

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF HEPPNER CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
HEPPNER CITY HALL, 111 N. MAIN STREET, HEPPNER, OREGON  
7:00 PM AUGUST 8, 2022**

NOTE: Where stated "Motion Carried" is considered unanimous, unless otherwise stated.

**ATTENDEES:**

**Jim Kindle  
Corey Sweeney  
John Bowles  
Dale Bates  
David Gunderson  
Adam Doherty  
JoAnna Lamb  
Kraig Cutsforth  
Steve Rhea  
Chad Doherty**

**Absent: Bill Kuhn**

**Members of the Public: Barb Orwick, Lisa Patton, Rosa Cayce, Mike Hann, Kelly Fritz, Doug & Kelly Holland, Bill Looney and Dave Sykes**

**1. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- A. Call to Order. Jim Kindle called the August 8, 2022 meeting of the City of Heppner City Council to order at 7:00 PM.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance. Jim Kindle led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- C. Announcements – Agenda item #2 under "New Business" has been tabled.
- D. Correspondence - None
- E. Requests

1. Concerned Citizens of Chase Street

Rosa Cayce said that the sidewalks are cracking and the water meters have cracks around them.

Kelly Holland would like the gravel area filled with concrete. Doug Holland would like the same. The other new streets look nice, their side looks awful. It should be torn out to make more room for parking or filled in with concrete.

Bill Looney wants it either torn out or made to look decent. The gravel is hideous. Jim Kindle said that cement for that side was not in the plans or the bid package. This would have to come back to Council to see if there is funding for it. The Council wants to make sure that things are made right. In the areas that are not ADA, they weren't ADA to begin with and the new sidewalk was put in to meet the existing sidewalk on the property owners side. They wouldn't be wide enough to be ADA to start with. They would like to come up with something that would accommodate them. The cement contractors will be here on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August. They will be working on some of the repairs and changes that have been discussed.

F. Presentations – None

**2. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC** – Barb Orwick spoke for the Neighborhood Center. They gave out 178 food boxes last month. One-third of those were people who came in twice. Nine customers get a box every week that is delivered to their home. They gave emergency help to a homeless mother of 4 with a baby on the way. They provided clothes, food and gas for her car. They will have a bag sale Saturday of Fair Week. The first bag is \$15; any additional bags are \$5 each. They will have a booth at the fair where they will have a fundraising raffle for a basket. They need volunteers, even if someone can help for a few hours they can always use some help. Steve Rhea commended Barb and Lisa for everything they do for the community.

### **3. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. July 11, 2022 City Council meeting minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes by John Bowles. Seconded by Corey Sweeney.  
Motion Carried

B. Approval of Monthly Bills

Motion to approve the monthly bills by David Gunderson. Seconded by JoAnna Lamb. Motion Carried

C. Financial Statement – for information only

### **4. REPORTS**

A. Fire Chief Report

Steve Rhea read the report.  
1 Lift Assist  
5 Secure Landing Zone

4 Motor Vehicle Accidents without extrication  
1 Illegal Burn  
1 Mutual Aid to lone for a wheat Truck Fire  
2 Natural Vegetation Fires  
1 Vehicle Fire Cancelled Enroute  
1 MCSO Missing Person Assist  
1 Garage/RV and 2 Vehicle Fire

35 Chief Calls

Conducted Burning of Natural Vegetation in town.  
Met with Representative David Hyland for Pre-Survey Review.  
Updating our Pre-Fire Plans with Commercial Buildings in the City.  
Working on Specifications for purchase of a Type III Engine.  
Received a Grant from NWFCFS for \$37,000 to Provide TIC's and 6-Channel Pagers for Heppner, Lone, and Lexington Fire Departments.  
103 Calls for service to date.

#### B. Morrow County Sheriff's Department

The hours for July were 327.5. There were 11 animal complaints. There was one assault. Citizen assists are up at 29 for the month. There were 18 dog complaints. Driving complaints are down. Suicidal calls are up which is concerning. There were 6 arrests for the month.

