

HERMISTON CITY COUNCIL

Work Session

August 9, 2021

Mayor Drotzmann, Councilors Hardin, Barron, Primmer, Davis, Spicerkuhn and Myers met at Columbia Basin Bioscience for a facility tour. Staff members in attendance were City Manager Byron Smith, Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan, City Attorney Gary Luisi, and Zoning Clerk Heather La Beau.

Alan Cleaver, of Columbia Basin Bioscience led a tour of the vertically integrated single-site CBD production facility.

While on the tour councilors were taught about the whole process from growing to final processing into distillates or isolate powder.

The facility hopes to increase production in the future. There are odor complaints received, stemming almost entirely from the fields and drying operation.

The company is developing processes so a more consistent product can be produced that would be able to be used pharmaceutically.

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Mayor Drotzmann called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm. Present were Councilors Hardin, Barron, Primmer, Spicerkuhn, Davis, and Myers. 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 and Zoning Clerk Heather La Beau. The meeting was streamed live on YouTube. The pledge of allegiance was given.

Presentation- Hermiston School District (HSD) Updates

Assistant Superintendent Jake Bacon gave information regarding:

- Staff is preparing for in-service to begin and preparing to welcome back students
- Classes will be in person, 5 days a week
- New guidance regarding masks- Per state mandate, masks will be required for K-12 indoors during school hours. Outside of those parameters it will be under local control. This will be reviewed monthly.
- OHA released updated information regarding quarantine rules for exposed individuals
- Construction continues on the Rocky Heights and Loma Vista Elementary schools
- The summer programs supported over 1200 students
- The district's Human Resources Manager, Donna Thomas, earned Oregon School Personnel Association Human Resources Specialist/Support Staff Professional of the Year for 2020. She has also been honored as the national recipient.
- Graduation requirements- Smarter Balance and Work Sample processes will remain at Hermiston High School. Mr. Bacon does not feel the reduced requirements will impact graduation rates.

Mayor Drotzmann wished to pass along congratulations to Ms. Thomas.

Presentation- Community Counseling Solutions (CCS)

Kimberly Lindsay, Executive Director of CCS introduced herself. CCS has been selected as the new mental health and addiction recovery provider for Umatilla County. The organization was established in the 1960's and is the current provider for 4 other counties (totaling roughly 20,000 people). They provide a variety of services including mental health, addictions and operating a warm line. The organization also operates the Grant County Health Department. Ms. Lindsay asked for grace as they work through the next year to make changes and improvements.

Mayor Drotzmann asked how the organization would handle an increase in clients as Umatilla County has approximately 78,000, nearly four times more than currently served. Ms. Lindsay stated they plan to add 65 to 70 employees to their current base of 210. CCS considers employees their best asset and has retention standards in place to ensure continuity of care and improve treatment. The addiction curriculum was recently overhauled and is available for councilors to review. Things that aren't working well will be the focus; building relationships with law enforcement to address acute care, civil commitment issues, and the first responder issues. The City is looking forward to the partnership with CCS.

Ms. Lindsay stated additional state residential facilities are needed. She is interested in the City's thoughts on having this type of facility in the community. LifeWays will continue to operate the McNary and Hermiston facilities. CCS will take over the lease from LifeWays of the outpatient office across from the hospital. CCS will move into the lower level of the new City Hall building. Drug court services will continue in Umatilla County. CCS has psychiatrists on staff and will continue working with many of the existing providers.

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Mayor Drotzmann thanked Ms. Lindsay for attending and appreciates the honesty and transparency. The City is looking forward to the working relationship and the services that can be provided to the community. He would like CCS to report back yearly or more often if necessary.

Citizen Input on Non-Agenda Items

None given.

Consent Agenda Items

Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Davis seconded to approve Consent Agenda items A & B, to include:

- A. Committee Vacancy Announcements
- B. Minutes of the July 26th regular meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 2327- Airport Commercial Business

City Manager Smith explained this is to update an ordinance written in 1977. Requirements of the FAA and other agencies have changed. The update reflects current practices and operations. It was presented to the Airport Board last week.

