

**HEPPNER BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
HEPPNER CITY HALL, 111 N. MAIN STREET, HEPPNER, OR
MARCH 11, 2024 AT 8:00 AM**

ATTENDEES:

**Blas Elguezabal
Angie Hanson
Janelle Ellis
John Doherty
Chad Doherty
Tarina Foster**

Absent: Cody High

Members of the Public: None

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance.

The March 11, 2024 meeting of the City of Heppner Beautification Committee was called to order at 8:00 AM by John Doherty.

2. Elect Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2024

Motion to elect Cody High as Chairman by Janelle Ellis. Seconded by Blas Elguezabal. Motion Carried.

Motion to elect Janelle Ellis as Vice Chairman by Angie Hanson. Seconded by Blas Elguezabal. Motion Carried

3. Minutes of July 13, 2023

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2023 meeting by Angie Hanson. Seconded by Blas Elguezabal. Motion Carried.

4. City Park Playground Equipment

John Doherty gave a presentation for new playground equipment options. The existing equipment is not dangerous but is getting old. We need to get something that will last at least 20 years. The surrounding fence should be replaced with a 6' fence with a locked gate in the back for maintenance access. Priorities for this project are: replacing the structure, adding ADA inclusive features, replacing the bark chips, construct a shade structure, and replace the fence. HES, Heppner Daycare and Sage Garden Preschool will be involved in choosing the structure. It may cost up to \$100,000. This does not include installation. John Doherty will work on seeking grants. The commission discussed

replacing the bark chips with a rubber mat. It may be expensive but it would be easier to clean and there would be no weeds. The structure should be good for small children as well as older children. The swings should be rejuvenated. The spring toys can stay but could be moved to a different area. They also discussed possibly adding a game table.

5. Mustang Mop Up

The date for Mustang Mop Up is not known yet. It will probably be after the Seniors get out of school.

Should the City do dump vouchers again for spring cleanup? They could be good for a month to give plenty of time for people to use them. This will be discussed at the April 8 Council meeting.

6. Yard of the Month

The Heppner Garden Club always chose the Yard of the Month. They have disbanded and one individual is responsible for it now. The Yard of the Month recipient receives a \$5.00 credit on their water bill. There has not been very good communication to the city of who the winner is, which led to a few upset customers that did not receive their credit. A \$5.00 credit isn't that much. The suggestion is to either stop involving the city or figure out a better way to do it. Janelle will contact the individual and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

7. Additional Discussion

The next meeting will be on April 11, at 8:00 AM.

8. Adjournment at 9:11