

HERMISTON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

October 11, 2021

Mayor Drotzmann called the regular meeting to order at 7:01pm. Present were Councilors Hardin, Peterson, Barron, Primmer, Spicerkuhn, Davis, Duron, and Myers. Also in attendance was Judge Thomas Creasing, as well as City staff to include: City Manager Byron Smith, City Attorney Richard Tovey, Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan, Chief Edmiston, Finance Director Mark Krawczyk, Hermiston Energy Services General Manager Nate Rivera, Planning Director Clint Spencer, Parks and Recreation Interim Director Brandon Artz, and City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong. The meeting was streamed live on YouTube. The pledge of allegiance was given.

Mayor Drotzmann welcomed new City Attorney Richard Tovey to his first City Council meeting.

Mayor Drotzmann announced the agenda would be amended to include a Hermiston School District Update.

Presentation- Hermiston School District Updates

Hermiston High School Assistant Principal Michael Thomas gave information regarding last week's Spirit Week activities and Homecoming. Mr. Thomas stated this year's spirit week activities and homecoming saw an increase of student participation by the hundreds as homecoming usually draws a crowd of about 600 and this year's attendance was 950. The School District believes students are wanting to participate and be more engaged than before as so many activities were cancelled in the last year as a result of COVID.

Mayor Drotzmann thanked the School District for encouraging students to participate and stay involved in activities.

Citizen Input on Non-Agenda Items

Louis Hanson invited the Council and City as a whole to the Seventh-day Adventist Church Open House (Flyer attached).

Jackie Linton, 111 W Beech Ave- Thanked the City for the \$10.00 Dining Dollars and asked that the Chamber of Commerce reconsiders how they distribute gift cards so they can be more fairly obtained by the community. Mrs. Linton asked that the City inform the community if there is a Sanitary Disposal rate increase so people can plan and budget.

Virginia Rome- Garcia, 435 E sunset Drive- stated she is grateful to Hermiston and surrounding areas for helping the homeless.

Mayor Drotzmann stated the homeless shelter project is a very complex issue, however surrounding communities and organizations are coming together to work on a solution.

Consent Agenda Items

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

- A. Committee Vacancy Announcements
- B. Confirmation to the Hispanic Advisory Committee: Position #3, Agustin Vega-Peters, remaining 3 year term from 10/12/2021 to 06/30/2024
- C. Initiate annexation proceedings 4N2814AD TL 902- 920 E View Drive
- D. Minutes of the September 27th Regular Meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

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Ordinance No. 2329- An Ordinance Amending Chapter 70 General Provisions, Chapter 71 Traffic Rules, Chapter 72 Parking Regulations, and Chapter 73 Bicycle Operation of the Hermiston Municipal Code

City Manager Smith stated this ordinance is part of the on-going efforts to update the City Code and outlined the purposed changes.

After some discussion, Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Duron seconded to table the ordinance until the next City Council meeting for staff to be able to accurately research questions asked by Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 2330- An Ordinance Amending Chapter 92 of the Hermiston Municipal Code, Entitled "Nuisances." City Manager Smith stated this ordinance is part of the on-going efforts to update the City Code and outlined the purposed changes.

After some discussion, Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Davis seconded to table the ordinance until the next City Council meeting for staff to be able to accurately research questions asked by Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 2331- An Ordinance Amending Chapter 135 of the Hermiston Municipal Code, Entitled "Structural Maintenance Regulations." City Manager Smith stated this ordinance is part of the on-going efforts to update the City Code and outlined the purposed changes.

After some discussion, Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Davis seconded to table the ordinance until the next City Council meeting for staff to be able to accurately research questions asked by Council. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Smith and Mayor Drotzmann asked that the Council please review the agenda packet prior to Monday's meeting and address questions with City Manager Smith in advance of the meeting in order for staff to be able to research and answer questions efficiently. The agenda process was changed in order to bring the agenda to the Council and public on Wednesday instead of Friday for this reason.

1st Quarter FY 2021-2022 Investment Report

Councilor Spicerkuhn moved and Councilor Davis seconded to accept the 1st Quarter FY 2021-2022 Investment Report as presented by Finance Director Mark Krawczyk. Motion carried unanimously.

LOC Constitution Changes

City Manager Smith reviewed proposed changes as attached. After some discussion, the majority of the Council agreed that all changes were acceptable.

Councilor Hardin thanked the Council for their feedback as he will be Hermiston's voting delegate.

Committee Reports

EOTEC Advisory Committee- Mayor Drotzmann gave Committee updates regarding: welcoming new committee members and Operations Director; Fair and Rodeo updates from the 2021 season and announcing that this year fair was the busiest to date, with Friday's Latino Night being the most successful day; structural changes may be needed to expand the area; reviewing goals and priorities; discussing water solutions, lacrosse fields, security system updates, RV Park development, and Venue works contract.

