**ESCALANTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 6, 2024**

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

**WORK MEETING / TRAINING – 6:00 P.M.**

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

Mayor Melani Torgersen called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Escalante City Council Chambers.

Present at said regular meeting were Mayor Torgersen, Council members Blaine Porter, Sally Orme, Lenza Wilson, Marlene Stowe and City Recorder Stephanie Steed. Council member

Chad Lyman was excused. City Attorney Barry Huntington joined electronically.

Also present were Bill Weppner, Fred Spencer, Harriet Priska, Julie Bruger, Victory Crawford, City Treasurer Nancy Porter, Tara Woolsey, Terry Olsen, Paula Shakespear, Hayden Taylor and Shane Meisenbach.

Ashley Coombs, Kevin Smedley and Roger Carter joined electronically.

Mayor Torgersen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 16, 2024 MEETING**

**Council member Wilson moved to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2024 meeting**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**HARRIET PRISKA**

Ms. Priska said she listened to the Council and will be able to put a QR code on the Walking Tour Brochures. Ms. Priska said there will also be a flyer to put out around town with the QR code on it. Ms. Priska explained there is a 4-H group that will help her do an inventory of all the homes on the Walking Tour and she will take the plaques out to the Home Center so they can put the QR code on them. Ms. Priska said she has raised around $2,000.00 and the County Tourism board will pay sixty-five percent of the final cost. Ms. Priska said the lady that does the Barn Quilts is going to create a map of all the quilts in town and add it to the Walking Tour Brochure.

**PLANNING AND ZONING ITEMS**

**PLANNING AND ZONING UPDATES**

**ORDINANCE 2024-01 AMENDING ORDINANCE 10.02.060 BUILDING PERMIT REQUIRED**

Council member Stowe explained Ordinance 2024-01 (attached). Council member Stowe said Planning and Zoning had a Public Hearing on this item last week and there were no questions or comments from the public. Council member Stowe said Planning and Zoning has recommended Ordinance 2024-01 to the City Council for approval. Council member Wilson asked who will decide if the project is approved in the office or if it will go through Planning and Zoning and City Council. City Recorder Steed explained only projects that are non-controversial such as lot coverage, setbacks, or noncommercial projects that all three individuals agree it should be approved in the office. **Council member Stowe moved to approve Ordinance 2024-01 Council member Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Stowe, Orme, Wilson and Porter voting aye.**

**ORDINANCE 2024-02 AMENDING ORDINANCE 10.02.050 DEFINITIONS**

Council member Stowe explained Ordinance 2024-02 (attached). Council member Stowe said Planning and Zoning had a Public Hearing on this item last week and there were no questions or comments from the public. Council member Stowe said Planning and Zoning has recommended Ordinance 2024-02 to the City Council for approval. **Council member Stowe moved to approve Ordinance 2024-02. Council member Orme seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Wilson, Stowe, Porter and Orme voting aye.**

**ORDINANCE 2024-03 AMENDING ORDINANCE 10.44.020 ADDING ANIMALS AND FOWL TO SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING IN RM7 ZONE**

Council member Stowe explained Ordinance 2024-03 (attached). Council member Stowe said Planning and Zoning had a Public Hearing on this item last week and there were no questions or comments from the public. Council member Stowe said Planning and Zoning has recommended Ordinance 2024-03 to the City Council for approval. **Council member Wilson moved to approve Ordinance 2024-03. Council member Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Orme, Porter, Stowe and Wilson voting aye.**

