

Chairman Jose Garcia called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Committee members Mark Gomolski and Hector Ramirez were also present. Also present were Council Representatives Manuel Gutierrez and Roy Barron (arrived at 7:07pm) and City Representatives Mark Morgan and Lilly Alarcon-Strong. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

### **Minutes**

Mark G. moved and Jose seconded to approve minutes of the October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Holiday Help for Needy Families**

Jesse Roa stated he was contacted by the Moose Lodge as they are looking for local organizations, in Morrow and Umatilla County, to help families and seniors that are in need. They have allocated funds to provide about 115 holiday food baskets and gifts for children. Please contact Jesse by Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> with recommended organizations, donations, and/or those who would like to volunteer.

(Councilor Barron arrived 7:07pm)

### **School District Updates**

Maria Duron from the Hermiston School District gave updates and information regarding:

- Thanked everyone who attended conferences, those who helped translate and helped with food
- 80 students were vaccinated at the schools vaccination event
- School District Board Member Changes: Jason Middleton resigned, Brent Pitney was appointed
- School Notifications through: phone, text, face book, website, radio, and recorded line
- Winter Concerts throughout the district
- Rocky Heights Carnival is May 10<sup>th</sup> and Westpark Carnival is May 17<sup>th</sup>
- Family Read In at Sunset and Westpark- great turn out especially with dads
- All schools are doing canned food drives
- Congressional App Challenge- Two high school students won the challenge. Their app has facial recognition to help find people. The students are invited to Washington DC, however they financial responsible for the trip, if they would like to attend
- VIP School Days. Invite people to experience what it's like to attend school, now. Availability at Highland Hills, Armand Larive, and Sandstone for dates in January and February

Manuel stated if the School District will not pay for the students Washington DC trip, the Hispanic community should come together to support these amazing kids who've accomplished so much.

Mark G. suggested fundraisers for the students as well.

### **Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Information**

Jonathan Lopez stated he is the Membership and Development Coordinator for the Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber is restructuring and growing the Hispanic Chamber/Latino Business Network as they want to make sure they are connecting with members not just on a business level but on an individual level as well. Members can be any organization that helps bring people together, including non-profit organizations. The Chamber is also establishing a Hispanic Chamber/Latino Business Network Board. Jonathan invited the public to attend the meetings, which are open to the public, visit the updated website, and take full advantage of all the benefits of chamber members receive.

**La Lay Radio Station Updates- not present**

**Fiesta Foods Management Introduction and Information - not present**

**Umatilla County Care Program- not present**

### **Closing Comments**

#### **Public Comment**

Nazario Rivera from Good Shephard gave information regarding the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual 12 days of giving, Community Needs Assessment, and free flu shot clinic.

Virginia Garcia-Rome stated she is very impressed with all of the senior center activities in the new facility and the positive growth it brings to the community. Encouraged the community to support and participate in the Martin Luther King March in January.

Maria Duron thanked the City for their work regarding the street light installation on Orchard and 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### **City Representatives**

Assistant City Manager Morgan gave information regarding:

- Sidewalk Infill Process throughout the City
- Kayak Transit expansion of hours of operation, bus stop signs, map, and bus shelters
- S.T.I.F. state wide transit projects
- 18,200 population – continuing work on housing and water tower project in NE area
- Request for proposal for operating Food Truck Pod
- Increased effort in Code Enforcement by adding an additional, 2<sup>nd</sup> , part-time code enforcement officer- BP station has been torn down
- West Highland Trail has been completed

Councilors Gutierrez and Barron gave information regarding:

- The many resources and literature available at the Hermiston Public Library
- The National League of Cities Conference regarding: School shootings and drug and alcohol abuse.

### **Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 at 7:00pm at City Hall as Monday is Martin Luther King Holiday.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00pm.