

# HERMISTON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

July 26, 2021

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

## **Proclamation- National Night Out**

Chief Edmiston gave information regarding the hidden medallion and how the community can find clues on where to find it in the Hermiston Herald and East Oregonian Tuesday-Thursday. The neighborhood who finds the hidden medallion will have ice cream served at their National Night out block party by the Police Department, Fire Department, and City Council on Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm.

Mayor Drotzmann read aloud the National Night Out Proclamation and encouraged the community to get to know their neighbors during National Night Out.

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

None given.

## **Consent Agenda Items**

Councilor Peterson asked to remove item B from the Consent Agenda as it is a conflict of interest as Councilor Peterson and Erick Peterson are married. Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Hardin seconded to approve Consent Agenda items A, C & D, to include:

- A. Committee Vacancy Announcements
- C. Award Funding through the Transient Room Tax (TRT) Recreation Projects Grants
- D. Minutes of the July 12th, work session and regular meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

## **Items Removed from Consent Agenda**

- B. Confirmation to the Library Board: Position #4, Erick Peterson, term from 07/27/2021 to 06/30/2022

Councilor Peterson left the dais after recusing oneself due to the conflict of interest. Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Spicerkuhn seconded to approve consent agenda item B. Motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

## **Ordinance No. 2325- Water Shortage Emergency**

Assistant City Manager Morgan explained this Ordinance will amend the existing "Water Shortage Emergency" section of City Code to bring it in compliance with the adopted Water Management & Conservation Plan. This ordinance only updates the process for declaring a Water Shortage Emergency. It does not declare a shortage.

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 Davis moved and Councilor Primmer seconded that Ordinance No. 2325 be adopted and become effective 30-days after adoption by the City Council. Motion carried unanimously.

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## **Ordinance No. 2326- Emergency Authority**

City Manager Smith explained this Ordinance will allow the City the authority to declare an emergency as there is currently no emergency authority in place in the City's Code or Charter.

After some discussion, Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Davis seconded to amend the last sentence of section 30.015 Emergency Declaration to read "The Council shall consider ratification of the declaration of emergency within seven (7) days of said declaration". Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Drotzmann requested that the first reading be by title only. Hearing no opposition, City Attorney Gary Luisi read the ordinance by title with the amendment. Mayor Drotzmann requested that the ordinance be put on for final adoption at this meeting and that the second reading be by title with the amendment. After City Attorney Gary Luisi read the ordinance by title with the amendment for the second reading. Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Duron seconded that Ordinance No. 2326 be adopted and become effective 30-days after adoption by the City Council. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Resolution No. 2193 and 2194 For E Diagonal Blvd Traffic Modifications**

Planning Director Spencer gave information regarding Resolution No. 2193 and 2194 that would modify the traffic pattern on E Diagonal Blvd and NE 10<sup>th</sup> St to account for the growth of residential development in this area and the construction of a new elementary school.

Councilor Davis moved and Councilor Duron seconded to approve Resolution No. 2193 reducing the speed limit on E Diagonal Blvd between E Ridgeway Ave and NE 10<sup>th</sup> St from 35 mph to 25 mph and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Spicerkuhn seconded to approve Resolution No. 2194 installing a four-way stop at the intersection of NE 10<sup>th</sup> St and E Diagonal Blvd and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Resolution No. 2195 City Emergency Plan**

City Manager Smith stated information regarding Resolution No. 2195 was presented at the last City Council meeting and will adopt a City Emergency Plan.

After some discussion, Councilor Davis moved and Councilor Myers seconded to approve Resolution No. 2195 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

## **June 2021 Preliminary Financial Report**

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

## **Committee Reports**

**Hispanic Advisory Committee:** Councilor Duron stated Umatilla County Commissioner Candidate Cindy Timmons gave information regarding her candidacy and asked for feedback from the Committee regarding what they want to see or change in the community. The Committee also elected Jose Garcia as Chair and Mark Gomolski as Vice Chair. Mayor Drotzmann thanked Chair Garcia and Vice Chair Gomolski for all their work serving the Committee and Community.

**Public Safety Committee:** Councilor Primmer stated the Committee met earlier this evening and heard a report from Chief Edmiston regarding: personnel updates, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter crime report, legislative updates, transient

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activity, upcoming events including the fundraiser for Lieutenant Randy Studebaker that is not being organized by the police department.

Hermiston 2040 Committee: Councilor Barron stated he will be pushing out Hermiston 2040 information tomorrow morning on KOHU and thanked Councilor Duron for all her efforts volunteering and pushing out information in English and Spanish.

## **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Drotzmann spoke regarding:

- Encouraged the public to get vaccinated as there has been an influx of cases
- The Trail Project Committee is seeking two persons from each community to be members
- There will be an influx of people in Hermiston for the Farm City pro-Rodeo and Fair and asked that the community help make Hermiston an inviting place to visit by cleaning up business fronts and properties

## **Council Reports**

None given.

## **Manager's Report**

City Manager Smith spoke regarding:

- Court Manager Mollie Croisan has resigned for personal reasons
- Encouraged Council to register with City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong for NLC and LOC Conferences
- City Managers Annual Evaluation will be sent to the Council tomorrow with review at the August 23<sup>rd</sup> City Council meeting
- Asked Council to let City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong know if they plan to participate in the Fair Parade

Mayor Drotzmann asked that the Council please fill out City Manager Smith's evaluation by the due date to avoid delays.

## **Adjournment**

There was no other City business and Mayor Drotzmann adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:14pm.

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Dr. David Drotzmann, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lilly Alarcon-Strong, CMC, City Recorder