

MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 04, 2024



Date: December 04, 2024

Time: 6:00 pm

Meeting called to order by: Mayor Anderson at 6:02 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Anderson, Councilor Berry, Councilor Campbell, Councilor Cannon, Councilor Wright

Absent—Councilor Estes

Staff – City Manager Rogers, City Attorney Westmeyer, Finance Director Morris, Special Projects Coordinator, Coleman

Audience: Jayne Elken, Teunis Swyers, Gary Lindemeyer, Gary Rowe, Bill Mills, Kimberly B., Connie, Diana C., Anita Denton and others from the community.

AGENDA ADDITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF Nov 20, 2024, MINUTES: Andrea Rogers noted one correction to the 11/20/24 Minutes—noting that the enforcement of speed limits, not dark sky would be assisted through the suggested robotic technology. Due to audience requests to have the minutes posted, Mayor Anderson postponed approval to the next meeting.

OPEN MEETING

1) Public Comment –

- Several members from the Senior Center Community vehemently expressed their immediate need for a bank of mailboxes to be installed at the Senior Center, noting that the Postmaster in The Dalles informed them that the boxes are in stock and ready to be installed. City Manager, Andrea Rogers said she would put the project at the top of her list and get the installation done ASAP.
- Other attending community members from neighborhoods throughout Mosier strongly voiced their need for local residential mailboxes due to the prohibitive expense of a post office box. Councilor Wright gave an update on his recent research saying that after talking with the postmaster, there was significant resistance to change from the status quo. He noted he would continue his research but warned that home delivery may come at the cost of losing the post office. He will work with the City to survey the local community to see how many are willing to sacrifice the post office for home delivery.
- Jayne Elken commented on the Skate Park project with concerns regarding the location of its site and priority in relation to other city projects, asking if it could be a long term rather than short term goal. Council members noted that there would be a public presentation on the Skate Park in early January.

- 2) **Election Write-In Results for Councilor Berry's Seat** – City Manager Andrea Rogers reported that there were 15 names written into 54 ballots with write-in names for City Council. Lydia Koerner had the highest number received at 24 votes and was elected to the position.
- **Ms. Koerner was in attendance via Zoom and thanked Council for their confidence in her and noted that it was an honor to serve the community of Mosier.**
- 3) **Application for Vacant Councilor Spencer's Seat** - Mgr. Rogers noted that the City had one application, provided to Council in the Council Packet for applicant Gary Lindemeyer, a new resident to Mosier. Mayor Anderson noted that Mr. Lindemeyer was in attendance and asked if he would like to introduce himself and describe his background and experience to Council. Mr. Lindemeyer said he and his wife had retired to Mosier from Hood River. He was employed at the City of Hood River, involved with development of construction standards for private development and large public water and sewer projects, often assisting Stoner Bell and Bell Design, who is currently contracted as city engineer for the City of Mosier. Audience attendee Teunis Swyers noted his familiarity with Mr. Lindemeyer's work in Hood River and encouraged Council to consider him due to his valuable expertise. **Motion:** Councilor Campbell moved to appoint Mr. Lindemeyer to the vacant Council seat. Councilor Wright seconded the motion. **All in favor.**
- 4) **Internal Controls** – City Finance Director, City Manager and Councilor Berry have been working on internal controls. City Manager Rogers noted that there are several layers to internal controls including:
- a. Who has access to accounts
 - b. Who approves invoices
 - c. Finance calendar that requires all invoices to be in on time and goes to the City Bookkeeper, Kate Reid on a consistent date identified in the calendar
 - d. Invoices are approved by City Manager and City Finance Director
 - e. List of Invoices with total number of approvals is recorded
 - f. The Kate is given the go ahead to print checks
 - g. Checks are then brought to City Hall for signature
 - h. Then sent out via post the following Monday
 - i. Approval records are kept by City Finance Director
 - j. A final Internal Controls Policy will be presented to Council at the January 2025 public meeting.
- 5) **Announcements** – No Announcements.
- 6) **Council Recessed for Executive Session 6:40 p.m.**
- 7) **Council Reconvened the Public Meeting at 8:40 p.m. – No Action**