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. City Attorney Gary Luisi read the ordinance by title only for the second and final reading. Councilor Davis moved and Councilor Primmer seconded that Ordinance No. 2327 be adopted and become effective 30-days after adoption by the City Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

None given. Mayor Drotzmann encouraged councilors to regularly check their calendars for committee meetings.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Drotzmann spoke regarding:

- Reminded councilors to turn in the city manager evaluation forms by the end of the day
- A recommendation from the Parks & Recreation committee for the Trail Project Committee may be forthcoming
- The EO Summit has been postponed to October 7-8
- Oregon LOC Annual Conference in October, contact Lilly to sign up if you haven't already
- Support the Umatilla County Fair and Rodeo this week
- Melon Fest is Aug 21 downtown Hermiston
- City Fest is Aug 28 at Butte Park
- Encouraged people to get vaccinated and wear masks as Covid cases continue to rise
- Benefit dinner, concert and auction on Aug 21 for Lieutenant Randy Studebaker. Donations can also be made online at <https://www.teamstuDETBaker.com>

Council Reports

Councilor Hardin invited councilors and staff to City Fest's Civic Leaders Luncheon on August 26 from noon to 1:00pm at the Hermiston Community Center. Senator Hansell will be one of the speakers. Please let Councilor Hardin or Phil Hamm know if you will be attending.

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Councilor Barron has concerns with the covid and hospitalization numbers and how this may affect students' ability to attend school in person. His worry is if it isn't kept under control locally, the state may again step in. He is interested in the council's thoughts on protective measures to take for protecting the community. He suggests wearing masks for the remainder of the month. Councilor Primmer feels a mandate from the City is an infringement on rights and each person is able to decide what is right for themselves. Councilor Davis stated it is more of a county issue. Councilor Myers thinks it is a good idea but unenforceable. While Mayor Drotzmann applauded Councilor Barron's comments, it is each individual's responsibility.

Councilor Spicerkuhn noted a few repair issues at the Hermiston Family Aquatic Center that should be addressed, including:

- Women's restroom showers are inoperable
- Men's restroom has only one working shower
- Family restroom has a shower that shoots out boiling hot water

City Manager Smith will follow-up on the pool issues.

Councilor Spicerkuhn stated that if the council won't mandate masks, it is important to advocate it and use their positions to encourage people to put masks on and get vaccinated to help stop the spread.

Manager's Report

City Manager Smith spoke regarding:

- South Hermiston Industrial Park (SHIP) update- the Meyer Distributing building is almost half erected, A-1 Industrial has begun work on a new warehouse and infrastructure work has started on the streets
- City Hall construction continues with the progression of the elevator shaft and backfilling of the north wall. The western parking lot is open and being used as a few punch list items are completed.
- Water on SW 7th St- the City is aware and working on the issue. Debris has been removed from the pipe and additional work will be performed when irrigation season ends in the fall.

Recess for Executive Session

At 8:12pm Mayor Drotzmann announced the City Council of the City of Hermiston will now meet in Executive Session in the Conference Center Rotary Room for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to negotiating real property transactions. The Executive Session is held pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2) (e) which allows the Council to meet in Executive Session to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the Council to negotiate real property transactions.

Representatives of the news media and designated staff shall be allowed to attend the executive session. All other members of the audience are excluded. Representatives of the news media are specifically directed not to report on any of the deliberations during the executive session, except to state the general subject of the session as previously announced. No final decision may be made in executive session. At the end of the executive session, the council will return to open session which the audience may attend. The executive session will last approximately 10 mins.

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Reconvene and Adjournment

There was no other City business and Mayor Drotzmann reconvened and then adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:48pm.

SIGNED:

Dr. David Drotzmann, Mayor

ATTEST:

Heather KP La Beau, Zoning Clerk

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