

August 10, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Nora Aspy: Present

Present Council Members: Gene Zachary, Jean Fennern, Alan Hanley,

Absent: Khris Lorence, Brandon Janes

City Recorder: Salli Hysell - Present

Public Works operator: Todd Robinette – absent

Public Attendance: Gail Kimberling (Hells Canyon Journal reporter), see sign in sheet in minutes book

1. Open: 6:21 PM, Pledge of Allegiance done at first Land Use Hearing

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: for the 7/13/2023 Regular Council Meeting

Motion made by: Gene Zachary to approve minutes as written

Seconded by: Jean Fennern

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3. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Written by Todd Robinette, given by Salli Hysell. It mentioned a leak in the water main under the motel parking lot, looking for funds to assist with leaks in sewer mains mentioned previously, it also mentioned wellhouse alarming frequently for no reason and having a technician come out to figure out it was a battery issue.

4. FINANCIAL BUSINESS: (copies in minutes file) Gene Zachary asked about paymeny to Smokey Barn Creek Company, and Salli Hysell explained it was a move of the hydrant.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Nora Aspy read InterGovernmental Agreement in full, it was discussed. There was a suggestion by Commissioner Alderson that the mayor of Halfway schedule and go to a TLT (Transient Lodging Tax) meeting and ask for an increase before adoption of the IGA, then there was discussion of adopting this IGA then going to the meeting and changing the amounts if request was granted at that point. Gene Zachary mentioned that we could use more funds from the TLT funds to set up an informational kiosk to tell people of the history and current happenings in Halfway.

Motion made by: Jean Fennern to accept the InterGovernmental Agreement with the current \$3,000.00 per year amount

Seconded by: Gene Zachary

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6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Land Use Report: (done following 6E) Gene read documentation on things he had done throughout the month having to do with Land Use (he is the Land Use Ordinance Officer). Danielle Wagner asked for an extension for skirting on the RV at the Dillman property at 246 W Record St. as no-one else could come to this meeting.

Motion made by: Jean Fennern to allow a 30 day extension on Conditional Use for skirting until 9/15/23

Seconded by: Alan Hanley

Gene Zachary abstained due to long term friendship with land owner,

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2. Gene Zachary mentioned that we needed to schedule a special meeting regarding all properties encroaching onto Fir Street (a platted, not built street) inviting all land use owners who will be affected.

6. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

B. Halfway Mainstreet (Committee member explaining):

Debbie Lorence mentioned that there were a few locals on the Halfway Mainstreet committee and then spoke of the ideas for the flower pots around the flagpole on Main Street.

Motion made by: Alan Hanley to adopt flower pots around flag to include lighting for flag and water tank for watering flowers

Seconded by: Jean Fennern

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C. Discussion and possible voting on flower pot surrounding flag pole by bank: done with 6B and handed out flyers as invite for upcoming workshop

D. Discussion regarding homelessness requirements (Commissioner Alderson):

Commissioner Shane Alderson explained to council that the housing needs assessment (housing Quantity Analysis) should not be started yet as many of the bills began this season will negate each other and we would be able to get funds to assist with the assessment. He then explained what all of this meant in various scenarios.

There was brief discussion

E. Council Position open, possible filling: Jackelyn (Jackie) Jackson stated that She has been here in town for just over a year and planning to stay. Gene Zachary Asked why she wanted to be on council, to which she stated she wanted to know what was going on with the city and be able to help reach decisions.

Mark Christianson read a letter written to the city regarding the city council seat opening, he states he has been here for 14 years and wished to have the ability to help with making decisions regarding city issues so he would like a position on the city council.

Motion made by: Jean Fennern nominating Jackie to fill the open position and ask Mark to remain willing to fill open positions in the future.

Seconded by: Alan Hanley

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Jackie came back in to meeting and accepted the nomination, she will be sworn in before the meeting in September.

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F. ANY ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS: Kim Cegler read another letter she had written to council regarding the new Land Use and Development Ordinances. Council listened then the Mayor asked for the council to be given time to show they were willing to work with people who worked with us before changing things.

• **7. OLD BUSINESS**

A. **Food Truck Review:** Food truck is on private property and they do not wish to use the public rite of way any-more so did not need a permit. Letter needs sent.

B. **Noise Ordinance:** Holding until next month again

C. **ANY ADDITIONAL OLD BUSINESS:** There was no additional old business

• **8. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

Motion made by: Gene Zachary to adjourn this meeting.

Seconded by: Jean Fennern

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Meeting closed at 7:40 PM