



HERMISTON CITY COUNCIL

180 NE 2nd Street – Hermiston, OR 97838

Regular Meeting

January 11th, 2016

A G E N D A

COUNCIL/CITY MANAGER WORK SESSION-6:00PM

Budget Preview

Parks and Recreation

Public Transit

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER– 7:00 pm
2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM
3. FLAG SALUTE
4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITIONS
5. CITIZEN INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (Anyone wishing to bring anything before the council that is not on the agenda is asked to please do the following: 1. Limit discussion to not more than FIVE minutes; 2. State your name and address; 3. Direct your comments to the Mayor.)
6. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A) Minutes of the December 28th, regular City Council meeting.
 - B) Minutes of the December 2nd, Airport Advisory Committee meeting.

Action – Motion to approve consent agenda items. Roll Call
7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA
8. PUBLIC HEARINGS
9. RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES
10. OTHER
11. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A) City Committees and Liaison: Airport Advisory, Budget, Hispanic Advisory, Library Board, Parks & Recreation, Planning Commission, Recreation Projects Fund, Faith-Based Advisory Committee, Community Enhancement Committee, Public Safety Committee, Public Infrastructure Committee.

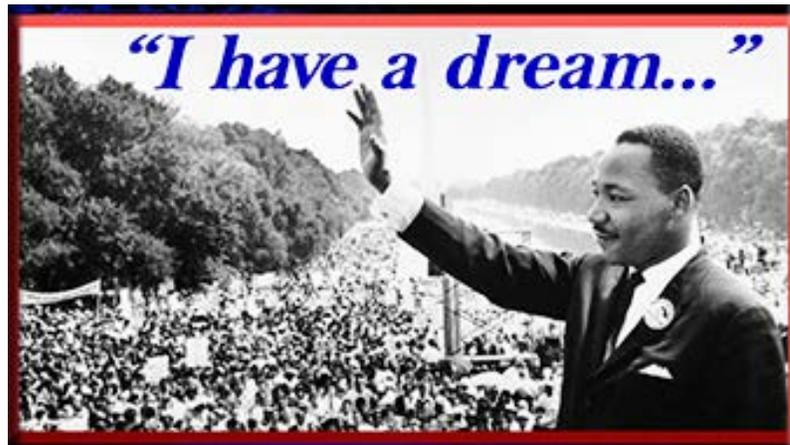
B) Mayor's Report –

C) Council Report –

D) Manager's Report –

12. ADJOURNMENT

<u>UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS</u>		
At City Hall unless otherwise specified		
Jan 11	6:00 pm	City Council Work Session
Jan 11	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Jan 13	4:00pm – 6:00pm	Livable Hermiston Community Event (Library)
Jan 13	7:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting
Jan 14	5:30pm	Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
Jan 18	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY	
Jan 19	7:00 pm	Hispanic Advisory Committee Meeting
Jan 20	5:30pm	Community Enhancement Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
Jan 22	7:00 <u>am</u>	EOTEC Meeting (Stafford Hansell Government Center)
Jan 25	6:00 pm	City Council Work Session
Jan 25	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Jan 27	4:00pm	Library Board Meeting (Library)



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Mayor Dave Drotzmann called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Councilors Hardin, Gutierrez, Smith, Kirwan, and Primmer. Councilors Davis, Myers, and Beas-Fitzgerald were excused. Staff members in attendance were City Manager Smith, Chief Edmiston, Larry Fetter, Clint Spencer, Heather LaBeau, Judge Creasing, Ron Sivey, Amy Palmer, and Lilly Alarcon-Strong. News media present was Michael Kane of Northeast Oregon Now. The pledge of allegiance was given.

Citizen Input on Non-Agenda Items

Payton Hobbs 1150 S. Hwy 395 Apt J-112, stated he has evidence that will convict the Courts in Hermiston of perjury and treason. The courts have also been following him for over 400 days, and then trying to cover it up. Mr. Hobbs stated he will be suing the City for \$100,000.00 as the City has been controlling him since he was 5 years old through ESP. Mr. Hobbs stated he has been in contact with the NSA, and is also suing the FBI, as they are allowing studio rappers in Hermiston to control the courts and people, and having them sell drugs. These people are called the Mafia Leaders. Mr. Hobbs stated he also writes music for Taylor Swift, Tupac, Drake, Nicki Minaj, Snoop Dogg and others.

