

HERMISTON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

November 12, 2019

Mayor Drotzmann called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm. Present were Councilors Barron, Smith, Myers, Davis, Kirwan, Primmer, Gutierrez, and Hardin. Staff members in attendance were City Manager Byron Smith, City Attorney Gary Luisi, Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan, Chief Edmiston, Clint Spencer, Mark Krawczyk, Larry Fetter, and Lilly Alarcon-Strong. Media present was Jade McDowell of the East Oregonian. The pledge of allegiance was given.

Mayor Drotzmann congratulated the Hermiston School District on the passage of the school bond.

Presentation- Hermiston School District Report

Hermiston School District Human Resources Manager, David Marshall, presented materials (attached) to the Council, and shared information regarding the school bond passage, Bond Oversight Committee, and RFP for Construction Project Managers, etc. Mr. Marshall thanked the Council for their support and the great relationship they share.

Proclamation- Small Business Saturday

Mayor Drotzmann read the Small Business Saturday proclamation and encouraged the public to Shop Small on Saturday, November 30th, 2019.

Consent Agenda Items

Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Hardin seconded to approve Consent Agenda items A-E, to include:

- A. Committee Vacancy Announcements
- B. Confirmation to the Recreation Projects Fund Advisory Committee: Position #2, Kimberly Nevil, term from 11/13/2019 to 12/31/2022
- C. Confirmation to the Planning Commission: Position #4, James Sheffield, term from 11/13/2019 to 03/31/2020
- D. Recommendation to the Library Board: Position #1, Patricia Alder, term from 11/26/2019 to 06/30/2020.
- E. Minutes of the October 28, City Council regular meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 2284- Rezoning Land on NE 4th Street and North of the Hermiston Drain

City Planner Clint Spencer stated this ordinance would allow the rezoning of this property to be developed into mini-storage units as directed at the last City Council Meeting.

Mayor Drotzmann requested that the first reading be by title only. Hearing no opposition, City Attorney Gary Luisi read the ordinance by title only. Mayor Drotzmann requested that the ordinance be put on for final adoption at this meeting and that the second reading be by title only. After City Attorney Gary Luisi read the ordinance by title only for the second reading.

Councilor Kirwan stated he felt the City should not make hasty decisions regarding Hermiston's growth and the placement of mini-storage units is not ideal in the center of any town. This property is better suited for retail growth with an opportunity to connect HWY 395 to 4th Street.

Public Comment

Patricia Maier, 31556 Follet Lane- Stated she recently attended a Port Meeting where Kim Puzey spoke regarding the development of the Army Depot property and believes the City should pass this Ordinance as

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mini-storage units are needed, the property has been vacant for many years and the owner is wanting to sell it.

Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Gutierrez seconded that Ordinance 2284 be adopted and become effective 30-days after adoption by the City Council. Councilors Primmer, Gutierrez and Smith voted in favor; Councilors Kirwan, Barron, Myers, Hardin, and Davis voted against. Motion failed 5-3.

Steve Richards from Eastern Oregon Development stated he did not realize this item would be voted on tonight. His understanding was that it had been approved at the last meeting and the reading would be at this meeting; if he would have known this, he would have asked to present his findings, that he presented at the last meeting, as two councilors were not available to see and hear the information.

Mayor Drotzmann directed Mr. Richards to review the appeal process.

Ordinance No. 2285- Amending Sections 33.20, 33.21 and 33.22 and Repealing Section 33.23 Relating to Public Grievance for Discrimination- City Manager Smith explained that the City is in the process of reviewing ordinances and this ordinance needed some updates to make sure Hermiston is in compliance with current state and federal law.

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Ordinance No. 2286- Amending Chapter 111 of the Code of Ordinance Relating to Garage Sales

City Manager Smith explained that the City is in the process of reviewing ordinances and this ordinance needed some updates clarifying language and adding a requirement for signs to include addresses and phone numbers of those responsible for the garage/yard sale.

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October 2019 Financial Report

Councilor Davis moved and Councilor Kirwan seconded to accept the October 2019 Financial Report as presented by Finance Director Mark Krawczyk.

Committee Reports

Parks and Recreation Committee- Councilor Davis stated the Committee will meet Thursday.

Funland Park Reconstruction Committee- Mayor Drotzmann stated the Committee met and reviewed the awesome park plan which is 90% complete. The Committee is working on the budget and planning for the

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grand opening on July 4th. Parks and Recreation Director, Larry Fetter, stated he plans to present the park plan to the Council at the first work session meeting in December.

EOTEC Advisory Committee- Mayor Drotzmann stated the Committee met with landscape architects and architects and gave recommendations on what future development could look like for this site.

Faith-Based Advisory Committee- Councilor Hardin stated the Committee met earlier today and discussed the I Love My City event, elected a Chair and Vice Chair, and explored other future projects. Parks and Recreation Director, Larry Fetter, stated the Recycle Day event will be moved due to the area being used by Umatilla Electric Cooperative.

Public Safety Committee- Councilor Primmer stated the Committee met earlier today and heard information regarding: goals, Axon body cameras, future radio system, and the 60th anniversary of the line of duty death of Officer Kilby. The Police Department also recognized Officer Will Jons with a Life Saving Award and the Records Unit for the 3rd quarter recognition.

