

**City of Gold Hill City Council  
Meeting Minutes  
January 4, 2021**

Mayor Brad Studebaker called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

**1) Roll Call:** Mayor Studebaker, Councilors Hinkley, Wilson, Rigney, Biedscheid and Palmer responded as present. **QUORUM PRESENT.** The Mayor then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2) Agenda Adjustments – NONE**

**3) Announcements, Awards and Proclamations**

**3.1 Swearing in of Elected Officials**

CM Simpson swore in Mayor Studebaker for a two-year term which expires on December 31, 2022. Councilors Biedscheid, Rigney, and Wilson were also sworn in for a new four-year term ending December 31, 2024. Jen Zammetti was sworn in as Municipal Judge. Her term will end December 31, 2024.

**4) Public Input – NONE**

**5) Public Hearing – Appeal of Planning Commission’s Denial of Variance request asking for relief from standards found in the City of Gold Municipal Code Table 17.20.110(A) for property located at 420 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Gold Hill, Oregon**

Public Hearing was opened at 6:15 p.m by Council President Palmer. Ryan Nolan of RVCOG, in his role as City Planner, presented his Staff Report on the issues surrounding the Appeal. Dr. Tom Brooks was present representing the Applicant. After hearing from both the Planner and the Applicant, the Council held discussion on the matter.

Councilor Biedscheid made a Motion to Affirm the Planning Commission’s Denial. Councilor Hinkley seconded. Councilors Biedscheid and Hinkley voted YES, Councilors Rigney, Palmer, and Wilson voted NO. **MOTION FAILED.**

Councilor Wilson made a Motion to Reverse the Planning Commission’s Denial. Councilors Wilson, Rigney, and Palmer voted YES. Councilors Biedscheid and Hinkley voted NO. **MOTION PASSED.**

Public Hearing was closed at 7:31 p.m.

**6) Consent Agenda – NONE**

**7) Council Consideration**

**7.1 Council Seat Vacancy**

Per the Council's previous direction, the two applicants (Bill Pierce and Aric Genaw) for the vacant Council seat were requested to appear and be interviewed. Pierce did not appear, but Genaw did, and spoke with the Council.

Councilor Wilson made a Motion that Aric Genaw be appointed to the vacant Council seat. Councilor Rigney seconded. Councilors Palmer, Biedscheid, Rigney, and Wilson voted YES. Councilor Hinkley voted NO. **MOTION PASSED.**

**7.2 Sports Park RV Host**

Council discussed the idea of putting a Host in the Sports Park. It was agreed that costs would be obtained and that this would go before the Budget Committee to request allocation for funding the project.

**7.3 2021 Goal Setting**

CM Simpson announced that her goal for the year is to find a new City Manager, as she would like to step down from the position. The Council decided to schedule a work session to discuss setting their goals.

**8) Reports from Councilors**

Councilor Rigney reported that beach cleanup was still progressing.

CM Simpson gave a shout out to everyone who participated in the holiday decorating contest.

**9) Department Reports - NONE**

**10) Good of the Order**

Councilor Wilson announced that the gas station downtown would be reopening soon.

**Adjournment**

**Mayor Studebaker adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.**

Minutes Approved by:   
Brad Studebaker, Mayor

Attested by:   
Jessica Simpson, City Recorder