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Faith-Based Advisory Committee- Councilor Hardin stated the Committee heard presentations from Chief Edmiston for National Faith and Blue and developing a possible Harvest Festival to also celebrate farmers; Trucare's new Surrendering the Secret Program, and creating a utility assistance fund.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Drotzmann spoke regarding:

- His candidacy for LOC Treasurer
- Bird company updates (attached)
- Hacienda CDC meeting with multiple area agencies regarding housing development opportunities to address housing needs in the region

Council Reports

Councilor Peterson announced the LOC's Woman Caucus nominations of which Councilor Peterson is included in.

Councilor Myers stated she and Councilor Primmer attended a ribbon cutting for Oregon Washington Health Network located at 165 SW 3rd Street. The peer center serves as an easy walk-in center to help engage individuals and families experiencing issues with substance abuse and works to reduce the stigma and shame that comes along with the abuse. There were many agencies in attendance to show their support for this major asset in our community, to include: Community Corrections, Good Shephard Hospital, and more.

Mayor Drotzmann stated the program has helped many and it's great to hear their recovery stories.

Councilor Barron stated he was happy to learn of this bilingual service in a great location near a bus stop, and wishes them continued success.

Manager's Report

City Manager Smith spoke regarding:

- Goal Setting Updates (attached)
- Closed recruitments for the Parks and Recreation Director and Court Manager. There were many extremely qualified applicants which will be narrowed down to four this week, with interviews and a final hiring decision made in November with a start date of January 2022.
- City Hall updates

Adjournment

There was no other City business and Mayor Drotzmann adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:19pm.

SIGNED:

Dr. David Drotzmann, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lilly Alarcon-Strong, CMC, City Recorder



Hermiston Seventh-day
Adventist Church

Welcome to our
GRAND OPENING!



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Adventist Church

**GRAND OPENING &
CHURCH DEDICATION**

855 West Highland Avenue
P O BOX 272
Hermiston OR 97838-0272

Please join us for a weekend of praise and thanksgiving
as we dedicate our new church building to the Lord.

Saturday, October 16, 2021

9:30am- Sabbath School
10:40am- Worship Service
1:00pm- Fellowship Meal
3:00pm- Concert and Dedication

Sunday, October 17, 2021

1:00- 4:00pm Open house and tours

For more see our website at www.hermistonsda.org
or our Facebook page.

Proposed Changes to League of Oregon Cities Constitution

The LOC Board of Directors has directed staff to prepare and submit specific amendments to the LOC Constitution for review and approval during the upcoming annual membership meeting to be held virtually on October 22, 2021. Amendments to the LOC Constitution require a vote of two-thirds of the voting delegates present during an annual meeting.

The last time the Constitution was amended was during the 2013 annual membership meeting. Five key amendments are proposed by the Board. The Board believes these proposed amendments to the LOC Constitution will make the Board more accessible to all LOC members, regardless of their geographical location or population size. Paramount to the Board's decision in making the proposed amendments is ensuring it represents all of Oregon in a transparent and equitable manner.

Proposed Change #1. Altering the Leadership Structure

Currently the leadership structure of the Board is such that the Treasurer is elected by the membership at large and serves a one-year term. The Treasurer then automatically ascends to the position of Vice-President serving a one-year term. The Vice-President automatically ascends to the position of President serving a one-year term. The President automatically becomes the Immediate Past-President serving a one-year term. In each position held, the person occupying it must be an elected official of a member city.

- The Board proposes removing the Treasurer position from the automatic line of ascension to the President, and instead makes the position a standalone two-year position elected by the membership.
- The Board proposes to open the Treasurer position to both elected and appointed officials from member cities.

Proposed Change #2. Creating Additional Non-Voting Board Members.

The LOC has divided the state into 12 distinct regions. It is the Board's desire to ensure that each of the 12 regions is always represented on the Board.

- The Board proposes adding a new provision to the Constitution which allows the President and Nominating Committee to appoint persons from member cities of unrepresented regions to serve in a non-voting capacity on the Board.

Proposed Change #3. Defining Who Constitutes an Appointed Official.

The term "appointed" is one which is presently found in the LOC Constitution; but, is not defined. This proposed definition makes sure all cities including their chief executives have the opportunity to serve on the LOC Board. 81 (34%) of all LOC members are cities with a population of 1,000 or less; and of the 81 cities with a population of 1,000 or less, only 12 are managed by a city manager or administrator, the other 69 cities (or 85%) are managed by a city recorder.

- The Board proposes that the term appointed should be defined to mean: “any person who has been appointed by a city council and holds the title of city manager or city administrator. If a member city does not have a position titled city manager or city administrator, the city recorder, provided they are appointed to their position by the city council, also constitutes an appointed position.”

Proposed Change #4. Past Presidents Ability to Continue Serving on the Board.

