



MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 02, 2025

Date:	April 02, 2025
Time:	6:00 pm
Meeting called to order by:	Mayor Anderson at 6:01 pm

IN ATTENDANCE

Council: Mayor Witt Anderson, Councilor Charlie Cannon, Councilor Ron Wright, Councilor Noah Estes, Councilor Lydia Koerner, Councilor Gary Lindemyer

Absent: Councilor Brenna Campbell

Staff: City Manager Andrea Rogers, City Recorder Amy Szilagyi, Special Projects Coordinator Colleen Coleman, City Planner Dan Meader City Planner Jaime Crawford, Finance Director, Monica Morris

AGENDA ADDITIONS: None

SUMMARY:

The city council discussed various community issues, including the installation of senior mailboxes, postal service policies, and speeding in town. The council approved the minutes from the previous meeting, welcomed a new city recorder, and discussed the process for conditional use permits, public hearings, and the legislative process for adopting new rules and regulations.

APPROVAL OF March 19, 2025, MINUTES: No corrections

MOTION: Councilor Wright moved to approve minutes as written. Councilor Estes seconded. All in favor.

OPEN MEETING

Public Comment

- Jayne Elken: expressed concerns about the proposed skate park location, citing potential risks, environmental impact, and maintenance issues.
- Jack Anderson: Noted a correction to skate park site from last meeting. States site is 100yds away from the public restroom.
- Steve Erspamer: Lives across from proposed skate park site, states location is too dangerous. Would like the City to focus on speed bumps to slow traffic before installing a skate park.
 - City Planners Crawford & Meader: clarified that public testimony on the Skate Park should not be taken during the current meeting, as a hearing is scheduled for May 7th. They explained that while people can submit letters or comments, oral testimony should be reserved for the hearing. The planners also mentioned that written notifications will be sent to parties within 300 yards of the Skate Park, providing more information on how to provide comments.
- Susan Froelich: Heard about the double railroad track that will be installed and was concerned it will have a negative impact on the city. She noted that the City previously voted against it and questioned why the City changed its policy.

- Mayor Anderson responded that Wasco County and the local Tribes have approved the project after working with Union Pacific.
- Tom Inowe: Professional Skateboarder for 50+ years and understands both positive and negative about the skatepark. He will show up for the May 7th hearing.
- Joseph Parks: Supports the skate park and mentioned the positive impact the skate park under the Burnside Bridge in Portland OR has made.
- Tracy Humphrey: Suggested a speed sign on both side of the bridge rather than speed bumps
 - Scott Hage from WASCO County mentioned that The Dalles has flagship speed signs that The City may be able to borrow.
- Diana Calverly: Requested an update on the installation of senior mailboxes. City Manager Rogers reports no progress update but will follow up.
 - Mayor Anderson responded that residents in The City are no longer required to pay for PO Boxes. The council encourages affected residents to speak with the local postmaster about potential refunds and promises to continue working on the issue.

1. **Appointment of New City Recorder - Council:** City Manager Rogers introduced Amy Szilagyi to the council. Amy briefly described her experience and eagerness to serve the residents, Mayor, and City Council of Mosier.
MOTION: Mayor Anderson moved to appoint Amy Szilagyi as the City Recorder. Councilor Wright seconded. All in favor.

2. **Approval of Budget Calendar & Adoption of Resolution to Appoint Budget Officer:** Finance Director Morris presented the budget calendar, which includes appointing a budget officer and advertising for community members to join the budget committee. The council will have a budget committee meeting on May 7th, followed by a public hearing on the Skate Park. The proposed budget will be published in the newspaper and a public hearing will be held in June to adopt the budget or make amendments.
MOTION: Councilor Koerner moved to appoint Monica Morris as Budget Officer. Councilor Estes seconded. All in favor.

3. **Discussion of Conditional Use Permit Process:** City Planners Meader and Crawford explained the process for conditional use permits, emphasizing that the Council would be acting as legislators and making new laws. They detailed the two types of public hearings, one being a quasi-judicial hearing where the Council would weigh the merits of a project against existing city council or city planning rules Planner Meader explained the process of raising an issue, emphasizing the need for evidence or supporting documentation and also outlined the process of conducting a hearing, including the opportunity for participants to ask for the record to be held open or the hearing to be continued. Discussion included questions from Councilors:
 - Councilor Koerner asks if public agencies can show up without advance notice or if they can just show up as a member of the public. City Planner responds they can show up as members of the public.
 - Councilor Cannon notes that there are two main parcels that may impact other public areas, such as the plaza area and JUF
 - Andrea notes that Jody Behr joined the meeting and asks Jaime to explain the change in the Transportation System Plan (TSP) and what that process entails. Jaime notes that it will be a different process, where Council is acting as lawmakers. Jaime will be acting as the applicant, and Council will be acting as legislators. Ms. Behr describes that the Washington Street project initiated the change in the TSP.

4. **Approval of Parkson Pre-Purchase Contract for Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Upgrade Project:**
 City Manager Rogers presented a contract for pre-purchase of equipment for the wastewater treatment plant upgrade to the City Council and noted that the terms were negotiated with the assistance of the City Attorney. Colleen noted that the project is being funded by Business Oregon and permitted by DEQ. After discussion, Councilor Estes moved to adopt the Parkson Contract and Mayor Anderson offers a friendly amendment to approve City manager to sign. Lydia seconds. All in favor.

5. City Activities Update:

- Quick Review of Roberts Rules of Order: Mayor Anderson and City Manager Rogers reviewed Robert's Rules of Order as a widely used framework for conducting meetings and making decisions in a group, ensuring order, fairness, and transparency, while allowing for both majority rule and minority voices to be heard.
- Mayor Anderson noted that HB3870 made it through committee and Mosier was specifically mentioned. He thanked Main Street Mosier for all their work. Mayor Anderson thanked Councilor Wright for recent help with Water tanks. He noted he will be out of office for 3 weeks, returning early May but that Council President Campbell will be available in his absence.
- City Manager Rogers noted The City has obtained alternate storage for City Hall archives and has ordered repair materials for City Hall. She noted that City Hall is now staffed full-time and is open to the public.

Meeting Adjourned 8:17 pm

ACTION ITEMS:

City Staff:

- Secure the Grange Hall for the May 7th Skate Park hearing due to expected high attendance.
- Work on improving office efficiency and setting up live phone call answering at City Hall
- Prepare sign-up sheets for public testimony at the May 7th hearing
- Follow up with the woman regarding the purchase and installation of senior boxes
- Continue recruitment for Budget Committee members for the May 7th budget meeting
- Set up video equipment at the Grange for the upcoming May 7th public hearing

City Planners:

- Prepare and distribute the staff report for the Skate Park conditional use permit hearing at least 7 days before May 7th. Track down and include the previous site assessment report for skate park location in the staff report materials
- Send written notifications to parties within 300 yards of the proposed Skate Park location regarding the May 7th hearing
- Prepare for the Transportation System Plan amendment hearing on May 21st
- Prepare for the FEMA floodplain maps and ordinance hearing by July 31st
- Find and share the code reference regarding conditional use permit triggers with Colleen

City Manager:

- Meet with Union Pacific Railroad on Friday to discuss the double track project and community concerns
- Follow up with ODOT regarding Highway 30 flashing light speed bumps
- Contact Historic Highway Commission to designate the area as a downtown business district
- Sign the Parks Corporation wastewater treatment plant materials purchase agreement
- Follow up with Victoria regarding cluster box payment issue