**ORDINANCE 2024-04 AMENDING ORDINANCE 10.30.020 ADDING PARK MODELS**

Council member Stowe explained Ordinance 2024-04 (attached). Council member Stowe said Planning and Zoning had a Public Hearing on this item last week and there were no questions or comments from the public. Council member Stowe said Planning and Zoning has recommended Ordinance 2024-04 to the City Council for approval. City Recorder Steed said the changes state that PMRVs occupied for permanent residential living shall only be permitted if placed on a permanent foundation and approved by the Garfield County Building Official, but it also says they are prohibited in all zones except RV parks. Planning and Zoning Chair Tara Woolsey said this Ordinance is to only allow PMRVs in RV Parks. This item was discussed at length. **Council member Wilson moved to approve Ordinance 2024-04 with the amendment on the last sentence to read PMRVs occupied for permanent residential living within an RV Park shall only be permitted if placed on a permanent foundation and approved by the Garfield County Building Official. Council member Stowe seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Porter, Stowe, Orme and Wilson voting aye.**

**ORDINANCE 2024-05 AMENDING ORDINANCE 10.22.020 DEFINITIONS, 10.22.030 DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS**

Council member Stowe explained Ordinance 2024-05 (attached). Council member Stowe said Planning and Zoning had a Public Hearing on this item last week and there were no questions or comments from the public. Council member Stowe said Planning and Zoning has recommended Ordinance 2024-05 to the City Council for approval. **Council member Orme moved to approve Ordinance 2024-05. Council member Stowe seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Wilson, Porter, Orme and Stowe voting aye.**

**SCHEDULED ITEMS**

There were no scheduled items at this time.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**GARFIELD COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE**

The Garfield County Sheriff office was not present at said meeting.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

City Recorder Steed said the Financial and Budget 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 the Fire Department had one flag raising since the last Council meeting.

Mr. Weppner explained the Fire Department has received their new radios and will need to install them and have training on them.

Mr. Weppner said the Fire Department has filed a grant for an external defibrillator. Mr. Weppner explained if they receive the grant it will pay for half the cost of the defibrillator, and they will be back to ask the city to pay for the other half.

Mr. Weppner explained the FEMA grants the Fire Department would like to apply for. Mr. Weppner said they would like to apply for new turnouts and battery powered Jaws of Life.

Mr. Weppner said he is working on a draft letter to send to all the different Federal Institutes about getting reimbursed when fighting fires on federal lands. Mayor Torgersen told Mr. Weppner to work with City Treasurer Nancy Porter on this item and all grants.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**MAYOR MELANI TORGERSEN**

Mayor Torgersen had nothing to report at this time.

**COUNCIL MEMBER CHAD LYMAN**

Council member Lyman was not present at said meeting.

**COUNCIL MEMBER LENZA WILSON**

Council member Wilson had nothing to report at this time.

**COUNCIL MEMBER BLAINE PORTER**

Council member Porter 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 Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Stowe, Orme, Wilson and Porter voting aye.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Council member Orme moved to go into executive session for a strategy session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property at 6:29 p.m. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Stowe, Porter, Wilson and Orme voting aye.** Present at the executive session were Mayor Torgersen, Council members Stowe, Orme, Wilson, Porter and City Recorder Steed. City Attorney Huntington joined electronically.

Council member Stowe moved to go out of executive session and back into regular session at

6:39 p.m. Council member Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Porter, Stowe, Orme and Wilson voting aye.

**Council member Orme moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m.**

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

Mayor Torgersen called the work meeting/training to order at 6:52 p.m.

Present at said work meeting/training were Mayor Torgersen, Council members Stowe, Orme, Wilson, Porter and City Recorder Steed. Council member Lyman and City Attorney Huntington were excused.

Also present were Planning and Zoning Chair Tara Woolsey, Commissioners Hayden Taylor, Terry Olsen, Paula Shakespear and Shane Meisenbach.

Five County representatives Kevin Smedley and Roger Carter joined electronically.

The Work meeting/training was to review the General Plan, Open and Public Meetings Act Training and Ethics Training with the City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission. Kevin Smedley reviewed the General Plan and Roger Carter conducted the training on the Open and Public Meetings Act and Ethics Act.

The Work meeting adjured at 7:52 p.m.

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City Recorder

Date minutes approved: 02/22/2024.