

**ESCALANTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 4, 2024  
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M.  
ESCALANTE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 56 NORTH 100 WEST**

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

Present at said meeting were Mayor Torgersen, Council members Blaine Porter, Sally Orme, Lenza Wilson, Marlene Stowe, City Attorney Barry Huntington and City Recorder Stephanie Steed. Council member Chad Lyman was excused.

Also present were Connor Butterfield, Judd Hill, Victory Crawford, Bill Weppner and Terence Tontlewicz.

Tommy Jackson and Winkelman joined electronically.

Mayor Torgersen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Council member Wilson 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 MAY 21, 2024 MEETING**

**Council member Orme moved to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2024 meeting as written. Council member Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Orme, Stowe and Porter voting aye. Council member Wilson abstained due to not attending said meeting.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**JUDD HILL AND CONNOR ARMSTRONG ENGINEERING**

Mr. Hill said they are in town checking on the project at the airport and wanted to stop in and say hi and give a quick update. Mr. Hill explained the Airport Runway Preservation project crack seal was done over the winter and then the fog seal and repainting was just finished about 30 minutes ago. Mr. Hill said the contractor will come back in about a month and apply the second coat of paint.

Mr. Hill said the Airport Master Plan has been submitted to the FAA for review.

**PLANNING AND ZONING ITEMS**

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There was nothing to report at this time.

**SCHEDULED ITEMS**

**VICTORY CRAWFORD – DONATION FOR 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY CELEBRATION**

Ms. Crawford asked the city to donate \$500.00 to go towards the food for the 4th of July celebration. Ms. Crawford said there will be a potluck dinner and a program. **Council member Wilson moved to donate \$500.00 to Ms. Crawford for the 4th of July celebration. Council member Stowe seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Stowe, Porter, Orme and Wilson voting aye.**

**FAMILY DOLLAR STORE – LOCAL CONSENT**

Mayor Torgersen explained for the Family Dollar Store to get a license to sell beer they will need the approval of the City. **Council member Wilson moved to approve the Local Consent for the Family Dollar Store to sell beer. Council member Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Wilson, Orme, Porter and Stowe voting aye.**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

City Recorder Steed said the budget and financial reports are available for review.

City Recorder Steed said the 2024-2025 Budget Hearing is scheduled for June 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

The Public Works Department was not present at said meeting.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**BILL WEPPNER**

Mr. Weppner said since the last meeting he attended the Fire Department has had two vehicular accidents, took the fire truck to the school to soak the children and did a flag ceremony for a funeral.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**MAYOR MELANI TORGERSEN**

Mayor Torgersen said on Friday we will have the third annual turn the splashpad on day from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mayor Torgersen said there will be hotdogs, snow cones, games and music.

**COUNCIL MEMBER CHAD LYMAN**

Council member Lyman was not present at said meeting.

**COUNCIL MEMBER LENZA WILSON**

Council member Wilson said he has finished installing new controls at the splashpad and will test them tonight.

Council member Wilson said the FAA was at the airport last week for an inspection. Council member Wilson said there was a full inspection of the runway, and there are no significant issues.

**COUNCIL MEMBER BLAINE PORTER**

Council member Porter said the boring company will be here July 8 through July 22 to help bore under Highway 12. Council member Porter explained there will also be a company here to fix the waterline with the boring company.

Council member Porter said there will be a guy here to see what we need to put in a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system and give us a bid on installing it on June 18.

**COUNCIL MEMBER MARLENE STOWE**

Council member Stowe said she contacted Big T Recreation about a cover for the Playground. Council member Stowe said the cover is fabric and should last up to 10 years. Council member Stowe said she will get a bid and put it on the next agenda for approval.

Council member Stowe thanked the Fire Department for their service and doing the flag ceremony at her uncle's funeral.

**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 an invoice on the unpaid bills list. **Council member Stowe moved to pay the unpaid bills. Council member Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Stowe, Orme and Porter voting aye. Council member Wilson abstained.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Council member Orme moved to go into executive session at 6:14 p.m. for a strategy session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property and to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Council member Stowe seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Porter, Stowe, Wilson and Orme voting aye.** Present at the executive session were Mayor Torgersen, Council members Wilson, Orme, Stowe, Porter, City Attorney Huntington and City Recorder Steed.

**Council member Orme moved to go out of executive session back into regular session at 6:45 p.m. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Porter, Orme, Stowe and Wilson voting aye.**

**Council member Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Council member Orme seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.**

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Stephanie Steed, MMC  
City Recorder