

**City of Gold Hill City Council  
Meeting Minutes  
January 27, 2020**

Mayor Newport called the meeting to order at **6:02 p.m.**; immediately followed by the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

**1) Roll Call:** Mayor Newport, Councilors Canon, Hinkley, Palmer, Studebaker, and Wilson responded as present. Councilor Lowe was excused for illness. **QUORUM PRESENT.**

**2) Agenda Adjustments – NONE**

**3) Public Input**

Carol Holm gave an update on the end results of Light Up Gold Hill. Actual costs ended up being \$2452.24. She also updated the Council on the January 9<sup>th</sup> Gold Hill Community Share meeting, and invited people to attend the next meeting, which will be April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Mark Warwick has been studying the final Wastewater Plan, and reported that if the pipeline option is chosen, the SDC costs could be reduced from \$2.1 million to \$600k. He requested a work session with the Council to explain his findings. Later in the meeting, it was determined that the work session would be scheduled for approximately one week before the One Stop meeting for funding options.

Mary Buckley-Mikkelson gave a Can-Do update. She suggested that we add security cameras in the park. She mentioned that they are looking for a grant writer. Also, clean updates are set, and she gave a reminder that the 2020 census is also upcoming.

Steve Kiesling gave an update on the Gold Hill Whitewater Park with an overview of what permits and funding are still needed.

Lori Hettman spoke about the May 2<sup>nd</sup> Citywide Clean-up. She is looking for a new location to bring items to, as we will be unable to use the Sweed's lot this year. She requested help with signage for the June 6<sup>th</sup> Gold Dust Day. She also informed the Council that she had been working with Mayor to enter the City of Gold Hill into a hometown makeover contest on HGTV.

Malia Biedschied wanted an update on the status of the various committees/commissions. Mayor Newport explained that we were waiting for a new City Manager to be hired, so that person could be included in the formation of the committees.

Ed Cooper of Can-Do gave an update on the skate park improvements. He requested that the City add some no parking signs near the fill dirt that was to be used to stop people from wrecking the dirt before it could be used. He also suggested that there be improved lighting in the area.

Ed then reported that the Veteran's Outreach group was meeting on the second Wednesday of every month from 3-6 at the Gold Hill Library, and that so far there had been excellent turnout.

**4) Public Hearing - NONE**

**5) Presentations – NONE**

**6) Staff Reports – Audit Update – City Recorder**

City Recorder Simpson reported that the FY17-18 Audit was complete, and that the Auditor expected to finish FY18-19 mid-February.

**7) Proclamations – NONE**

**8) Resolutions**

**8.1 A RESOLUTION SCHEDULING BIENNIAL ELECTION OF GOLD HILL CITY OFFICERS ON MAY 19, 2020**

A Resolution was proposed to schedule the election in May which would fill the vacancies created last year when Councilors Dell and West resigned. Councilor Hinkley moved that the Council approve Resolution 1-R-20, scheduling the Biennial Election of Gold Hill City Officers on May 19, 2020 Councilor Canon seconded. All Councilors present voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

**9) Ordinances – NONE**

**10) Consent Agenda**

**10.1 Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes for January 6, 2020**

Councilor Studebaker moved to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes for January 6, 2020. Councilor Hinkley seconded. All Councilors present voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

**11) Old Business**

**11.1 Jackson County Sheriff Contract Amendment**

After Interim City Manager Simpson reported to the Council that there could be a significant cost savings by having a city employee do code enforcement, rather than signing a contract for an additional ten hours of Community Service Officer time, Councilor Wilson made a motion to authorize City Manager to decline the contract with the JCSO to add ten hours of Community Service Officer time. Councilor Palmer seconded. Councilors Canon, Palmer, Studebaker, and Wilson voted YES, Councilor Hinkley voted NO. **MOTION PASSED.**

### **11.2 Update regarding search for new City Manager**

After discussion, the Council consented to scheduling an Executive Session for Monday, February 3, 2020 from 6 – 8 to conduct web interviews with the top four candidates.

Interim City Manager Simpson reminded the Council that they had appointed her interim only until January 31, 2020. Councilor Hinkley made the Motion to extend Simpson's term as Interim City Manager until February 29, 2020. Councilor Canon seconded. All Councilors present voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

### **11.3 2020 Goal Setting**

Mayor Newport had a list of goals put together. Members of both the Council and the public received a copy of this list. He asked that everyone review the list, make their own suggestions and comments, along with dates for accomplishment.

## **12) New Business**

### **12.1 Cyber Security**

This portion of the agenda was requested by Councilor Lowe, and was therefore skipped, due to his illness.

### **12.2 Council Meetings Date changing for February and March to February 10 and 24, and March 9 and 23, 2020**

The Council consented to rescheduling the February and March meetings from the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, to the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday.

## **13) Interim City Manager Report – Nothing to report.**

## **14) Mayor Comments**

Mayor Newport showed everyone the framed copy of Resolution 5-R-19 (Safe and Welcoming Resolution) presented to the City by the Gold Hill One Community group.

## **15) Councilor Comments –**

Councilor Canon made his endorsement for the wastewater pipeline.

Councilor Hinkley reported there have been lots of break-ins around the valley, and reminded everyone to be aware, and lock their vehicles. She also asked for an update on the internet drop in the Council chambers for streaming the meetings. Simpson reported that the installation was scheduled for February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Studebaker said that the Hanby Middle School AVID group had some wall art that they would like to present to the city on February 14<sup>th</sup>. He also pointed out a member of the audience from the Fire District, who would be conducting a fire risk survey of the City, and getting the City a to-do list afterwards of things we can do to increase our fire protection.

**Mayor Newport adjourned the meeting at 7:19 pm.**

Minutes Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Pete Newport, Mayor

Attested by: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Jessica Simpson, City Recorder