

# MINUTES

## COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 22, 2025



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Date: January 22, 2025

Time: 6:03 pm

Meeting called to order by: Mayor Anderson at 6:03 p.m.

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### IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Anderson, Councilor Campbell, Councilor Cannon, Councilor Wright, Councilor Estes, Councilor Lindemyer, Councilor Koerner

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

Presenters: Lee Campbell, resident, Danyel Scott, Dreamland Skateparks, LLC

Audience: Jane Elkin, Jack Anderson, Steven \_\_\_\_\_, Sarah Goodman, Brian Barrett

**AGENDA ADDITIONS:** None

### BUSINESS FROM AUDIENCE:

**Jane Elkin** resident spoke about her letter in the Council packet, here to learn more about the Skate Park project, i.e., what's happened until now, what is the preferred location and ask that the location be reassessed.

**Jack Anderson** resident in Mosier for over 20 years, across from Skate Park proposed location. Wants to express concerns about wildlife habitat in the same area. Eagles perch in the vicinity of the creek, eagles sit in the trees along the creek. In the summer there's ospreys, falcons, Doesn't think that site is correct, and would prefer to move it to a different location, closer to the school. It's a greenspace already and the Mosier Plateau Trail, would prefer it to remain a greenspace.

**Steven** has old Cascade building, shop across from the site, agrees with everything, would like to keep it in a greenspace and it's a dangerous site due to the train tracks. Location is wrong. Also worried about trash, spray painting. Disagrees with the location. Believes it's a dangerous spot for skating.

**Sarah** – Eleven-year resident of Mosier. My main concern are the dead trees and the wildlife and bird habitat. Totem plaza is right there. Are the trees coming down?

**Brian Barrett** – Welcome back, Witt, we're glad you're here. One of Brian's hobbies has been online information gathering. Noticed an uptick of readiness of right-wing militia, similar to history of fascist regimes. He then went through examples of how the Trump presidency has initiated fascist policies. "What will Council do when right wing militia gather in our town? Have you thought about this possibility?" There are militia members here in Mosier. Militias are unconstitutional. What will you do if a militia assembles in our community? I implore you to stand up and say NO. It will require courage. Please strongly consider your actions in case of need. I implore the Mayor and all Council to ruminate on this possibility."

**May Anderson** responded, "Thank you, Brian we will consider this."

**APPROVAL OF Jan 8, 2024, MINUTES:** Mayor Anderson noted a correction to the Jan 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, to correct redundancy in section 7. **MOTION:** Councilor Campbell moved to approve as corrected, Councilor Cannon seconded.

## **OPEN MEETING**

### **1) Skate Park Presentation and Grant Resolution**

- Lee Campbell provided a presentation of the project's inception, concept and multiple public outreach events conducted to gain public support. She also described the terms of the Oregon Parks (OPRD) grant, which would pay for design and construction.
- Danyel Scott (Dreamland Skateparks, LLC) provided a graphic presentation on the project's design and responded to questions from Council.
- Charlie asked about elevation drop from Hwy 30 down to concrete. Danyel noted it a 4-5 ft. drop.
- Gary – if we pass this resolution are we locked into this site? Danyel responded --the Conditional Use Permit will allow us to look at another site. However, all of the design work was purchased for this site. So, we're not locked in, but tonight's resolution is simply to allow us to seek funding. It does not limit us to this conceptual design. If there is a shift in the direction, then we'll come back to changes in the concept.
- Mayor Anderson mentioned the City's budget is lean and we don't have a good track record for staying within grant budgets for project implementation.
- Noah asked how many people would be using the skate park structure? Andrea responded that the formal design process would allow a broader conversation.
- Andrea noted that tonight's agenda is to seek Council's approval to apply for a grant from OPRD with the assistance of Main Street Mosier.
- Ron asked if \$500,000 is the cost of construction? Andrea noted that it is for design and construction of a 7,000-sf skate park. We'll have a guaranteed maximum price (GMP), said Lee Campbell.
- Brenna notes that there's been a lot of work and public outreach put into this project, which has been in the works for two years now.
- Danyel (Dreamland Skateparks, LLC) notes that the surrounding landscape is a big design consideration. The designers took special care to include spaces for families and greenspace.
- Charlie notes that the current location was authorized, but can we get the notes to review why we authorized that location?
- Witt wanted clarity on whether or not the City could reconsider the location of the skate park once the resolution to apply for the grant is passed.
- The resolution was voted on with conditions that location decisions, be researched and considered during the formal Conditional Use Permit (CUP) process. **MOTION:** Councilor Estes moved to adopt Resolution #2025-01, "Resolution Authorizing a Grant Application to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for the Development of a Skatepark." Councilor Wright seconded—All in favor.

**2) Procurement for WWTP UV System & Commitment of Funds** – Chris McCalib noted that the new UV system is originally part of the upgrade project design by RH2. A bid advertisement went out with competitive bids. DEQ has given us a deadline of October 8, 2025. Business Oregon approved UV system funding as reimbursable. **MOTION:** Councilor Koerner moved to adopt the findings in the emergency procurement report form presented tonight, and to approve and ratify the November 26, 2024, approval of the emergency procurement for UV System for the WWTP in the amount of \$118,568. Councilor Anderson seconded--All in favor.

**3) Procurement Method for Certified Water Operator**-- Andrea noted that she has had discussions with Laura about going out for an RFP (request for proposal) and decided to advertise. Mayor Anderson

asked if we had an emergency before we have a water operator under contract, would City of Hood River assist us? Andrea responded that she thought so, yes. Mayor Anderson also noted that they have a generator in place for the City Well. **MOTION:** Brenna Campbell moved to authorize the City Manager to procure a water operator using the process presented tonight, and to enter into a contract with the selected contractor. Councilor Cannon seconded – All in Favor.

- 4) **Appointment of Interim City Manager to Permanent City Manager**— Before Council was the decision to appoint Andrea Rogers as City Manager and provide health benefits for a 30-hr. work week. City attorney will modify the term sheet into an employment agreement. **MOTION:** Mayor Anderson moved to appoint Andrea Rogers as Mosier City Manager and for the City to enter into an employment agreement on the terms discussed tonight, which may be negotiated by the parties in consultation with legal counsel. Councilor Cannon seconded – All in favor.
- 5) Adjourned to **Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(f) *To consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection.***
- 6) Council reconvened the public meeting at 8:51 p.m. No discussion or decisions.
- 7) Mayor Anderson adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.