

**ESCALANTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 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 and City Recorder Stephanie Steed. City Attorney Barry Huntington was excused.

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

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 OCTOBER 15, 2024 MEETING

Council member Stowe moved to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2024 meeting as written. Council member Orme seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Wilson, Orme, Lyman, Stowe and Porter voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

LAWRENCE BARNES

Mr. Barnes thanked the city for putting up the yield signs. Mr. Barnes said he has noticed going West on 100 South onto Smoky Mountain Road there is no visibility due to the fence line at the trailer park. Mayor Torgersen explained the City is in the process of putting a stop sign there and working on putting up yield signs on the South side of town.

PLANNING AND ZONING ITEMS

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There were no Planning and Zoning updates at this time.

SCHEDULED ITEMS

FIRE DEPARTMENT – FEMA GRANT - PURCHASE TURNOUTS AND HOSES

Mr. Weppner explained the Fire Department received three quotes (attached) for the turnout and firehoses. Mr. Weppner explained the quotes and said they would like to move forward with purchasing 15 turnouts and firehoses from Seawestern. **Council member Wilson moved to purchase the turnouts and hoses from SeaWestern. 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 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 Council meeting there has been a flag raising ceremony at the Cemetery.

COUNCIL REPORTS

MAYOR MELANI TORGERSEN

Mayor Torgersen had nothing to report at this time.

COUNCIL MEMBER CHAD LYMAN

Council member Lyman had nothing to report at this time.

COUNCIL MEMBER LENZA WILSON

Council member Wilson said last week he and City Recorder Steed had a meeting with the FAA, the State Aeronautics and Armstrong Engineering. Council member Wilson said previously the Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) for the Airport was on the CIP list for fiscal year 2027-2028. Council member Wilson explained the FAA grant is normally ninety percent of the project but in fiscal year 2025-2026 the FAA will be granting ninety five percent of a project. Council member Wilson said he would like to move the AWOS to the fiscal year 2025-2026 which will save the city around \$10,000.00. Council member Wilson said the Helipad and additional parking is on the CIP for fiscal year 2027-2028.

COUNCIL MEMBER BLAINE PORTER

Council member Porter had nothing to report at this time.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARLENE STOWE

Council member Stowe said the shade over the playground is complete and looks good.

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

Council member Porter moved to go into executive session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual at 6:11 p.m. Council member Lyman seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Orme, Stowe,

Wilson, Porter and Lyman voting aye. Present at the executive session were Mayor Torgersen, Council members Lyman, Porter, Orme, Wilson, Stowe and City Recorder Steed.

Council member Wilson moved to go out of executive session back into regular session at 6:48 p.m. Council member Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Lyman, Porter, Stowe, Wilson and Orme voting aye.

Council member Lyman moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. Council member Stowe seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

 /s/ Stephanie Steed
Stephanie Steed, MMC
City Recorder

Date minutes approved: 11/19/2024