

**Town of Canyon City  
Regular Council Meeting  
September 17, 2024  
Community Hall 5:30 PM**

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

Attendees: None

**Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve Fischer at 5:48 PM.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Council President Jim Johnston to approve the August 20, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes, as presented. Councilor Lisa Weigum seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

**Public Comment**

N/A

**Agenda Items**

**Review Martinson Variance**

Steve informed the Council that the City received word that the single wide trailer will be move to a property outside of the City. She will be trading property with her daughter/son-in-law that lies outside of the John Day city limits and will be moving the trailer to that property. If that situation does not work out, then the trailer will be sold.

Tami will draft a letter to Ms. Martinson stating that the conditions of the Variance were not met and she has until October 31, 2024 to remove the trailer from her property.

**FEMA Compliance Discussion – Canyon City Ordinance 299B Flood Damage Prevention**

Tami attended a FEMA class. There are 2 more classes she would like to attend before the Council makes a final decision on whether they choose to follow the Model Ordinance or do the Permit by Permit option.

**Review Beekeeping Ordinance #307**

Tami would like Matt to review this Ordinance before it's approved.

**Review Animal Ordinance #308**

Tami asked the Council to get her any revisions before the next council meeting.

**Discuss Oregon Government Ethics Commission – Required Public Meetings Law Training**

Tami explained that any City with expenses over \$1,000,000 will be required to have the City Council attend a Public Meetings Law Training. Because of our water project we may go over that threshold.

Tami suggested that the Council do this at the beginning of the year regardless.

## Unscheduled/Other Business

N/A

## Council & Staff Reports

### ***Council:***

Rachelle asked there was an issue with the water tower pressure. The pressure fluctuates. Lisa said she gets so much pressure sometimes it has rattled her pipes for the last couple weeks.

***Mayor:*** Steve is still going to the John Day Council meetings. They are working on the rate study. Lisa asks that if they come at us for back pay that we do not oblige them.

### ***Public Works:***

A check has been sent to Oregon Health Authority to have the Water Project Plans approved.

Joe said he should have the costs for the bridge in about a week or so.

### ***Museum:***

Kitman reported that the museum has been rather slow because of fires and no travelers. A presentation will be held Monday at the theater for the Sewell Family.

### ***City Recorder/Manager:***

Tami gave the Councilors copies of the Tree Removal portion of the City Land Use document. This shows that the property owner actually need permission from the City to remove trees on their property.

Tami reminded everyone of the Volunteer Picnic.

A dishwasher/sanitizer was purchased for the Community Hall.

The Council agreed that Tami should attend the Planning conference in Wilsonville.

Tami presented the Council with a timeline from the owners of 4004 Patterson. They will be put on the agenda for October.

### ***Fire Chief:***

## **Bills before Council**

Council President Jim Johnston made a motion to pay the bills, Councilor Rachelle Simmons seconded, and the motion carried all in favor.

## **Adjournment**

After all agenda items were addressed, Mayor Fischer adjourned the meeting at 6:38 PM.



Steve Fischer, Mayor



Tami Kowing, City Recorder/Manager