

# HERMISTON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

March 23, 2020

Mayor Drotzmann called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm. Present were Councilors Primmer, Myers, Barron, Smith (via telephone), Gutierrez, Kirwan, Davis and Hardin. City staff in attendance included: City Manager Byron Smith, City Attorney Gary Luisi, Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan, Chief Edmiston, Finance Director Mark Krawczyk, Planning Director Clint Spencer, and Zoning Clerk Heather La Beau. Director of Parks and Recreation Larry Fetter and Hermiston Energy Services General Manager Nate Rivera attended via telephone. Media present was Michael Kane of NE Oregon Now. Mayor Drotzmann announced the meeting was live on Facebook and gave the call-in information for those wishing to provide comment during the meeting. The pledge of allegiance was given.

## **Citizen Input on Non-Agenda Items**

HES General Manager Nate Rivera informed the councilors that there was an approximate thirty second delay between the audio of the call-in and the video.

## **Consent Agenda Items**

Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Davis seconded to approve Consent Agenda items A-G, to include:

- A. Public Notice of Election of City Officials on May 19, 2020
- B. Final Plat- 4N2802DB Tax Lot 100 Cimmaron Terrace Phase 2
- C. Confirmation to the Budget Committee: Position #1, Anton Wanous, term from 03/24/2020 to 12/31/2022
- D. Recommendation to the Planning Commission: Position #4, James Sheffield and Position #6, Dian Fialka- term from 04/01/2020 to 03/31/2023
- E. Recommendation to the Budget Committee: Position #8, Jessica Narain, term from 04/14/2020 to 12/31/2021
- F. Minutes of the March 9, 2020 City Council Meeting
- G. Liquor License Application for "Off-Premises" sales for Pepes Market located at 905 W Hermiston Ave

Motion carried unanimously.

## **Public Hearing- Continuation of South Hermiston Local Improvement District (LID #322) – Continued from 01-13-2020**

Mayor Drotzmann stated at the August 12, 2019 City Council meeting, this hearing was opened and continued to October 28, 2019. At the October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting, the hearing was continued to January 13, 2020. At the January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, the hearing was again continued to March 23, 2020.

Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan stated that the Federal Economic Development Administration is continuing to review the application. Anderson Perry and Associates is currently performing the cultural and environmental analysis. He requested the LID process be renewed 90 days and cautioned another extension may be requested.

Councilor Gutierrez moved and Councilor Hardin seconded to continue the hearing to 7:00PM on June 8, 2020 at Hermiston City Hall or other location to be announced. Motion carried unanimously.

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## **Public Hearing- Zoning Amendment Hearing for 157.055 and 157.153 Junkyards (Ordinances 2300 and 2301)**

City Manager Smith requested that this hearing be rescheduled to the July 27, 2020 city council meeting. This is to ensure that procedures regarding public participation in land use hearings can be adhered to during a live streamed meeting.

Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Barron seconded to reschedule the hearing to 7:00PM on July 27, 2020 at Hermiston City Hall or other location to be announced. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Resolution No. 2144 - Capital Expenditure Reimbursement**

City Manager Smith explained that the resolution allows the City to be reimbursed from the bonds for expenses incurred prior to the issuance of the bonds. It does not require that bonds be issued. The City's bond counsel recommends the resolution be passed.

Councilor Myers moved and Councilor Kirwan seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2144 and lay upon the record. Motion passed unanimously.

## **February 2020 Financial Report**

Councilor Kirwan moved and Councilor Barron seconded to accept the February 2020 Financial Report as presented by Finance Director Mark Krawczyk.

Jackie Linton- 111 W Beech Ave, Ms. Linton questioned if the national moratorium on mortgages would affect the budget and the City's upcoming meetings regarding the library remodel and new City Hall project. City Manager Smith replied that the actions taken on mortgages would not have an impact on the City's ability to borrow money through a bond to pay for the project.

Motion passed unanimously.

## **Discussion and Possible Action related to COVID-19 Response**

City Manager Smith stated that the City's actions have aligned with Governor Brown's guidelines and requested that the council meet only once per month, as required by the charter, on the fourth Monday for April and May. There will need to be a budget meeting in May, and the June council meeting will need to be on the first Monday of the month to adopt the budget.

Mayor Drotzmann has been on several conference calls with the Governor. He applauded her efforts in reaching out and engaging the community in the process and affirmed the city's responsibility in supporting her efforts.

Councilors discussed the seriousness of the issue and the need to follow the recommendations to keep the spread of infection down. Community members were encouraged to continue to look out for their neighbors, friends and family from a safe distance.

Councilor Kirwan moved and Councilor Primmer seconded to move city council meetings to once a month on the fourth Monday, or following business day of each month for April (27) and May (26). Motion passed unanimously.

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## **Committee Reports**

Funland Park Reconstruction Committee- Mayor Drotzmann stated that the community will need a great place to play and celebrate and Funland is going to be that place. The committee continues to move forward and a significant number of people have contributed financially toward the goal.

EOTEC Advisory Committee- The committee has temporarily postponed meetings. They are hopeful design information will be ready to present to the council in the summer.

## **Council Reports**

Councilor Barron reminded everyone to continue to support local businesses and encouraged everyone to give thanks to those in the community that support us and stay home if possible.

Mayor Drotzmann shared the appreciation for the frontline workers and echoed the importance of supporting the local businesses.

Councilor Gutierrez reminded everyone the Chamber of Commerce website has a directory of restaurants that offer take-out services. Councilor Barron stated the RAICES organization has compiled a list of businesses in Umatilla and Morrow counties that are still open.

## **Adjournment**

There was no other business and Mayor Drotzmann adjourned the regular meeting at 7:52pm.

SIGNED:

/s/Dr. Dave Drotzmann

Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/Heather KP La Beau

Zoning Clerk