HERMISTON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting November 22, 2021

Mayor Drotzmann called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm. Present were Councilors Hardin, Peterson, Primmer, Spicerkuhn, Duron, and Davis. Councilors Barron and Myers were excused. Also in attendance was City staff to include: Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan, City Attorney Richard Tovey, Chief Edmiston, Finance Director Mark Krawczyk, Planning Director Clint Spencer, Parks and Recreation Director Brandon Artz, and City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong. The meeting was streamed live on YouTube. The pledge of allegiance was given.

Presentation- Introduction of New BMCC President, Mark Browning

Blue Mountain Community College (BMCC) President Mark Browning introduced himself and gave information about where BMCC has been and where BMCC is going with his vision (PowerPoint Presentation attached).

After answering questions from the Council, Mayor Drotzmann and the Council thanked Mr. Browning for attending and presenting his vision for the betterment of BMCC.

Citizen Input on Non-Agenda Items

None given.

Consent Agenda Items

Councilor Primmer asked that Item C be removed. Councilor Duron moved and Councilor Primmer seconded to approve Consent Agenda items A, B & D-I, to include:

A. Liquor License Application for "Off-Premises", sales for Grocery Outlet located at 1875 N 1st Street, Suite E
B. Initiate annexation proceedings and comprehensive plan map amendment 4N2811BA TL 100 and 600 - E Elm Ave
D. Minutes of the November 8, 2021 Public Infrastructure Committee Meeting
E. Minutes of the November 8th City Council Meeting
F. Confirmations to the Airport Advisory Committee: Position #3, Mike Martin, and Position #4, Josh Burns- terms from 11/23/2021 to 10/31/2024
G. Confirmation to the Budget Committee: Position #9, John Douglass, 3-term from 01/01/2022 to 12/31/2024
H. Confirmation to the Faith-Based Advisory Committee: Position #3, Dean Hackett, 3-term from 01/01/2022 to 12/31/2024
I. Confirmations to the Parks and Recreation Committee: Position #1, Jeffrey Kelso; Position #2, Lydia Raath; and Position #3, Trista Hindman terms from 11/23/2021 to 10/31/2024

Motion carried unanimously.

Items Removed From Consent Agenda

C. Cancel the December 27th City Council Meeting.

Councilor Primmer stated he removed item C as he wants public transparency around the cancellation of this meeting. Cancellation of this meeting is customary due to the holiday season. Councilor Davis moved and Councilor Primmer seconded to approve Consent Agenda item C. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing- Subdivisions Northwest LLC 4N2814AD TL 902 - 920 E View Drive

After hearing no declarations of conflict of interest from the Council, Mayor Drotzmann opened the hearing at 7:43pm.

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Planning Director Spencer gave information regarding the application submission of Robert McLeod of Knutzen Engineering to annex 7.41 acres of land located at the southeast corner of E View Drive and SE 9th St to develop the property as a 35 lot subdivision.

There were no Proponents, Opponents, or Neutral parties who wished to testify and Mayor Drotzmann closed the hearing at 7:46pm.

After some discussion, Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Hardin seconded to approve the Findings of Fact as presented by Planning Director Spencer in the agenda packet and as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 2333- Annexing 4N2814AD Tax Lot 902, 7.41 acres-920 E View Drive

Assistant City Manager Morgan stated the Ordinance was discussed earlier in the meeting during the Public Hearing.

After some discussion, Mayor Drotzmann requested that the first reading be by title only. Hearing no opposition, City Attorney Richard Tovey 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 Richard Tovey read the ordinance by title only, Councilor Spicerkuhn moved and Councilor Primmer seconded that Ordinance No. 2333 be adopted and become effective 30-days after adoption by the City Council. Motion carried unanimously.

October Financial Report

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

Committee Reports

Library Board- Councilor Davis stated the Board met but do to lack of quorum could not proceed with the meeting.

Hispanic Advisory Committee- Councilor Duron stated the Committee heard presentations from BMCC President Mark Browning and Senior Meteorologist from the National Weather Service Larry Nierenberg. The information they supplied was very valuable. She has suggested to Mr. Nierenberg that the National Weather Service work with the County to draft canned emergency messages in Spanish so they are able to use them when needed, as currently emergency messaging is only sent out in English.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Drotzmann thanked all members who attended the Hermiston 2040 Vision Labs as all four labs were well attended. There will be another opportunity for the public to participate in the Hermiston 2040 effort by participating in the Hermiston 2040 Open House on Thursday, December 2nd from 5:00pm to 7:30pm at Victory Baptist Church located on Festival Street during the Tree Lighting Ceremony. Mayor Drotzmann announced the passing of previous City Councilor, Harmon Springer, who had been a councilmember from 2001 through 2011. Mayor Drotzmann thanked Mr. Springer for his service to the community and gave condolences to his family.

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Council Reports

Councilor Peterson attended the Martha's House open house this weekend. The public was able to have a walk through and learn specific details about the program. Councilor Peterson stated it is a great program to help the community transition into better life opportunities.

