

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF HEPPNER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HEPPNER CITY HALL, 111 N. MAIN STREET, HEPPNER, OREGON
7:00 PM August 11, 2014**

NOTE: Where stated "Motion Carried" is considered unanimous, unless otherwise stated.

ATTENDEES:

**Mayor, Joe Perry
City Manager, Kim Cutsforth
Corey Sweeney
John Bowles
Joann Burleson
Rusty Estes
Chad Doherty
Skip Matthews
Phillip Spicer Kuhn, City Attorney**

Absent: Judy Buschke, Dale Bates

Members of the Public: Dave Sykes, Judy Healy, Deanna Koerner, Carolyn McDaniel, and Jay Keithley.

1. GENERAL BUSINESS.

A. Call to Order. The August 11, 2014 meeting of the City of Heppner City Council was called to order by Mayor Joe Perry at 7:00 PM.

B. Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Joe Perry led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

C. Announcements - None

D. Correspondence – Letter from Carolyn McDaniel.

Carolyn McDaniel handed out a letter she had written to the Council. She is upset that the changes to the sidewalk in front of her house on Water Street have not been completed. She stated that she has had no contact from the City regarding the work for over 10 months. Chad Doherty said that the work can be scheduled for the week of August 25th. Kim Cutsforth said that she has sent emails to Carolyn regarding the project.

E. Requests – None

F. Presentations – None

2. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC. - None

3. CONSENT AGENDA.

- A. July 14, 2014 City Council meeting minutes.
- B. Monthly Financial Statement
- C. Approval of Monthly Bills

Action: Motion by JoAnn Burleson to accept the consent agenda with corrections. Seconded by Skip Matthews. Motion Carried.

4. REPORTS.

A. Fire Chief Rusty Estes reported the following for July:

- 4 Wild land fires
- 2 False Alarms
- 4 Secure Landing Zones
- 3 Motor Vehicle Accidents
- 1 Structure fire in City limits
- 1 Tractor fire
- 1 Lift Assist
- 1 Mutual aid to Lone Fire Department
- 1 Mutual aid outside the District

B. Morrow County Sheriff's Department – John Bowles reported 367 Deputy hours for July. The new format for the police report is more detailed and lengthy, so he did not read the report, but asked if there were any questions regarding the report.

C. Housing Authority. Judy Buschke was absent. The minutes from the last meeting were included in the Council packet. They are currently looking for a Manager and a Maintenance person.

D. Public Works. Chad Doherty reported the following:

Water Dept. – Replaced a 2" meter for the Grade School irrigation. Well 2 quit working and it was determined that it needed a new fuse. The fuse was replaced. Completed the water Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). We sent it in to the state and City Hall sent out the report to the consumers.

Sewer Dept. – Cleaned contact basins at sewer plant, twice. Painted the guard/hand rail at the sewer plant. Cleaned the sewer line on South Court St and on Center St.

Streets Dept. – The City crew painted the fire lane curb on Hager St. Public Works pulled the kosha around the new swale on Sperry St. Changed brooms on the street sweeper and swept twice. Put up a school zone sign at the bottom of the hill on Morgan St. Sprayed weeds around town. The City crew placed stop bars on Quaid and Center Streets. Placed down new handicapped parking signs in the handicapped parking spots. Put down new river rock for the Freedom tree.

Parks Dept. – The parks Department trimmed trees at Hager Park. The City crew moved 3 barbeques from Hager Park to City Park. Repaired an irrigation valve that wasn't getting closed all the way. Mowed Weeds at Shobe Corral. Put in a handrail at Hager Park. Fertilized the hanging baskets on Main Street 3 times. The crew sprayed for broad leaf at Hager and City parks.

The 4-wheeler had some repair work done. The Dump Truck had an air leak and was repaired at Woodpecker trucking.

Corey Sweeney asked when the City was going to plant grass around the new Basketball court. Kim Cutsforth told him that this was a Park District project and not a City project.

D. City Manager. Kim Cutsforth reported the following:

- 1) Frank and Al Osmin brought in and placed nine rocks for the talking rock project. Joann Burleson, Charles Ferguson and Kim followed them through town. We hope to have some of the plaques in place in the next few weeks. With a goal for all of them in by Labor Day Weekend.
- 2) Applied for a Healthy Community Grant from Good Shepherd Hospital. If we receive the grant, the money will be used to purchase Water Bottle Fillers (water fountains) for our parks and several bike racks for Main Street.
- 3) Attended the Mayor Manager meeting in Lexington. Most of the discussion was about the Marijuana Moratorium and related land use issues.

- 4) Hager Street was crack and chip sealed. JAL Construction will be striping and finishing up the last small details of the POM beautification project before the end of this week.
- 5) Kim Met with Mitch Ferguson about Jack Robinson and Sons regarding some of the problems with the Water Street project that are still not taken care of. There were some drainage issues, a problem with a manhole, also the changes at Carolyn McDaniel's home. This project is not closed yet. Once the project is closed the City has a one year warranty on this project. The City will give Jack Robinson 60 more days to respond and then we may need to go after their Bond.
- 6) Met with The Army Cop of Engineers for a preliminary lease inspection. The City was given written permission to replace the plywood handicapped ramp at the Hager Park Restroom with a concrete ramp. Public Works is scheduled to do this.
- 7) Continuing to work on nuisance abatement issues. We have had above average success with problem properties this summer.
- 8) Will be attending a FEMA training for flood plain management in Eugene from September 8 – September 12. Due to this Kim will not be able to attend the September City Council meeting.

5. BUSINESS

A. OLD BUSINESS

1. Hager Park Sports Court

Bob Kilkenny has requested to increase the size of the Sports Court that he is putting in at Hager Park. He wants to expand it from a 30' X 40' to a 30' X 50" court. It will have a basketball hoop at each end. The contractor will not be doing the striping on the court.

Action: Motion to approve a change from 30' X 40' to a 30' X 50' Sports Court at Hager Park by Skip Matthews. Seconded by Corey Sweeney. Motion Carried.

B. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Water Rights for Osmin Well

Al Osmin has requested to use an irrigation well that is close to 2 of the City's wells. Oregon Law States that private irrigation wells within 5 miles of City wells cannot be used for irrigation. A geologist did a study and determined that the well is not on the same aquifer as the City Wells. Council approval is needed to allow the City Manager to write a letter to the State stating that the City of Heppner has no opposition to Al Osmin using the well for irrigation as it does not impact the City's water supply.

Action: Motion for Council approval for the City Manager to write a letter to the State stating that the City of Heppner has no opposition to Al Osmin using the irrigation Well by Corey Sweeney. Seconded by Joann Burleson. Motion Carried.

7. MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETINGS. For information only

8. REPORT FROM CITY ATTORNEY.

The City Attorney had no report for the month of July.

9. REPORT FROM MAYOR, CITY COUNCILORS. - None

10. ADJOURNMENT. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.