

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF HEPPNER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HEPPNER CITY HALL, 111 N. MAIN STREET, HEPPNER, OREGON
7:00 PM August 10, 2015**

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

ATTENDEES:

**Mayor, Skip Matthews
City Manager, Kim Cutsforth
Corey Sweeney
Adam Doherty
Dale Bates
John Bowles
Joann Burleson
Bill Kuhn, City Attorney
Teresa Bedortha**

Absent: Chad Doherty, Rusty Estes

Members of the Public: Mary Evans, Josey Evans, Joe Perry and Deanna Koerner.

1. GENERAL BUSINESS.

- A. Call to Order. The August 10, 2015 meeting of the City of Heppner City Council was called to order by Mayor Skip Matthews at 7:00 PM.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Skip Matthews led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- C. Announcements –None
- D. Correspondence-None
- E. Requests – Animal Permit

Discussion: Josey Evans is requesting an animal permit to keep 2 lambs at 565 Jones Street in Heppner.

Motion to approve an animal permit for Josey Evans for two lambs by: Adam Doherty.
Seconded by: Joann Burleson. Motion Carried.
- F. Presentations - None

2. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC. None

3. CONSENT AGENDA.

- A. July 13, 2015, 2015 City Council meeting minutes.
- B. Monthly Financial Statement
- C. Approval of Monthly Bills

Action: Motion to approve the consent agenda by: Joann Burleson. Seconded by: Teresa Bedortha. Motion carried.

4. REPORTS.

- A. Fire Chief Report – Corey Sweeney read the Fire Chief report.

- 3 Rural Wild land fires
- 4 Motor Vehicle Accidents
- 3 Secure Landing Zone
- 1 False Alarm
- 30 Chief Calls

- B. Morrow County Sheriff's Department – John Bowles read the hours report and asked if there were any questions. Skip Matthews asked how the Ruckus in the Boonies went. John said it seemed to go well and that there were not any problems or complaints.

- C. Public Works. Dale Bates read the Public Works report.

Water Dept. – Cleaned around Reservoir 2 for the building replacement. Removed an old fire hydrant on Gilmore Street. Patched a water leak on Canon Street. Replaced two water meter registers and two water meters.

Sewer Dept. – Cleaned the contact basins at the Sewer plant twice. Raised a sewer manhole on the corner of Gilmore and Hager Street.

Streets Dept. – Fixed pot holes on West Church and Morgan Street. Repaired the water pump on the street sweeper. Took down the booth for the fireworks display. Changed the brooms on the street sweeper. Trimmed the trees on Main Street. The city crew began the process of widening the street on Gilmore. Hung the Rodeo Banners.

Parks Dept. – Trimmed the arborvitaes at Hager Park. Fertilized the hanging baskets four times.

Skip Matthews asked about the Courthouse project. Kim said that Morrow County is going to pave several feet in to the City right of way. It is a pretty big project. The Public Works crew has been working very hard. Paving will start next week. It will be very nice when it is completed.

Dale Bates asked if there was a job opening on the Public Works crew. Kim said that we did have an employee resign. There was an application on file from Caleb McDaniel, who worked as summer help previously. He was offered the job and accepted it.

D. City Manager. Kim Cutsforth reported the following:

1. Kim prepared and submitted a Grant application to ODOT for the Special City Allotment.
2. Rusty and Kim met with David Lorenzen from CK3 to discuss the feasibility study for the planned fire hall.
3. Kim attended CIS training in Pendleton. To learn about updates for the City's health insurance.
4. Kim met with Representative Greg Smith to discuss the results of the latest legislative session and the impacts that they may have on our community. The Transportation funds decision is tabled until February 2016. If this is approved the City would have enough funding to pave Gale Street.
5. The City hosted a League of Oregon Cities small city meeting. Thirty city officials from North East Oregon attended. Our community received a number of compliments.
6. Kim completed the land use packets for Morrow County Planning. This will allow the City to request a conditional use and a replat of the lot that is being donated by MCGG.
7. Bill Kuhn introduced Kim to the Bond Counsel. Gulgun Mersereau of Hawkins, Delafield and Wood LLP. They began the process of placing the Fire Hall Bond measure for the November ballot.
8. The Heppner Rural Fire Protection District agreed to a support joint bond measure between the City and the Rural Fire District.
9. Finalized paving plans with the County Road Department for Gilmore Street.
10. Continued to work on nuisance abatement issues.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS- None

6. BUSINESS

A. OLD BUSINESS - None

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 880-15, A Resolution Calling a Measure Election to Submit to the Electors of the City the Question of Authorizing up to \$585,000 of General Obligation Bonds to Finance a Fire Hall; Declaring Intent to Reimburse Expenditures; and Related matters.

Discussion: The Heppner Fire Department and The Rural Fire Department will each seek a bond for the construction of the Fire Hall. This will be two separate bonds. Both bonds will have to pass in order for this to succeed. This Resolution authorizes the City to put the measure on the November ballot.

Motion to approve Resolution 880-15, A Resolution Calling a Measure Election to Submit to the Electors of the City the Question of Authorizing up to \$585,000 of General Obligation Bonds to Finance a Fire Hall; Declaring Intent to Reimburse Expenditures; and Related matters by Corey Sweeney. Seconded by Joann Burleson. Motion Carried.

2. Discuss Marijuana Local Option Opt out.

Discussion: Cities in Oregon where Measure 91 did not pass by more than 55% of the vote now have the option to opt out of allowing Recreational Marijuana to be sold, produced, processed, or commercially grown. The city will receive taxes based on population for the year 2016 and 2017 if we don't opt out. After that the revenue is based on the number of dispensaries and other facilities. The revenues are restricted to use for law enforcement. If the City were to opt out the City will receive no tax revenue. The vote in Heppner was 65% opposed to recreational Marijuana. Because the measure's provisions relating to home use are likely to have an impact on law enforcement statewide, including jurisdictions that might lack a licensee, and given the ambiguity in the measure's apparent restriction on the use of tax revenues, The League of Oregon Cities intends to pursue corrective legislation that would ensure more adequate and unrestricted funding for local governments. The City has to have an ordinance in place by December 22, 2015 if it wants to opt out.

The Council has decided to do some research on this for further discussion.

7. MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETINGS. For information only

8. REPORT FROM CITY ATTORNEY. – They have been working on the Fire Hall Bond issue, the deadline to get on the ballot is August 14th.

9. REPORT FROM MAYOR, CITY COUNCILORS. - None

10. ADJOURNMENT. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.