

**ESCALANTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2024
REGULAR MEETING/ELECTRONIC 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, Chad Lyman, City Attorney Barry Huntington and City Recorder Stephanie Steed.

Also present were Bill Weppner, Jill Phillips, Julie Brugger, Terence Tontlewicz, Fred Spencer, DeEtte Spencer and Lawrence Barnes.

Mayor Torgersen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 MEETING

Council member Wilson moved to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2024 meeting as written. Council member Stowe seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Wilson, Orme, Lyman, Stowe and Porter voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

PLANNING AND ZONING ITEMS

PLANNING AND ZONING UPDATES

There were no updates at this time.

SCHEDULED ITEMS

JILL PHILLIPS – DONATION FOR THE ANNUAL PUMPKIN PATCH

Ms. Phillips explained the Annual Pumpkin Patch and said it will be held the Saturday before Halloween. Ms. Phillips said she is asking for a \$500.00 donation. Ms. Phillips said the donation would go towards bags, prizes, donuts and hot chocolate. **Council member Orme moved to donate \$500.00 to Ms. Phillips for the Annual Pumpkin Patch. Council member Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Lyman, Stowe, Porter, Orme and Wilson voting aye.**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

ADMINISTRATIVE

City Recorder Steed reported on the Business License Conference she attended last week and

thanked the Council for sending her.

City Recorder Steed asked the Council if they would like to have their agenda and minutes e-mailed instead of mailed. The Council said they would like them e-mailed.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Public Works Department was not present at said meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

BILL WEPPNER

Mr. Weppner said ladder 1 is up and operational at one hundred percent.

Mr. Weppner said he and City Treasurer Porter had a FEMA training for the firefighter grant today. Mr. Weppner said we need to form a committee to decide on what turnout to purchase. City Recorder Steed said she also attended the FEMA training and they stated we have to go with city procurement on purchases. City Recorder Steed explained the city procurement process states all purchase approval must go through City Council which means the Council would be considered the committee. Mr. Weppner said he would like to have a committee look at the turnout bids and see what will work best for the Fire Department. Mayor Torgersen said she, City Treasurer Porter, Fire Chief Porter and Mr. Weppner can review the bids and recommend the purchase of what they feel is best for the Fire Department to the City Council for approval.

Mr. Weppner said Margie Weppner and Louise Barnes will be doing a fundraiser during the Arts Festival to raise money for a trailer to store the fireworks in.

COUNCIL REPORTS

MAYOR MELANI TORGERSEN

Mayor Torgersen said she contacted Jay Brooks with the County to see if the City can get some hot mix for the roads. Mayor Torgersen said Mr. Brooks will work with Daryl Griffin and help with the hot mix. Council member Lyman said he told Mr. Griffin to get two loads if we can. Council member Porter said we might want to get three loads due to the work being done on Highway 12

COUNCIL MEMBER CHAD LYMAN

Council member Lyman said Garkane Energy removed the power poles from the road right of way on 200 South 300 East. Council member Lyman said Flint Chynoweth told him his supervisor said to remove the poles but not to charge the City. Council member Lyman said he has contacted Jay Brooks with the County and they will help us build the road.

Council member Lyman said he talked to Jay Brooks with the County and they will help the City with the road to the water tanks.

Council member Lyman said the City needs to look at a used dump truck because the ones we have now are worn out. Council member Lyman said he will look for a Surplus State Truck that we can put a snowplow on. Council member Lyman said he has also asked the public works employees to look for one. Mayor Torgersen said we also need to look for a backhoe.

COUNCIL MEMBER LENZA WILSON

Council member Wilson said he had to remove the power line for the sidewalk lights where they are boring under the road. Council member Wilson said the conduit is full of mud so he would like to blow it out and put new wire in it for the lights.

COUNCIL MEMBER BLAINE PORTER

Council member Porter said Fugal is starting to bore under Highway 12 but the bid did not cover all the materials to reconnect the waterline. Council member Porter said the City has some materials we are using but we may have to order more to finish the project.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARLENE STOWE

Council member Stowe said the canopy to put over the playground will be installed in a couple of weeks.

COUNCIL MEMBER SALLY ORME

Council member Orme had nothing to report at this time.

UNPAID BILLS

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session needed at this time.

**Council member Lyman moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m.
Council member Orme seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.**

Stephanie Steed, MMC
City Recorder

Date minutes approved: 10/1/2024