Consent Items

Councilor Kirwan moved and Councilor Gutierrez seconded to approve the Consent Agenda items with the exception of item A) Minutes of the Regular City Council Minutes, to include:

1. Minutes of the November 30th, Public Infrastructure Committee meeting.
2. Initiate annexation and direct staff to schedule public hearings of .45 acres of land located at 260 E Theater Lane.
3. November Expenditures

Motion carried unanimously.

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

Councilor Kirwan moved and Councilor Smith seconded to approve Consent Agenda item A) Minutes of the Regular City Council Minutes with an amendment to Page 3, Res. No. 2005, correcting the minutes to state 3 votes for; 5 votes against. Motion carried unanimously.

Amend the definition of “Dwelling, Multi-Family” in section 157.002 definitions of Title XV, Chapter 157: Zoning of the Hermiston Code of Ordinances.

Hearing no potential conflicts of interest, Mayor Drotzmann opened the hearing at 7:05 pm.

City Planner Clint Spencer stated the Ordinance that will be presented later in the meeting is to change the definition of “Dwelling, Multi-Family” to include multiple two family dwellings on a single lot. Developers would like to build duplexes on a single lot and under the current code are unable to do so. This would also clean up language in the R2 and R3 zoning standards.

There were no Proponents or Opponents who wished to address the Council, and the hearing was closed at 7:11 pm.

City Planner Clint Spencer outlined the finding of fact to the Council as prepared in the Agenda Packet.

Councilor Kirwan moved and Councilor Primmer seconded to approve the findings of fact as written. Motion carried unanimously.

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Ord. No. 2235 - Amend the definition of “Dwelling, Multi-Family” in section 157.002 definitions of Title XV, Chapter 157: Zoning of the Hermiston Code of Ordinances.

City Manager Smith stated information regarding ordinance 2235 was presented earlier during the public hearing.

Mayor Drotzmann requested that the first reading be by title only. Hearing no opposition, City Manager Smith read the ordinance by title only. Mayor Drotzmann requested that the ordinance be put on for final adoption at this meeting and that the second reading be by title only. After City Manager Smith read the ordinance by title only for the second reading, Councilor Kirwan moved and Councilor Gutierrez seconded that Ordinance 2235 be adopted tonight and be effective 30 days after its passage by City Council. 5 votes for; none against. Motion carried unanimously.

Res. No. 2010- A resolution to adopt the revised financial policies for the City and supersedes Res. 1969.

– was read and discussed. Finance Director Amy Palmer gave a brief presentation on the adopted written financial policies and the documents that provide for an annual review to ensure continued relevance and to identify any gaps that should be addressed with the new policies. Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Kirwan seconded to approve Resolution No. 2010 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

Res. No. 2011- A resolution to re-adopt the City’s investment policies supersedes Res. 1968

- was read and discussed. Finance Director Amy Palmer gave a brief presentation on the City’s investment policy. Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Smith seconded to approve Resolution No. 2011 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

Res. No. 2012– A resolution establishing the Ridgeway site for the Harkenrider Center

- was read and discussed. Parks and Recreation Director Larry Fetter gave a brief presentation regarding the series of actions to support the Harkenrider Center and its preferred location, the Aspen property. The City’s offer was rejected by the Aspen property owners and to keep the project on schedule, it is imperative that the second preferred location, on Ridgeway, be secured as soon as possible.

Virgina Beebe 1368 Pendleton OR, asked that the Council please listen to what the seniors want, make it senior friendly, and make it a one-story facility that is easy to access.