#### C. Public Works. Chad Doherty read the Public Works report.

Water Dept. – Installed a new meter at Well #1. We are now putting in new a sample station pipe and working on a new meter vault. Fixed a water leak at 725 S Chase St. Replaced the meter at 377 S Chase St. Installed a new water service for split irrigation at 515 Cowins St. Sent Caleb to Redmond for water test certification class. Fixed water met on Kirk Street Alley. Uncovered a water meter valve that was paved over. Fixed a water meter at the old Nazarene Church. Pot holed a water line for a locate on South Court Street.

Sewer Dept. – Cleaned the contact basins twice. Did 17 Septic dumps. Removed blockage from sewer digester overflow line.

Streets Dept. – Painted the Shamrock. Painted the red and white lines at the Elementary School. Put up the Rodeo Banners. Sprayed weeds on Main Street. Swept May Street for ODOT chip seal project.

Parks Dept. – Fertilized flower baskets multiple days. Fixed two broken sprinklers at Hager Park.

Shop Dept. – Finished storage drywall and painted the room in the Thomson Square restroom building. Took the 2016 Ram 2500 to Hermiston and had the transmission replaced. Worked on building a new frame for the water tank in the Ranger.

#### D. City Manager Report

Had meetings with Chamber, WCVEDG, ODOT, and County Planning.  
Zoomed a small cities meeting with League of Oregon Cities.  
Worked with Anderson Perry on sewer project and for updated Water Master Plan. The survey was certified. It did not change the numbers and we did not qualify for the grant. They did reduce the burden rate and water meets it but sewer is short by \$3.00. Looking into a possible surcharge for customers using over 7,500 gallons in the winter. That may help us qualify.  
Worked on parade permit and paint the shamrock permit.  
Worked with ODOT on SCA Grant application.  
Working with Ferguson Engineering on Jones Street project.  
Sent Planning Commission decision letters.  
Applied for an air scrubber for City Hall in a grant donation.  
Worked with Greg Smith's office to figure out \$500,000 grant to Community Development meaning.  
Spoke with Premier Construction on when they are coming back to Heppner.  
Spoke to Anderson Perry about an RFP for the Water Telemetry RFP.  
Visited with the Engineer on Jones Street configuration. Jones Street has been torn up. The new sewer line and side connections are in. They will move up to Willow View Drive next.  
Got all the budget forms to the County for filing.  
Spoke to the county about a heating oil tank in the City Park and its removal.  
Took some time off to prepare to move.  
Is the City interested in a small property donation on Alfalfa Street?

#### 5. PUBLIC HEARINGS -None

#### 6. BUSINESS

##### A. Old Business

1. Sewer Project Update – We are putting in the application and doing the final plans. Will meet with Business Oregon by January. It is moving along. The meeting with the landowner will be in October.
2. Water System Update – Need to meet with the Utilities Commission to decide what we want to do.

3. Street Project Update – Discussed in Managers report.
4. November 8, 2022 General Election Council Positions – The positions for Mayor and Councilors 4, 5 and 6 are up for reelection this year. The last day to file for candidacy is August 30, 2022.

## **B. New Business**

1. Psilocybin Mushroom Ordinance Discussion

Oregon passed the Psilocybin ballot measure. They are still writing the rules and it will take another 2 years to complete. The primary election is coming up and we need to get it on the ballot. This way the citizens can vote on whether they want it banned in Heppner. Tomorrow there will be a Representative at Breaking Grounds who will have information on how the businesses will be operated.

Motion to put this on the November 8<sup>th</sup> ballot by David Gunderson. Seconded by Dale Bates. Motion Carried.

2. Resolution 1045-22, A Resolution Ratifying Appointments (Planning)

Motion to approve Resolution 1045-22, A Resolution Ratifying Appointments by John Bowles. Seconded by David Gunderson. Motion Carried

3. DLCD Intergovernmental Agreement

This is an agreement for DLCD to update our Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Motion to approve signing the DLCD Intergovernmental Agreement by Corey Sweeney. Seconded by Adam Doherty. Motion Carried

## **7. MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETINGS - For information only**

## **8. REPORT FROM CITY ATTORNEY – None**

**9. REPORT FROM MAYOR, CITY COUNCILORS** - The Councilors want to make sure some of them are available when they are doing the changes on Chase Street. The residents will also need to be notified.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM**