**ESCALANTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**JANUARY 16, 2024**

**REGULAR MEETING/ELECTRONIC MEETING – 6:00 P.M.**

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

Mayor Pro Tempore Chad Lyman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Escalante City Council Chambers.

Present at said meeting were Mayor Pro Tempore Lyman, Council members Blaine Porter,

Sally Orme, Marlene Stowe, City Attorney Barry Huntington and City Recorder Stephanie Steed. Council member Lenza Wilson arrived at 6:01 p.m. Mayor Melani Torgersen was excused.

Also present were Bill Weppner, Margie Weppner, Fred Spencer, Terence Tontlewicz,

Joette Marie Rex, Harriet Priska, Lawrence Barnes, Victory Crawford, Richard Crawford and Julie Brugger.

Ashley Coombs joined electronically.

Mayor Pro Tempore Lyman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

Council member Wilson arrived at this time.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 2, 2024 MEETING**

**Council member Porter moved to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2024 meeting as written. Council member Stowe seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Wilson, Orme, Stowe and Porter voting aye.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments at this time.

**PLANNING AND ZONING ITEMS**

**PLANNING AND ZONING UPDATES**

Council member Stowe said Tara Woolsey was appointed as the 2024 Planning and Zoning Chair and Paula Shakespear as the Chair Pro-Temp. Council member Stowe said on February 6, 2024 there will be a work meeting after City Council with Kevin Smedley and Planning and Zoning to work on the General Plan.

**SCHEDULED ITEMS**

**DONATIONS FOR CITY WIDE EVENTS**

Mayor Pro Tempore Lyman said this item is for events. Mayor Pro Tempore Lyman explained that the documents on tab two show the donations given in the past. Council member Wilson said he has talked with Mayor Torgersen and they would like to see a maximum donation of five hundred dollars per event. Council member Orme said looking at the list ranging from three hundred and fifty to two thousand dollars she would feel comfortable giving up to seven hundred dollars per event. Council member Wilson said we give to a lot of organization and he feels like the organizations figure the City will cover the bills, but the City does not have the means to keep donating more. Council member Wilson said the City needs to set a limit on ongoing events. This item was discussed at length. **Council member Orme moved to donate up to seven hundred dollars to each event that asks, and if there is a special circumstance it will be looked at for those events, but this will not be including the Sponsorships. Council member Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Stowe, Porter, Orme and Wilson voting aye.**

**HARRIET PRISKA – WALKING TOUR FUNDING**

Ms. Priska presented the cost of the new walking tour guides (attached). Ms. Priska said she has eleven hundred dollars in donations but she will need a total of thirty-five hundred dollars along with the sixty-five percent she is asking the County for. Ms. Priska said she will be going to the County Travel Council in February. Council member Wilson said he is concerned with the amount of brochures Ms. Priska is having printed. Ms. Priska explained that is the same amount she ordered ten years ago. Ms. Priska said the brochures are in demand. Council member Porter asked if the Chamber of Commerce donated any money for the brochures. Ms. Priska said the Chamber of Commerce does not exist anymore. Mayor Pro Tempore Lyman explained Suzanne Catlett made a QR code for the Heritage Center so people can pull up the information on their phones and it was less than a hundred dollars to create it. Ms. Priska asked what about the older generation. Mayor Pro Tempore Lyman suggested cutting down on the printed version and adding the QR code. Council member Orme said the brochures have excellent information but why not have the option to digitize it. Council member Orme said she is not in favor of donating to a ten-year investment. Ms. Priska asked if the council would consider donating one thousand dollars. Council member Orme said not a thousand dollars but she would be in favor of seven hundred dollars. This item was discussed at length. **Council member Orme moved to donate seven hundred dollars to Ms. Priska for the Walking Tour Guides. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Wilson, Orme, Porter and Stowe voting aye.**

**JOETTE MARIE REX – ESCALANTE WILD POTATO DAYS**

Ms. Rex explained the Escalante Wild Potato Days. Ms. Rex said the celebration will be on May twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth. Ms. Rex said the Native Americans will be involved in the celebration this year. Ms. Rex said the County has given them a donation and she is asking the Council for a donation of five hundred dollars and the use of the Park. **Council member Stowe moved to donate five hundred dollars to the Escalante Wild Potato Days. Council member Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Porter, Wilson, Stowe and Orme voting aye.**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT – PURCHASE SHELVING**

Bill Weppner said the Fire Department would like to purchase shelving for additional storage. Mr. Weppner said the shelving will cost five hundred and ten dollars. **Council member Wilson moved to approve the purchase of shelving for the Fire Department. Council member Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Wilson, Orme, Stowe and Porter voting aye.**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

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

City Recorder Steed said the Veterinary Vaccination Clinic will be on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the City Shop.

**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 cleaned one chimney, went on one house fire and did one flag ceremony. Mr. Weppner explained they fought the house fire for six hours and the next day they cleaned all the firehouses and put them back on the truck.

Mr. Weppner explained last week Mayor Torgersen met with the Fire Department and they will start charging for any call on federal lands. Mr. Weppner said Mayor Torgersen instructed him to work with City Treasurer Nancy Porter for the billings.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**MAYOR MELANI TORGERSEN**

Mayor Torgersen was not present at said meeting.

**COUNCIL MEMBER CHAD LYMAN**

Council member Lyman had nothing to report at this time.

**COUNCIL MEMBER LENZA WILSON**

Council member Wilson said he installed LED lights under the Pavilion and put a new light at the old gym. Council member Wison said he has been working with Terry Olsen doing maintenance on the lights.

**COUNCIL MEMBER BLAINE PORTER**

Council member Porter had nothing to report at this time.

**COUNCIL MEMBER MARLENE STOWE**

Council member Stowe said there are a lot of dogs running around town. Council member Stowe said there have been a lot of complaints and she would like to remind people to keep their dogs on their own property.

**COUNCIL MEMBER SALLY ORME**

Council member Orme had nothing to report at this time.

**UNPAID BILLS**

Council member Wilson stated a conflict of interest due to having invoices on the list. Council member Porter said he is concerned with the HMH Invoice due to them not finishing the job. Council member Porter said he would like City Attorney Huntington to look over the contract before we pay the invoice. **Council member Porter moved to pay the unpaid bills excluding HMH. Council member Orme seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Stowe, Orme, and Porter voting aye. Council member Wilson abstained.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no executive session needed at this time.

**Council member Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m.**

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

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City Recorder

Date minutes approved: 2/6/2024