**ESCALANTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**DECEMBER 5, 2023**

**REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M.**

**ESCALANTE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 56 NORTH 100 WEST**

Mayor Melani Torgersen called the regular meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. in the Escalante City Council Chambers.

Present at said meeting were Mayor Torgersen, Council members Guy Graham, Sally Orme, Chad Lyman, Lenza Wilson, Marlene Stowe, City Attorney Barry Huntington and City Recorder Stephanie Steed.

Also present were Bill Weppner, Terence Tontlewicz, Lawrence Barnes, Julie Brugger and

Louise Eutropius.

Mayor Torgersen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Council member Graham moved to adopt the agenda as written. Council member Lyman seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Stowe, Lyman, Orme, Wilson and Graham voting aye.**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 21, 2023 MEETING**

**Council member Orme moved to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2023 meeting as written. Council member Stowe seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Wilson, Stowe, Lyman, Orme and Graham voting aye.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments at this time.

**PLANNING AND ZONING ITEMS**

**PLANNING AND ZONING UPDATES**

There were no items or updates at this time.

**SCHEDULED ITEMS**

**CAPITAL ASSET SELF INVENTORY (CASI)**

City Recorder Steed explained the CASI (attached). **Council member Orme moved to approve the CASI as discussed. Council member Lyman seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Graham, Stowe, Lyman, Orme and Wilson voting aye.**

**CIB/CDBG APPLICATION LIST**

City Recorder Steed explained the CIB/CDBG application list (attached). **Councill member Lyman moved to approve the application list as discussed. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Wilson, Orme, Stowe, Graham and Lyman voting aye.**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

City Recorder Steed said the Budget and Financial reports are available for review.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

The Public Works Department was not present at said meeting.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**BILL WEPPNER**

Mr. Weppner said since the last meeting the Fire Department was called out to one structure fire. Mr. Weppner said nine Fire Fighters responded. Mr. Weppner said there are Issues removing the caps and opening the valves on the Fire Hydrants. Mr. Weppner said the Fire Department is willing to work with the Public Works to do yearly maintenance on the Fire Hydrants.

Mr. Weppner said in 2023 the Fire Department has responded to four structure fires, two brush fires, four vehicle fires, a half dozen assists and one false alarm.

Mr. Weppner said the Fire Department goals next year are to get a defibrillator for one fire truck and replace the suburban.

Mr. Weppner said Josh Soper was awarded the Fire Warden of the year for the State of Utah.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**MAYOR MELANI TORGERSEN**

Mayor Torgersen had nothing to report at this time.

**COUNCIL MEMBER CHAD LYMAN**

Council member Lyman said he is working on the ongoing drainage issues in Moqui Gardens.

**COUNCIL MEMBER LENZA WILSON**

Council member Wilson said the gate at the Airport is fixed and upgraded.

**COUNCIL MEMBER GUY GRAHAM**

Council member Graham had nothing to report at this time.

**COUNCIL MEMBER MARLENE STOWE**

Council member Stowe had nothing to report at this time.

**COUNCIL MEMBER SALLY ORME**

Council member Orme had nothing to report at this time.

**UNPAID BILLS**

**Council member Stowe moved to pay the unpaid bills. Council member Orme seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Orme, Stowe, Lyman, Wilson and Graham voting aye.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Councill member Graham moved to go into executive session at 6:30 p.m. for a strategy session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation. Council member Lyman seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Orme, Lyman, Wilson, Stowe and Graham voting aye.** Present at the executive session were Mayor Torgersen, Council members Graham, Stowe, Wilson, Lyman, Orme, City Attorney Huntington and City Recorder Steed.

**Council member Stowe moved to go out of executive session back into regular session at 7:00 p.m. Council member Lyman seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Stowe, Lyman, Orme, Wilson and Graham voting aye.**

**Council member Lyman moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.**

**Council member Stowe seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.**

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City Recorder

Date minutes approved: 01/02/2024