

**City of Gold Hill City Council
Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2021**

Mayor Studebaker called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

- 1) Roll Call:** Councilors Hinkley, Genaw, Rigney, Biedscheid and Palmer responded as present. Councilor Wilson was absent. **QUORUM PRESENT.** Roll Call was immediately followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) Agenda Adjustments – NONE**
- 3) Announcements, Awards and Proclamations – NONE**
- 4) Public Input – NONE**
- 5) Public Hearing – NONE**
- 6) Consent Agenda – NONE**

There was nothing to approve on the Consent Agenda, but Councilor Hinkley requested that going forward, the Council should be provided with financial statements, along with the minutes.

7) Council Consideration

7.1 David Hammond regarding Gold Hill's SDC Structure

Mr. Hammond appeared to report that he had already come to an understanding with the City Manager regarding his issue. Newly appointed City Manager Jerry Breckinridge let the Council know that he would be taking care of the matter.

7.2 Discussion about Town Hall meetings

Mayor Studebaker requested that the Council hold Town Hall meetings regarding the future of the wastewater plant. It was Council's consensus that these will be held in the future, but not currently, as the City is still waiting for the report from Adkins Engineering regarding the reworked cost analysis of refurbishing our existing plant. Once the Council has become better informed on the situation, they will gladly share that knowledge with the citizens.

7.3 Discussion about Firewise Program

Mayor Studebaker gave an update on his meeting with Fire District 3 regarding the Firewise Program. They are looking for residents who would like to participate in the program. He also reported that having this program in place could lead to future grants.

7.4 Park Host Job Description & Contract Adoption

City Manager Breckinridge presented the Park Host Job Description and requested that Council give him feedback on what exactly they would like to see as part of the Park Host's duties.

Councilor Hinkley requested that he check with the City Attorney to see if having a Park Host fell under Landlord/Tenant law. The Council also agreed with her suggestion to allow the Park Host the ability to consume alcohol in their RV, while off duty. Another request was made to spell out the specifics of the pet policy, including when/where the pet could be off-leash.

Councilor Biedscheid suggested that the Park Host be provided with a vest, trash picker, bags, gloves, and any other such necessities required to keep the park clean. Trails should be patrolled, and the gate should be opened at 5 am, as required by the Code. This led to a discussion that the park hours be modified, potentially based on feedback from Fish & Wildlife, and that the park should be closed when it's dark. A Resolution on this matter may appear at the next Council meeting.

8) Reports from Councilors

Councilor Biedscheid announced that she had attended the recent Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization (MRMPO) meeting, and that the members of that group voted to allot \$270,000 of Covid relief grant money to the City of Gold Hill for a transportation project. Future discussion to be held on how exactly to spend the money.

Councilor Hinkley requested that a Budget Committee meeting be scheduled to discuss the allocation of the grant money and suggested that the money possibly be spent on an emergency plan study. She also announced that Bee City is always looking for new members, and that it's that time of year to begin preparing your garden for next spring.

9) Department Reports

CM Breckinridge said that he will schedule a Budget Committee meeting. He told the Council of his recent efforts to become familiar with our wastewater project by meeting with our City Engineer and Mark Warwick. He mentioned some companies that he worked with in California that may have some solutions to the problem, and that he would keep the Council informed of his progress. He also mentioned his recent meeting with Business Oregon to discuss our water reservoirs.

The City Manager had high praise for the City Staff and the work they've been doing. He let the Council know that the water meter replacement project was currently on hold, due to some setbacks, but that he would work to get the problems resolved, and the project back on track.

10) Good of the Order – NONE

Adjournment

Mayor Studebaker adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes Approved by: 
Brad Studebaker, Mayor

Attested by: 
Jessica Simpson, City Recorder