Perry Hawkins 29560 Minnehaha Rd, stated he has been involved with this process for the last 2 ½ years. During this time frame, he has seen that input from the senior citizen is not being considered. The City has called the new senior center the Hermiston Activity Center with a contract that excludes the seniors after the initial 5 years. Mr. Hawkins stated the Senior Board made it very clear to the City Council that they did not want the Senior Center named, but City Manager Smith and Mayor Drotzmann stated they didn’t care what the seniors wanted, they were going to do it anyways. Mr. Hawkins stated he knows the Aspen owners, and they told him they received a letter in the mail giving them 5 days to respond to the City’s offer, but they received the letter on the 6th day and the City would not negotiate with them. Mr. Hawkins stated most of the seniors do not want the facility on the Ridgeway site, although a member of their board did get signatures from main street business owners stating they wanted the Senior Center on Ridgeway to revitalize downtown, it won’t help revitalize downtown. Mr. Hawkins stated the City should try to negotiate with the Aspen property owners as this is the best property for

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the seniors and for future expansion. Most of the seniors do not trust the City as they are making decisions based on political gain. Mr. Hawkins asked that the Council make the Senior Center a place that the seniors will want to go and that they will be proud of.

Councilor Gutierrez stated he remembers a Senior Center Board Member coming to one of the City Council meetings and asking the City Council to name the Senior Center the Harkenrider Center, so that is what the City Council did.

Mr. Hawkins stated Mayor Drotzmann went to the Senior Center Board and stated he didn't care what they wanted he was going to name it the Harkenrider Center. Naming the building after Margaret Thorp would have been better as she has been involved with the Senior Center for over 30 years. The Senior Center should have remained just a senior center not an activity center.

Mayor Drotzmann stated he never went to the seniors and told them he didn't care what they wanted he was going to name the Senior Center the Harkenrider Center; he went there and asked them to consider naming it the Harkenrider Center, and there are witnesses who were at the meeting who can testify to this fact.

Ken May 1410 D&L Lane, asked what the IFA agreement states with respects to the School District.

Parks and Recreation Director Larry Fetter stated the IFA agreement states the City is required to own or secure the property. Ascent, the architecture company hired for this site, will determine what the best scenario will be for the placing of the building, at which point the City will ask the School District to pledge that pierce of property. The School Board will be considering this in January. Mr. Fetter also stated that he and the Senior Board visited many Senior Centers that encouraged Hermiston to make the facility a multi-use space, while still having protected senior time frames available for seniors only.

City Manager Smith stated the IFA will consider a long term lease of 50 years or more, as "securing" the property. The School district is comfortable leasing the land for 50 to 99 years.

Sally Anderson-Hansell 75858 Colonel Jordan Rd, thanked the City for its work in securing the grant, contributing to the future success of the City, and reconsidering the Ridgeway site for the Senior Center. Mrs. Anderson-Hansell stated the seniors are deserving of a new building as the current building is a deterrent to new participants. The Ridgeway site location is optimal, being close to City Hall, the Library, and lots of businesses.

Mary Corp 912 W Alder, thanked the City for the time and energy spent on this Senior Center Project. Mrs. Corp stated a Senior Center is very valuable for the community and its members, the seniors. Mrs. Corp stated she is in support of the Ridgeway site and is glad the City will be considering it tonight. The Ridgeway site is in a great location where seniors will be able to participate in community functions for years to come.

Willard Fordice 78642 Agnew Rd, stated he is against having the Senior Center on Ridgeway as there is no room for expansion or parking. Mr. Fordice stated he also drives the Senior Center Bus and can see a

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major traffic problem as well, especially with the new hotel coming in, and free lunches at the church next door, and other functions around the area.

Mrs. Beebe stated she did stand before City Council and ask that the Senior Center be named the Harkenrider Center, but at a Senior Center Board meeting and at another City Council Meeting, Mayor Drotzmann told the seniors, "this is what we're going to name it, so get over it."

(Non-audible communication in the audience)

Mayor Drotzmann stated to Mr. Hawkins that he did not appreciate being called a liar. Mayor Drotzmann stated he went to a Senior Center Board Meeting and asked for their consideration in naming the building the Harkenrider Center. The second was at a City Council meeting, where the City Council voted to name the Senior Center the Harkenrider Center.

After communication from Mr. Hawkins and Mayor Drotzmann, order was called to the Council Meeting and Mr. Hawkins was excused from Council Chambers.

Councilor Kirwan stated the City pursued the Aspen site with everything the City had. Unfortunately, greed can get in the way and the land owner did not accept an offer that was more than the market value of the property. The City had no choice but to be good stewards with the grant money and taxpayers money that will be contributed towards this project and move forward with another site. The Ridgeway site will be great for the seniors and the community.

