

HERMISTON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

March 22, 2021

Council President Primmer called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm. Present were Councilors Hardin, Peterson, Barron, Spicerkuhn, Davis, Duron, and Myers. Mayor Drotzmann was excused. In attendance were Municipal Court Judge Creasing, and City staff to include: City Manager Byron Smith, City Attorney Gary Luisi, Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan, Chief Edmiston, Finance Director Mark Krawczyk, Recreation Supervisor Brandon Artz, Planning Director Clint Spencer, and City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong. The meeting was streamed live on YouTube. The pledge of allegiance was given.

Citizen Input on Non-Agenda Items

Sergeant Kelly Parsons stated he has submitted his retirement paperwork to the Police Department and will be moving to his home town in Idaho as his wife pursues her career goals. Sergeant Parsons thanked the Police Department for entrusting him to serve the community and the City Council for all their work making Hermiston a great place to work and live.

Council President Primmer thanked Sergeant Parsons for his service and wished him and his family well in their future endeavors (applause from the Council and audience).

Consent Agenda Items

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

- A. Committee Vacancy Announcements
- B. Confirmation to the Hispanic Advisory Committee: Position #2, Obdulia Munoz-Reyes, term from 3/23/2021 to 06/30/2023
- C. Confirmation to the Planning Commission: Positions, #7- Ben Sargent, #8- Margaret Saylor, and #9- Derek Caplinger, all terms from 04/01/2021 to 03/31/2024
- D. Confirmation to the Parks and Recreation Committee: Position #7, Michael Herriman, term from 03/23/2021 to 10/31/2023
- E. Minutes of the March 8, City Council regular meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

Council President Primmer thanked those who have applied to be appointed or reappointed to serve on City Committees, Commissions, and Boards.

Resolution 2175- Airport Apron Reconstruction- was read and discussed. Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan gave information regarding allowing City Manager Smith the authority to apply for and accept planned Federal grant funds for reconstruction of the aircraft parking area (Apron) at the airport.

After some discussion, Councilor Davis moved and Councilor Myers seconded to approve Resolution No. 2175 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

February 2021 Financial Report

Councilor Davis moved and Councilor Hardin seconded to accept the February 2021 Financial Report as presented by Finance Director Mark Krawczyk. Motion carried unanimously.

Goal Setting Report Adoption

Councilor Spicerkuhn moved and Councilor Duron seconded to adopt the 2021 Goal Setting Report as prepared by Sara Singer Wilson Consulting during the two-day Council retreat held in January, and as presented by City Manager Byron Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

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Committee Reports

Hispanic Advisory Committee- Councilors Barron and Duron stated County Commissioner Dan Dorran presented information regarding: projects he is working on, Mirasol's Clinic is administering COVID vaccines, and Chair Jose Garcia has been appointed to the Rocket Committee which will focus on many issues in our County to include homelessness.

Council President Report

Council President Primmer thanked the Planning Commission for participating in today's work session and feels that a lot of great ideas were shared and discussed.

Council Reports

Councilor Barron stated he's excited to have Middle School students return to school today and thanked Hermiston School District for working hard to make it happen. Asked that the community keep doing their part to make sure COVID numbers stay low so kids can continue going to school in person.

Manager's Report

City Manager Smith spoke regarding:

- City Hall Updates:
 - Contractors have found other hazardous materials that were not originally expected. Due to this discovery, a change order will be coming before the Council for approval to take care of these items
 - The contractor has introduced themselves to all local business impacted by the infrastructure updates in the downtown area and the construction of the new City Hall. Staff and the contractor also supplied informational flyers to the businesses with construction timelines and information. There will also be three informal meetings to address questions and concerns businesses may have
 - The contractor is also changing their construction plan in order to more quickly complete the west parking area to lessen the impact of downtown businesses
- Staff will be coming before the Council with additional recommendations of funds that the City may qualify for

Adjournment

There was no other business and Council President Primmer adjourned the meeting at 7:30pm.

SIGNED:

Doug Primmer, Council President

ATTEST:

Lilly Alarcon-Strong, CMC, City Recorder