Councilor Duron asked the public to consider volunteering at the Warming Station. It is a very rewarding experience for those who volunteer and is greatly appreciated by those who need a warm and safe place to sleep.

Assistant City Manager's Report

Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan introduced the New Parks and Recreation Director, Brandon Artz, and asked that he give updates of the Festival of Lights and Tree Lighting Celebration.

Parks and Recreation Director Brandon Artz thanked the Council for the opportunity to become the new Director and stated:

- The 7th Annual Tree Lighting Celebration will be held Thursday, December 2nd from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. The event will feature performances by the High School Choir, Pictures with Santa who will arrive by fire truck, the Hermiston 2040 Open House in the Victory Baptist Building, and more. This year's Christmas tree was donated from 750 E Pine Ave and will be excavated tomorrow. All trees used in this celebration are donated and need to be removed due to encroachments of infrastructure or similar. If anyone has a tree that could be used for future celebrations, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department, and they will take care of the entire removal of the tree, including stump grinding, etc.
- Festival of Lights at EOTEC will begin this Friday. It is a drive-thru event that will be open Thursday through Sunday 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Entrance is by donations and will be disbursed to the Rotary Club.

Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan spoke regarding:

- Thanked all those who participated in the Court Administrators Interview process. The City has offered the position to Jillian Viles who has accepted and will start January 3rd.
- This calendar year:
    - The City has approved 125 housing permits and expects that number to increase to 130 by year end. Last calendar year this number was 120.
    - The City has added $95 million in commercial and industrial investments this calendar year.

Adjournment

There was no other City business and Mayor Drotzmann adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:24pm.

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Dr. David Drotzmann, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lilly Alarcon-Strong, CMC, City Recorder

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Who is this guy they hired?

Does he actually know anything?

What wild new ideas is he planning?

And does he know how to say McKay Creek?

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Who are we?

Who we've been

Who are we going to be?

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We've been:

- Traditional Transfer
- CTE
- "A Comprehensive Community College

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BMCC Here's the Math

Total FTE Enrollment by Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
	2094.5	1864.3	1764.1	1560.6	1410.5	1380.2	1384.9	1333	1156.6	874.42	
		-12%	-5%	-12%	-10%	-3%	1%	-4%	-14%	-25%	-3%

Enrollment has declined 59% in the last 10 years

Total Spending Budget: 52,325,935 (2011)
69,563,880 (2017)
44,216,927 (2021/22) -16%

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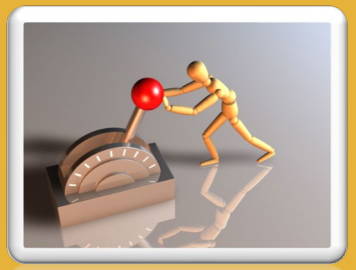
2 Levers:

- Control Expenses, Increase Revenue

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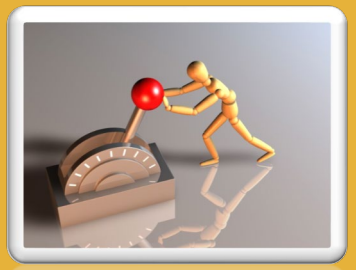
Revenue Sources:

- Tuition/Fees 27%
- Property Tax 42%
- State Appropriation(s) 24%
- Contracts/Grants 7%

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Expenditure Sources:

- Personnel 71%
  - Faculty
  - Classified
  - Exempt
- Materials & Services 20%
- Capital <1%
- Transfers & Special Funds 7%
- Other 1% general fund

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BMCC What is the "Vision"?

- Start with the Mission
- *"Blue Mountain Community College provides **responsive** and high quality **innovative** educational programs and services that promote personal and professional growth to **strengthen our communities**"*

- Responsive to community needs/future
- Innovative
- Strength in Action

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BMCC What is the "Vision"?

- **The New Blue**

- An institution that embodies the spirit of our students
- Adaptive & Responsive to changing conditions

- **Highly Focused:**

- Career Technical Education (CTE)
- Short(er) Course Training
- Change Definition of Student Success & Measurable Outcomes
- Pathways with Purpose
- Converting Practical Work/Life Experience to Transferrable Credit/Credentials

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BMCC What Opportunities Are Out There for The New Blue?

- Ag- Precision Ag, Specialized Crop Management, Food Production
- UAS: Unmanned Aerial Systems (drones)
- Data & Cyber Security
- Dual Credit in HS
- New & Existing Apprentice Programs
- Grow Your Own Programs
- Health Care

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BMCC The New Blue

- How long to realize the vision?

  Now. We start now.

- How do we pay for it?

  All available resources- repurpose existing means, explore all new potential partnerships, aggressively review all assets/allocations

- Think Proactively,
  - Plan Deeply,
    - Work Effectively

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"We must think and operate differently to be not only effective, but sustainable and vibrant to meet the demands of our students, industry and our communities"

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