

CITY OF FOSSIL
COUNCIL MEETING
FAMILY SERVICES BUILDING
JANUARY 10, 2012

Mayor Lorts called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Council present: Jack Lorts, Roger Morehead, Tom McNeill, Angi Humphreys and Lyn Craig.

Staff present: Teresa Hunt, Rick Shaffer and Bill Potter

Community present: Jerry Beckham and Peggy Williams

Guest present: Deputy Mike Garibay

Roger Morehead moved, Tom McNeill seconded: to approve the minutes from the December meeting as written. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Tom McNeill moved, Lyn Craig seconded: to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS

LIBRARY

There are some issues with the operation of the Sage program in the Library. The issues seem to stem from incorrect usage of the program. So Libraries of Eastern Oregon is going to have someone do some training with the librarian at the Fossil Library.

MUSEUM

The Museum is closed for the winter.

WING-LEHMAN FENCE ISSUE

On Tuesday, the 3rd of January, 2012, Deputy Garibay, Public Works Director Rick Shaffer and Public Works Laborer Bill Potter set up a transit to measure the approved 6 foot height of the fences from the curb level. The fences were measured and marked so that Mr. Lehman and Ms. Wing could lower them to the correct height.

The council noted and states that they are pleased with the progress that is being made on Mr. Lehman's and Ms. Wing's fences in lowering the height in order to be in compliance with the zoning ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. and Mrs. William Lyle stated in a letter addressed to the city council that they are planning to replace the old house at 48500 Hwy 19 with a new one in the next couple of years and sometime in the future plan to live here full time. That being said, the water supply to the old house from the city is not adequate.

This residence is just inside the city limit boundary and is the only residence located past the city shop on highway 19. This property is an 80 acre parcel that is zoned Farm Use.

The Lyle's request permission to drill a well on their property and use it for their domestic water rather than hooking up to the city's water supply.

The council considered the following facts: that since this residence sits approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile past the city shop, a new service would have to be installed, the cost of the new service and maintenance, and the fact that this is zoned farm use and the city does not have an excess of water for stock, field, etc..

Tom McNeill moved, Roger Morehead seconded: that the Lyle family has permission to drill a well on their property at 48500 Hwy 19 for domestic use for a new residence and farm use. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

STAFF REPORTS

The council and Mr. Shaffer discussed his availability to the city in a consultant capacity after his retirement April 1st, 2012 to oversee the water and waste water testing and other issues until such time as Mr. Shaffer's replacement can be certified.

The council agreed to pay health insurance premiums thru Cobra for Mr. Shaffer thru September of 2013 in lieu of his receiving any sick leave time pay out in exchange for his consultant activities.

The Public Works Director position was posted and advertised with in the city's current employees per our policy handbook and two applicants have applied: Mr. Harold Dunning and Mr. William Potter.

The council set interviews for Wednesday January 18th , 2012 starting at 7:00pm. The interviews will be held at city hall.

COMMUNITY

Deputy Garibay purchased three Crime Watch signs.

Deputy Garibay and Mr. Shaffer will be placing these signs in the next few days.

The city thanks the sheriffs department for the signs and for Deputy Garibay's presence at the council meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm

Jack Lorts, Mayor

Teresa Hunt, City Recorder