Mayor Drotzmann stated he saw the struggles the Senior Center was having with the Fair and Rodeo move and he asked the previous City Manager and Mr. Fetter to help facilitate a move for the seniors. It is bothersome that he is being singled out as the person who has fought the seniors. He has worked hard to make this a successful facility for the seniors. This was not the City's responsibility or ownership, but seniors matter and I felt that it was important to help in any way possible. Mayor Drotzmann stated the City tried to make the Aspen site the site for the Senior Center, the City did not sabotage this process. There were two different appraisals done on the Aspen property, the City made an offer that was rejected, and the return offer wasn't even close to the appraisal or the original offer. It is not feasible for someone to volunteer to make up the funding gap. Mayor Drotzmann stated he personally liked the Aspen site, but they must continue to move forward with the Senior Center and the \$2 Million that has been gifted to Hermiston. The City Council did not work against the Senior Center, they have done everything they possible can, but the City Council has a responsibility to not only the seniors in this community, but to all of its members. The decisions that are made will be in the best interest for everyone.

Councilor Smith moved and Councilor Kirwan seconded to approve Resolution No. 2012 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

Amend the existing IGA with ODOT regarding the City's Connect Oregon V grant for realigning the airport taxiway

City Manager Smith stated due to the delay in obtaining the funds from the FAA, it caused a conflict with the City's Connect Oregon V grant. This amendment extends the City's deadline into the spring when the

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contractor will complete the airport work. Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Gutierrez seconded to extend the deadline for the contract with ODOT. Motion carried unanimously.

December Finance Report

Councilor Gutierrez moved and Councilor Primmer seconded to approve the December Financial Report as prepared and presented by Finance Director Amy Palmer. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Kirwan and Councilor Primmer asked that the EOTEC funding amount be reported during the financial report in the future, as well as tracking the status of installing pumps at the river pump station.

City Manager Smith stated the City Council can expect to see an electrical rate conversation sometime in February or March. The City would like to have smaller rate increases on a more regular basis, instead of going 10 years without them and then applying them at a larger rate increase. Water and Sewer rates should remain the same at this time.

Mayors Report

Mayor Drotzmann stated there was an EOTEC community outreach meeting two weeks ago, as well as a recent guest editorial regarding EOTEC. The community can expect to see more outreach to keep the community updated on the progress of EOTEC. If there are groups within the community that would like to have an EOTEC presentation, they would be more than happy to accommodate these requests.

Adjournment

There was no other business, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

SIGNED:

/s/ David Drotzmann
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/Lilly Alarcon-Strong
ASSISTANT CITY RECORDER

Hermiston Airport Advisory Committee Minutes

December 2, 2015

4:00 P.M.

Members Present: Mike Martin, Ron Linn, Dan Burns

City Representative: Mark Morgan

Airport Caretakers: Susie Rawe

Absent: Ron Osgood, Tim Beinert

Visitors: None

Minutes: November minutes were not reviewed and approved will be done in January meeting

Airport Report: Handed out by Susie and reviewed by the committee

Financial Report: Handed out and explained by Mark and reviewed by the committee

Old Business: Taxiway phase I and II are completed and all work was ok'd by FAA. Next phases to continue in spring of 2016

New Business: Mark Morgan discussed some capital projects that could be done for the airport in the amount of around \$ 17,000.00 . A couple ideas were discussed such as new carpet in the FBO building and upgrading the airport sign out on highway 395. Susie had received one bid for carpet using carpet tiles for \$ 21,565.22 no more quotes had come in at meeting time. Susie had received a quote to upgrade the airport sign from Knerr Construction for the amount of \$ 5,396.00. Committee discussed these items in some detail and decided to focus on new carpet in the FBO this year and maybe the signage next year.

Mark Morgan brought to the attention of the committee that the monthly rates charged for the city owned hangers had not been reviewed for quite some time and we need to take a look at what other airports in our area and size are charging to make sure we are in line with them. The airport needs to be a good steward of its resources to make sure we comply with FAA standards to receive grants from them any future upgrades to the airport.

Meeting adjourned: 5:00 pm

Next meeting: January 6th 2016

Respectfully submitted by: Mike Martin (filling in for Ron Osgood, Secretary)