- The Board proposes allowing any Past President of the Board to continue to serve on the Board if they hold either an elected or appointed position with a member city. Currently, only those Past Presidents who hold an elected position with a member city may continue to serve on the Board. The Board recommends this permission be expanded to include appointed positions as well.

Proposed Change #5. Conducting Meetings Via Electronic Methods.

- The Board proposes adjusting language that allows LOC “to hold any meeting by, or through the use of, any means of communication allowing all participants to simultaneously hear and speak to one another.”

2021 Goal Report

Goal	Actions	Project Lead	Timeline
Goal 1: Develop an engagement and communication infrastructure to provide accessible engagement opportunities			
	> Improve two-way Communication	Byron S.	12/31/2021
	> Break down barriers to participation and increase multi-cultural engagement	Byron S.	12/31/2021
	> Embrace technology to improve outreach alternatives	Byron S.	12/31/2021
	> Complete the community vision process	Byron S.	11/30/2021
Goal 2: Exercise fiscal prudence and adhere to budgeted expenditures to improve financial sustainability			
	> Develop a plan to recover from COVID and return to healthy fund balances	Byron S./Mark K.	5/31/2021
	> Evaluate Hermiston's System Development Charges (SDCs)	Mark M.	8/1/2021
Goal 3: Support the development of housing to provide diverse and affordable housing options			
	> Develop Green property for Senior Housing	Mark M.	9/1/2021
	> Fund infrastructure improvements to support new housing and enhance livability	Byron S./Mark M.	Ongoing
Goal 4: Invest in transportation infrastructure to improve mobility and support growth			
	> Fund the Geer/Harper road improvements	Mark M.	12/31/2023
	> Extend Gettman Road	Byron S./Mark M.	12/31/2024
	> Complete the River Bridge Analysis	Byron S./Mark M.	10/31/2021
Goal 5: Foster community partnerships to address local and regional issues			
	> Develop partnerships with mental health service providers to connect people with services	Byron S./Jason E.	9/1/2021
	> Enhance partnerships with EOTEC stakeholders	Byron S./Al D.	10/1/2021
	> Convene a regional conversation on homelessness with the County, neighboring cities, and other service providers	Byron + Others	7/1/2021
	> Develop partnerships with childcare providers and youth programming providers	Byron S./Larry F.	7/1/2022
	> Improve partnerships with the local business community	Byron S./Mark M.	7/1/2021
	> Work with health care providers, the State and County in providing information and access to the COVID-19 vaccine	Byron S.	12/1/2021
	> Develop partnerships with the County, State and Federal agencies to support transportation investments	Byron S./Mark M.	Ongoing
Goal 6: Plan for City facilities that meet current and future needs			
	> Explore broadband/fiber options to support City facilities	Byron S./Nate R.	10/31/2021
	> Conduct a City facilities assessment	Byron S.	3/31/2023
	> Complete a feasibility study for the Health, Wellnes, and Aquatic Center	Byron S. + Others	3/31/2023



Hey Hermiston!

A Year in Bird (so far):



03/2021

Birds Landed



100

Number of Birds



6.1084

Metric Tonnes of CO2 saved



13,754

Total Rides

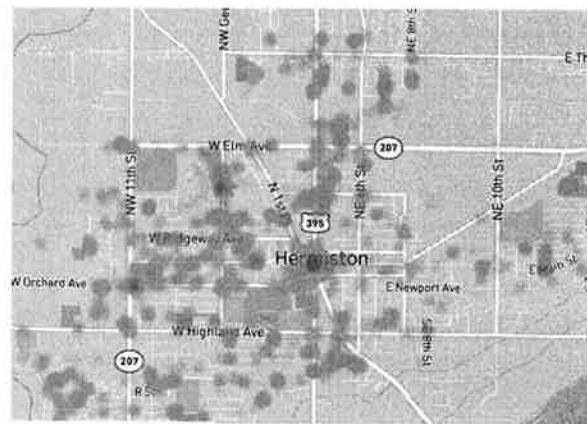


28,742

Total Miles Traveled

1

Bird takes you where you want to go. Here's where the Hermiston community is riding Birds to!



2

This year, we reminded Hermiston riders to...

- Wear a helmet
- Stay off the sidewalk - use a bike lane when available
- Park properly - do not block sidewalks, ADA ramps, or entrances.





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A Bird's Eye View:



So far this year, globally, Bird has:

- ✓ Integrated with **Google Maps** to increase access to Birds worldwide
- ✓ Launched **"Safe Start"** an in-app program designed to stop drinking and riding.
- ✓ Launched **electric bike-sharing** in select cities, with more to come.
- ✓ Announced that we **offset ALL GHG emissions** associated with our scooters in 2020
- ✓ Became official supporters of the **Vision Zero Network**, a global movement dedicated to ending traffic fatalities