Hispanic Advisory Committee- Councilor Gutierrez stated the Committee will meet next Monday.

Mayor Drotzmann thanked Jade McDowell from the East Oregonian for her article showcasing Committee openings and encouraged the public to get involved and join a City Committee.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Drotzmann spoke regarding:

- Umatilla County Governor's Groundwater Banking Task Force- Large group of stake holders working with IRZ and regional developers in order to build new pipelines to deliver Columbia River water to farmers in the areas. By doing this, farmers would no longer need to pump water from the basalt aquifers, allowing the groundwater to stay in the basalt aquifers.
- The award the City received from the Award Oregon Economic Development Association for the work done on Festival Street.

Manager's Report

City Manager Smith spoke regarding:

- LOC Fundamentals Training on December 12 from 5:30pm to 9:30pm in Pendleton.

Adjournment

There was no other business and Mayor Drotzmann adjourned the regular meeting at 8:06pm.

SIGNED:

/s/Dr. Dave Drotzmann

Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/Lilly Alarcon-Strong, CMC

City Recorder



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School Board:

Thank you to Hermiston voters and Hermiston City Council for your support in the successful bond!!

Bond Projects:

- Replace Rocky Heights
- Build a new elementary school on district owned Theater Lane property
- High School Annex

Next immediate steps:

Post information on district web site regarding bond oversight committee (this week)

Enrollment:

As of October 31, our enrollment numbers are as follow:

- Desert View—585
- Highland Hills—465
- Rocky Heights—500
- Sunset—615
- West Park—560
- Armand Larive Middle School—810
- Sandstone—575
- High School—1650
- **Total—5760 same month one year ago—5,781**

Opportunities for students at Hermiston High School:

Anime Club	College Savings	National Honor Society
Art Club	Drama Club	Oregon High School Equestrian Team
ASB Leadership	Driver's Education	Outdoor Club
Aspire	Generation College	Rodeo Club (IMHSRT)
Basketball Band	Homework Club	Saturday Support
Bulldog Buddies	Key Club	Science Club
Bulldog Catering	Knowledge Bowl	Speech and Debate
Chess Club	Link Crew	Trap Shooting
Choir	Marching Band	Video Game Club
College Club	Multimedia Club	Yearbook

Organizations

DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America)

FCCLA (Future Career and Community Leaders of America)

FFA (Future Farmers of America)

HOSA (Future Health Professionals)

Skills USA (CTE/Workforce Leaders-Technical Skills, Workplace Skills and Personal Skills)



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Important Highlights:

- Forty-nine families participated in the Immunization Clinic that was held on Monday, November 4 at Armand Larive Middle School.
- Bailee Noland was named slow pitch softball player of the year and coach Kate Greenough was selected as coach of the year.
- Cydney Sanchez and Amanda Nygard, two varsity cross country runners made it to state.
- Georgia Stevenson and Abigail Sharon will be competing at the state swim meet this Friday in Federal Way, Washington.
- The fifth-student built home was sold to Denny Whitsett and the construction of the sixth student-built home is well underway.
- Tonight, the Hermiston Education Foundation is awarding funds totaling \$16,600 for different projects. In this round, Highland Hills, Rocky Heights, West Park Elementary, Sandstone, Armand Larive and Hermiston High School were represented.

District:

November 25—Board Work Session, 6:30 p.m., Sunset Elementary.

November 27-29—No school, Thanksgiving break.

Desert View:

November 19—PTO Meeting, 6 p.m., library

November 26—Thanksgiving Feast

Highland Hills:

November 21—Holiday concert, 6 p.m., Armand Larive Middle School

November 25—Thanksgiving Feast

Rocky Heights:

November 19—PTO Meeting, 5:30-6:30 p.m., library

November 22—Thanksgiving Feast

Sunset:

November 25—Thanksgiving Feast

West Park:

November 13-15—Bookfair, 7:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

November 14—Pajama Day

November 14—PTO Meeting, 4:30 p.m., library

November 15—Popcorn Friday, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

November 18—Dad's cake bake fundraiser, theme—Family Game Night, 6 p.m.

November 19—Thanksgiving Feast

Armand Larive Middle School:

November 22—Thanksgiving Feast, first lunch 11:40 a.m.-12:10 p.m., second lunch 12:27-12:57 p.m. Adults \$3.90, children \$2.70, meal includes turkey gravy, mashed potatoes, corn and pumpkin bar.



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Sandstone Middle School:

November 26—Thanksgiving Feast

Hermiston High School—

November 14—Financial Aid Night, 6-7 p.m., HHS library.

November 15-16—HHS present *The Hamlet Thrill-ma-geddon*, 7 p.m. in the auditorium.

November 16—Saturday Support, 9 a.m.- 12 p.m., 150 Computer Lab, 260 Testing Lab, main commons.

November 19—Thanksgiving Feast

November 20—Knowledge Bowl Meet, 4-7 p.m., main commons.

November 22-23—HHS present *The Hamlet Thrill-ma-geddon*, 7 p.m. in the auditorium.