

**CITY OF FOSSIL
COUNCIL MEETING
FAMILY SERVICES BUILDING
JULY 10, 2012**

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

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

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

Community present: Ann Mitchell, Christine Smith, Judy Fessler, Bonnie Williams, Alissa Hill, Launa Wing and Deputy Garibay.

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

Lyn Craig moved, Angi Humphreys seconded: to approve the minutes from the June 12th budget hearing as written. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Library Assistant, Bonnie Williams reported that she feels she needs more training on the Sage program. Ms. Williams also showed the council the library card that we now have that is given to patrons that works in conjunction with the Sage program.

The Museum board reported that the exterior window and door frames were painted.

The council has scheduled a work session for July 26th at noon at City Hall to discuss the livestock ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

Roger Morehead moved, Tom McNeill seconded: to adopt A Resolution for the Special City Allotment. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Potter reported that the Washington Street Well (Cemetery Well) is only pumping 80 gallons of water per minute. This is a drastic drop from the previous 160 gallons per minute.

After discussion the decision was made to put up notices stating water restrictions as follows: People who want to irrigate on the East side of Main Street may do so on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 6am to 9am and from 6pm to 9pm. People residing on the West side of Main Street can irrigate Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6am to 9am and 6pm to 9pm. Absolutely no outside water usage on Sunday.

Mr. Potter requested permission to purchase an Ecology block from Sharon Nickerson to be placed at the fire hydrants at the Fossil Motel. Council agreed unanimously.

Mr. Potter reported that he had put out a pallet and a half of road patch and request permission to purchase a couple more pallets. Council agreed unanimously.

MAYOR/COUNCIL

A big thank you to Sherian Asher, Roger Morehead, Mary Mountain, Peggy Williams, Christine Smith and all the other folks who have worked so hard to establish a Senior Meal Site again in Fossil.

Councilor Humphreys reported that the Parks Program has only 4 students signed up at this time for the swim lessons which started Monday July 9th.

Councilor Craig stated that she was told the fire siren is not always working properly, that it does not always tone out the fire department like it is supposed to. This issue needs fixed immediately.

COMMUNITY ISSUES/CONCERNS

Judy Fessler stated that the work on the heritage trail will be starting right after the Wheeler County Fair week is over and that the work crew will need water available for the trail preparation.

Mrs. Fessler also requested permission to use the old cable TV poles that are still up around various locations in town for fence posts for the heritage trail. The council did not see this would be an issue but Mrs. Fessler needs to check with Steve Conlee.

Christine Smith reported that she has been working on the City website and that it is well underway.

Ms. Smith also reported that the Fossil Community Action Group had their first outdoor movie night and it was a huge success. The next movie night is scheduled for July 27th.

Ann Mitchell reported that she has entered into a lease agreement with Mr. Fielding at the Fossil Motel and is now operating that business.

The council received letters from concerned citizens in the community on two different issues:

The first issue is the parking of the shuttle vehicles on city right-of-ways and congesting the streets to the point normal traffic cannot hardly get thru, and parking the shuttle vehicles on private property in residential zones.

The council is working on a proposal to mow a lot out at the Industrial Park and offer this to the different individuals in town who do the shuttling of vehicles. If the council does do this there will be no more shuttle vehicles allowed parked on city right-of-ways and on private property in residential zones.

The second issue is the horses at 616 "A" Street, to many horses in to small an area, the smell and the flies are becoming an issue; and goats that are being staked out at different locations and these goats are getting loose and causing damage to trees, shrubs, and getting on vehicles that do not belong to the owner.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9pm.

Jack Lorts, Mayor

Teresa Hunt, City Recorder