

**City of Gold Hill City Council
Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2019**

Mayor Newport called the meeting to order at **6:01 p.m.**; immediately followed by the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

- 1) Roll Call:** Mayor Newport, Councilors Canon, Hinkley, Lowe, Palmer, Studebaker and Wilson responded as present. **QUORUM PRESENT.**

2) Agenda Adjustments - NONE

3) Public Input

3.1 Carol Holm – update on Christmas decorations.

Carol Holm gave an update on some of the ideas and budget for our new Christmas decorations. See attached flyer with details.

3.2 Tommy Dome – city speed limit change

Tommy Dome spoke about changing the speed limit on the highway from 35 to 25, and changing the school zone signage near Patrick Elementary.

3.3 Steve Kiesling – Gold Hill Whitewater Center update

Steve Kiesling invited the city to participate in Grandma Aggie's 95th birthday celebration on 5 pm, September 11, at the Whitewater Center. He also gave an update on the county's interest in taking over the whitewater park. Another item of interest is that the site is being potentially reviewed as the 2020 Olympic whitewater course.

4) Public Hearing - NONE

5) Presentations - NONE

6) Staff Reports - NONE

7) Proclamations

7.1 "Citizen of the Year" – Jan and Bob Sears Proclamation 02-P-19

Proclamation was read by City Recorder Jessica Simpson. Mayor Newport showed off the plaque and praised the Sears for their work renovating downtown, and announced there would be cake after the meeting.

September as “National Preparedness Month” Proclamation 01-P-19

Proclamation was read by City Recorder Jessica Simpson. Mayor Newport signed the Proclamation making September 9 – 15 National Preparedness Week in Gold Hill.

Councilor Studebaker led a discussion on the subject of disaster preparedness in Gold Hill. Councilor Hinkley mentioned that other local communities used a herd of fire goats to help maintain forest undergrowth, and that it was something we should look into.

8) Resolutions: – Resolution 07-R-19 Business Friendly Gold Hill

Resolution was read by City Recorder Jessica Simpson. Councilors held discussion on other communities, and suggested that Rogue River’s Chamber of Commerce be checked out as model for establishing a Gold Hill Chamber of Commerce.

Councilor Wilson moved that the Resolution be accepted as written; Councilor Palmer seconded All in favor. **RESOLUTION PASSED.**

9) Ordinances: NONE

10) Consent Agenda:

10.1 Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes for August 26, 2019

Councilor Studebaker moved that the Meeting Minutes be approved; Councilor Lowe seconded. Councilor Hinkley abstained. All other Councilors were in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

11) Old Business

11.1 – AB 021 Contract amendment with Jackson County Sheriff’s Office for Law Enforcement Services

Lt. Waldon of the Jackson County Sheriff’s Office was present and called upon to speak regarding the substation project. He announced that the grand opening would be held on October 5, 2019. He spoke at length with the Councilors, answering their questions regarding ordinance violations, and when officers are present for their 40 hours of service in Gold Hill. Cameras were also discussed as a future possibility for the city. Mayor Newport brought up the idea of kiosks at our three entry points to the city, possibly also with cameras.

The council then tabled the amendment because a qualified Judge for the Municipal Court still had not been found.

11.2 – AB 014 City Web Site Update – Councilor Hinkley

Councilor Hinkley asked for the Council to give their consent for videotaping, so that the City Council meetings could be videoed and streamed live on the internet. The proxy voting that occurred during the previous Council meeting was also discussed. Councilor Hinkley made a Motion for permission to video record and stream, to allow Skype, and

to formalize the proxy vote with written consent. City Recorder Jessica Simpson was tasked with creating a proxy form for such occasions. Councilor Canon seconded the Motion. All in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

12) New Business - NONE

13) City Manager Report

The Council asked City Manager Staven to provide them with the agenda for the League of Cities conference.

City Manager Staven announced that the next City Council Agenda would contain the new water meter contract, and also an introduction to the Vision software that is being considered to replace our current system, Springbrook.

14) Mayor Comments

Mayor Newport asked for an update on the fiscal audits. City Manager Staven reported that the trial balance would be available by Wednesday, and the FY17-18 journal entries by Friday. The FY18-19 audit is still on schedule for our internal deadline of end of year.

The water system facility plan was delayed by DEQ.

15) Councilor Comments

Councilor Hinkley expressed interest in bringing the Relay for Life to Gold Hill.

Councilor Lowe voiced concern that the winter season will be arriving soon, and if the city was prepared for issues with overflowing ditches.

Councilor Studebaker brought up several issues of concern to him, including the Hanby AVID project for their vision of Gold Hill; the possibility of I.O.O.F Hall being used as the Senior Center; and a citywide clean up.

The Mayor also wondered about the possibility of glass recycling.

Mayor Newport recessed the meeting at 7:54 pm.

Minutes Approved by: _____

Pete Newport, Mayor

Attested by: _____

Jessica Simpson, City Recorder