

# HERMISTON CITY COUNCIL

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Goal Setting Retreat

January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016

City Manager Byron Smith called the Goal Setting Meeting to order at 9:05 am. Present were Mayor Drotzmann, Councilors Gutierrez, Primmer, Hardin, Davis, Beas-Fitzgerald, and Smith. Staff members in attendance were Mark Morgan, Chief Edmiston, Clint Spencer, Bill Schmittle, Roy Bicknell, Ron Sivey, Larry Fetter, Rose Emerson, Chuck Woolsey (arrived at 10:50 am), and Lilly Alarcon-Strong. Councilors Myers and Kirwan, and staff members Amy Palmer, Nate Rivera and Marie Baldo were excused.

Sara Singer from J Robertson and Company stated she will be leading the Council and staff in team building and other exercises to determine what the vision, values, and priorities are for Hermiston's future growth.

Per Sara's direction, the Council and staff split into different groups of three and four, with at least one Councilor in each group, to participate in team building challenges, exercises, and discussions. The team building exercises helped the groups brainstorm, build on each other's ideas, and work together to accomplish a common goal. After each exercise, a member from each group shared their thoughts and ideas with the entire room for further comment and discussion.

Vision and Values ranged from a clean, desirable community; transportation and opportunity hub; good infrastructure; inclusive, safe, affordable, happy, healthy and generous community with strong work ethics, to name a few.

Each staff member gave a brief overview of what their departments have been working on for the last year, and what is currently being worked on. Projects ranged from EOTEC, Hermiston's Branding effort, the GIS System, code enforcement, livability study, Art Plan, HURA, TSP update, public transportation, the Harkenrider Senior Center, Airport improvements, online access improvements for customers, infrastructure, new development, and more.

Council and staff were asked to rate their top priorities for Hermiston's future. Priorities that took the lead were EOTEC, Capital Improvements, TSP Master Plan, Park development, Downtown revitalization, Economic development, Conference Center and City Hall refurbishments. It was discussed that all of these priorities are being worked on by City staff and Hermiston's future is being led in the right direction.

There was no other business, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.