

CITY OF FOSSIL
COUNCIL MEETING
FAMILY SERVICES BUILDING
FEBRUARY 14, 2012

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

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

Council absent: Lyn Craig

Staff present: Teresa Hunt, City Recorder; Bill Potter, Public Works

Guest: Mike Springer, Benchmark Land Surveying; Deputy Mike Garibay; and Kendal Derby

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

The librarian has received additional training for using the Sage program.

The city has spent a fair sum on purchasing books, jacket covers, and the bubble padded envelopes to send books back and forth to other libraries participating in the Sage program.

Councilor Humphreys stated that it would be nice if we purchased books on CD also, not just the hardbacks, and suggested that the library chair consider placing either an article in the newspaper or perhaps simply a poster listing items that individuals could donate to help defray library costs (i. e. bubble envelopes, books on CD, movies DVD and/or VHS tape).

The Museum board requests that the council re-appoint Darlene Hopper, Cistie Shaffer, Sue McClure and Marilyn Garcia to the board, and to appoint Pat Hyatt, Randa Liston and Linda Dunn to the empty seats on the board.

Angi Humphreys moved, Tom McNeill seconded: to appoint Darlene Hopper, Cistie Shaffer, Sue McClure, Marilyn Garcia, Pat Hyatt, Randa Liston and Linda Dunn as the Museum Board. Motion carried by unanimous decision.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Springer with Benchmark Land Surveying, stated to the council that back on September 10th, 1912 the city council at that time authorized County Surveyor H.F.L. Heidtmann to conduct a survey of "A" Street. The council's direction to the Mr. Heidtmann was to modify the width of "A" Street from 75 feet to 66 feet between Washington and Waite Streets. This survey was completed and recorded as County Survey No. 283. Following completion of the survey, the City Council noted in the minutes of its January 13, 1913 meeting that the report of the Heidtmann survey was taken up, read, and adopted. But there was no mention of vacation of the right-of-way. Subsequent to 1913 Assessors maps and surveys within this area of the City of Fossil have continued to show "A" Street at 75 feet of width. The City of Fossil's attorney has determined that the action in 1913 was not sufficient to vacate the right-of-way. This history and renewed scrutiny of the "A" Street right-of-way has come up as part of a partition being undertaken in Block 7, of Kennedy's Addition.

Mr. Springer is requesting from the council to consider vacating 4.5 feet of right-of-way on each side of "A" Street from Washington to Waite Streets, which will reduce the street width from 75 feet to 66 feet. Mr. Springer further states states that a case can be made that Heidtmann's survey should be treated as a replat of Kennedy's 1st and 2nd additions. Not only did Heidtmann's survey show the changed width of "A" Street, it also shows new dimensions of the School House property and changes in Main Street and First Street.

Roger Morehead moved, Angi Humphreys seconded: to move forward with the procedure to finish the vacating of 4.5 feet each side of "A" Street to change the width of said street to 66 feet instead of 75 feet. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Hunt stated that the contract had been received from Oster Professional Group to do the audit for the 2011-2012 fiscal year ending June 30, 2012.

Tom McNeill moved, Angi Humphreys seconded: to accept the contract with Oster Professional Group to do the audit for the City of Fossil for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012.

Ms. Hunt also noted that the sidewalk on the east side of the Timber Wolf Cafe is in very bad shape and that two people have taken serious falls and have been injured.

Ms. Hunt is requesting that the bad concrete at least be removed to prevent the possibility of any further injury to anyone.

Roger Morehead moved, Angi Humphreys seconded: to have Bill Potter and Rick Shaffer remove concrete sidewalk on the east side of the Timber Wolf Café and lay down gravel at this time until a decision is made as to how to put in a new sidewalk. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Councilor Humphreys stated that she believes the city should not simply leave the gravel, but that when the weather warms up, council should look into either replacing the sidewalk or discussing with the café owners an alternative.

PUBLIC WORKS

The lift station located on 1st Street is going to need the meters replaced. Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Potter are checking prices and options at this time.

MAYOR/COUNCIL

Councilor Humphreys discussed having a city wide clean up day. More discussion will take place at the March meeting.

Councilor Morehead has received numerous complaints about horses being kept in town with too many horses in too small of areas. The Council will be checking into what can be done for these animals.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm

Jack Lorts, Mayor

Teresa Hunt, City Recorder