

**Town of Canyon City
Regular Council Meeting
June 20, 2023
Community Hall 5:30 PM**

Present: Mayor Steve Fischer, Council President: Jim Johnston, Councilors: Russ Comer, Rachelle Simmons and Matt Turner, City Recorder: Tami Kowing, Museum Curator: Kitman Kienzle, Public: Les Percy. Councilor, Lisa Weigum and Public Works, Tim Madden were absent.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve Fischer at 5:30 PM.

Open FY23/24 Budget Hearing

Mayor Fischer opened the Budget Hearing at 5:31 P.M.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Council President Jim Johnston to approve the May 15, 2023 Budget Meeting Minutes and the May 16, 2023 Council Minutes, as presented. Councilor Russ Comer seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Agenda Items

Review and Approve the IGA for Grant County Curb Ramp Project (ADA)

A motion was made by Council President Jim Johnston to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Grant County Curb Ramp Project (ADA), as presented. Councilor Rachelle Simmons seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Review and Approve – Water Rate Resolution #2022-23-11

The updated Water Rate Resolution and the Sewer Rate Resolution take the churches/non-profits back to a single residential rate instead of a non-tax paying rate.

A motion was made by Councilor Russ Comer to approve Water Rate Resolution #2022-23-11, as presented. Councilor Rachelle Simmons seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

St. Thomas was asking about a credit for the previous months. The Council agreed that there would be no credit.

Matt asked about the next rate increase. The water rates have to be at \$52.23 by the project completion.

Review and Approve – Sewer Rate Resolution #2022-23-12

A motion was made by Councilor Rachelle Simmons to approve Sewer Rate Resolution #2022-23-12, as presented. Councilor Russ Comer seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Review and Approve – Resolution 2022-23-13 – Declaring the City's Election to Receive State Revenues

A motion was made by Councilor Russ Comer to approve Resolution 2022-23-13 – Declaring the City's Election to Receive State Revenues, as presented. Council President Jim Johnston seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Unscheduled/Other Business

Les Percy is working with Joe Hitz. Still waiting to get approval from the State for the high water mark to start the Nugget Bridge project.

Tim asked Les to relay that the well is producing drastically better. The hope is that the City will not have to buy much water from John Day during the water project.

Les suggested that a committee is formed to work with the City of John Day on the sewer agreement. Their sewer project is getting nowhere and Canyon City has been paying for it.

Mayor Fischer is trying to connect with Mayor Rookstool to work on the new sewer agreement.

Tim has been working with Joe on the water project.

Zach Williams submitted a letter to the Council requesting a residential rate for his sewer and also a maintenance schedule for Nelson Rd in exchange for the easement for a water line crossing his property. The Council agreed that granting him the residential rate as long they are the current owners of the property but, there will not be a regular maintenance schedule for the road. This is a private road not a city street.

Steve suggested that we help with the same percentage that was agreed upon previously to help repair any damage.

Les stated that when the project is complete the road will be in better shape than it is now.

Russ asked about regular snow removal.

Steve didn't think there was ever a regular maintenance schedule in place. Steve suggested that the maintenance dept could plow Nelson Rd. after the city streets are complete.

Public Comment/Question and Answer Session Regarding Pending Water Project/Rate Change

N/A

Close Budget Hearing

With no public comment, Mayor Fischer closed the FY23/24 Budget Hearing.

Adopt FY23/24 Budget Resolution #2022-23-14

A motion was made by Council President Jim Johnston to adopt FY23/24 Budget Resolution #2022-23-14, as presented. Councilor Rachelle Simmons seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Council & Staff Reports

Council:

Russ would like to see the wooden sidewalks cleaned off.

Don Mooney talked to Jim about getting Adam Dr. graded. Jim would like to see the tank behind city hall removed before winter and the cracks in the roads repaired.

Jim said 62' Days was a big success. There was a sell out crowd for the matinee and about 30 people for the evening movie. The band played in the park for four hours.

Mayor:

Steve would like to get quotes to refurbish the Canyon City sign by City Hall. Kitman would like to have the museum sign redone also.

Steve would also like to have a 'Welcome to Canyon City' sign at the 'Y' in Canyon City. He had talked to Dustin at Ed Staub about working with them because it is their property. Steve will speak with the new manager, Josh Sturgil.

Public Works:

Museum:

Kitman reminded everyone that the power will be off tonight for the large equipment that will be going through town. 62' Days was great for the museum. She would like to do something like the 'Pencil Box' except with a gold nugget for the week of 62' Days next year. And, possibly a car show.

In October, the museum is planning a Halloween themed event at the graveyard. People would dress up and tell stories as visitors go through.

City Recorder:

July 31st is the Audit with Solutions.

Tami went over the Property Line Adjustment for Walt Gentis. The Community Hall has been rented out a lot. The School District is using it for 5 weeks for their Summer School program. Tami is having a hard time getting them to pay for prom and jr. prom.

The credit card machine company is holding up the process of closing the City U.S. Bank. The council said to change the machine company if needed or get a tablet and a Square.

Tami asked the council if there was a reason the City only has one credit card. The council approved getting a 2nd Visa Card through Bank of Eastern Oregon.

A motion was made by Councilor Russ Comer to have a 2nd Visa card issued through Bank of Eastern Oregon with a balance of \$2,000.00, seconded by Councilor Rachelle Simmons. The motion carried with all in favor.

Fire Dept:

Matt said we are in Fire Season. No Burning.

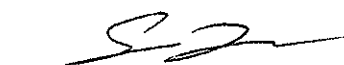
He met with the Deputy Chief Fire Marshall. He wanted to make sure that every three years the City is adopting the current fire code. The City ordinance states 'current code'. The Fire Marshall's office would like us to change it to state 'adopt current code as adopted by the State of Oregon'.

Bills before Council

Councilor Russ Comer made a motion to pay the bills, Councilor Matt Turner seconded and the motion carried all in favor.

Adjournment

After all agenda items were addressed, Mayor Fischer adjourned the meeting at 6:41 PM.



Steve Fischer, Mayor



Tami Kowing, City Recorder