) **Mayor Sajonia** – Mayor Pro-Tem- I would like to make a motion to make Councilor Sturm Mayor Pro-Tem. Motion passed unanimously.

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Letter – Judy Kinsley
- b) Letter – Kathy Bingham

**11. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**12. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT** Motion was made to adjourn by Councilor Bufford 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Collier . Motion passed unanimously at :pm.

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Teresa Sajonia, Mayor

Attested:

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Belinda Buswell, Recorder

**Action Item-**

1. CJDs, Rodeo Board, Chamber meeting-Mayor, Larry,
2. ODOT put in a cross walk-Larry Braden
3. Junk ordinance update by Larry at next meeting
4. Collier-Top of Main and 10th
5. Collier- College and Lake Hwy
6. Bufford- Joseph/McCully wants it blocked off
7. Bufford- Signage on Joseph/McCully