

City of Shaniko City Council Meeting Minutes

ALL MEETINGS ARE RECORDED
Shaniko City Hall/Community Center
48771 E Street, next to the old City Hall
(541) 489-3226
May 13, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

- 1 Calling meeting to order 6:00pm per Zoom by David Long, City Council President
- 2 Roll call/quorum: Andrea Kegel, Nick Nims, Sandra Thomas, , Diana Marrs
Visitors: Scott Marrs, Rusty Swanson, Commissioner Phil Brady, Joe Walter, Dave
Lisle, arrived during the Pledge of Allegiance, Zoom: Cereghino, Richard & Sandy,
Guest....gave no name, Pam Brown. Tax Payer...Zachary Marquart...
- 3 Pledge of Allegiance
- 4 Approval of Agenda
Motion to accept the agenda as written by Nick Nims, Seconded Andre Kegel
4 Yay 0 nay 0 absent 0 abstained
- 5 Approval of previous meeting minutes
Motion to accept the minutes as written by Nick Nims, seconded by Andre Kegel
4 Yay 0 nay 0 absent 0 abstained
- 6 Water Report - Donald Treanor & Scott Marrs
7 ft 5 inches, after fixing the leaks we have dropped from using 6,000 gallons per day
to using only 3,000 gallons a day. Chlorine consumption has also dropped.
- 7 Shaniko Volunteer Fire Department – Scott Marrs & David Long
All medical assist: 4/15 - no transport....4/25 - Shaniko was transported. 04/28
transported by lift flight, 04/29 – transported.
Brush rig from Dufur 2002. This will be an additional rig.
Surplus ambulance & brush rig. Still trying to move the other old vehicles. Federally
owned. Ambulances were donated to us, will be donating to, these will be repaired
and donated.
Motion to surplus the brush rig and ambulance by Andrea Kegel, seconded by Nick
Nims.
4 Yay 0 nay 0 absent 0 abstained
- 8 Tourism Committee – Sandra Thomas – see attached
Motion made of open checking account, Point of Sale & Card, for Tourism
Committee, by David Long, seconded by Nick Nims. This is not a business, it's a
fund raiser. Mrs. Marrs is going to check with attorney and other Cities to see if a
fund raiser needs a license or 501c. Wanting card reader.
4 Yay 0 nay 0 absent 0 abstained
- 9 Finance Report – Diana Marrs – see attached
Motion to accept the finances by Sandra Thomas Seconded by Nick Nims
3 Yay 0 nay 0 absent 1 abstained

David Long conflict of interest due receiving reimbursement check for fuel for fire engine.

Nick Nims brought if we needed to Public Comment before they voted.

Commissioner Brady question where is the balance? Mrs. Marrs is working on that. I was never taught on how to do that.

Discussion about when or if there should be a public comment, before voting or wait till the end of the meeting. Mrs. Marrs said she would find out from the Attorney if we should have a Public Comment before a vote or if it should take place at the end of the meeting. Commissioner Brady mentioned it could be done before or after but it was up to the Mayor.

Mr. Long asked he would allow public comment if the Council would like to do that on the items we have already discussed. Mr. Lisle was called to order because he continued to discuss different matter.

Mr. Long requested Council if they wanted to approve opening up to public comment regarding the items we had already talked about? Nick Nims motion to open it up to public comment on items already discussed. Andrea Kegel seconded.

Mr. Long opened it up to public comment on previously discussed items discussed this meeting.

Dave Lisle it's showing in our finances that we as citizens we are paying \$120 for Starlink for the City, a month this should be open to the entire town. It's just a matter of a way hooking up to the system. As citizens we are paying for it. This would be something that helps others. Every other little town has WIFI. We pay for Starlink no matter how many users are on it.

Zoom –

Guest – do you have any comments regarding anything we have talked about...asked twice and no response.

Tax Payer: Zachary Forrest Marquart...First: I would like to know why the \$457.00 that the city owes me for losing the LUBA appeal, he was muted due to this is a not being talked about plus it was a current legal matter. Mr. Long announced that this would be an issue to discuss with the City Attorney.

Richard Cereghino asked about the fire engine behind the schoolhouse, engine 5 the Ford. It saved the city in '05. It means something. FireChief says not to worry.

Andrea Kegel requested to speak before public comment: I – we haven't set at time to discuss the Library – I really want to do that. Workshop to be scheduled. I need to get a couple of things off my chest, if this is not the appropriate time, then mark me down as being inappropriate. I grown increasingly heavy the last four months, a continuous unrest in this town, because of gossip back by negativity, power tripping, a control issue, and it causes this town to be in a constant state of one upping each other. And I'm sick of it. We gossip and it's fueled by blind judgement. People are just saying things. And I feel like as council we should held like to a higher standard.

I realize everybody is at fault for some of this. But it's gotten to a point I feel like some people don't feel comfortable bringing plot plans and things like that because it's a hostile environment and I didn't sign up for this. So we need to figure it out. I'm addressing anyone who will listen. But obviously we need to talk about this stuff. It's our fault people don't feel comfortable bring stuff to us. I think we need to treat each other with respect and make sure that everybody gets to chime in. Nobody's the police of anything. Anyway, I'm going to challenge Shaniko to take a day off and not say anything negative about Shaniko for a whole day. It's hard. Okay I'm done.

Moving on to the vote for the finances.

Nick Nims made the motion to accept the finances. Sandy Thomas seconded.

David Long abstained from the portion he was being reimbursed for fuel.

3 yay 0 nay 0 absent 1 abstained.

10 Old Business

a Ordinances and Resolution

Schedule a Workshops:

June 03, 2024 6:00 pm Ordinance #37 finish

June 11, 2024 5:00 pm Oregon Ethics Commission Training

June 17, 2024 6:00 pm Schoolhouse – Library/internet

b. Land Use letters will be sent additional letters. Working with Attorney Reid in Executives from session on January 10, 2024. One item was resolved, others will be receiving another letter. Per the Attorney that's all that needs to be said.

11 New Business - None

12 Public Comment (2-minute limit) Please state your name and address, if on Zoom, make sure you are unmuted. Please speak up to be heard.

Mr. Long announced no legal matters will be discussed. Please contact City Attorney. Mr. Long made it clear that the Council cannot discuss any legal matters.

Nick Nims said this was necessarily true, you can say what ever you want. You could readd the back of a VHS tape for two minutes; say a cuss word for two minutes;

Commissioner Brady: The Dallas Oregon. Ambulance Run, Mid-Columbia has been reluctant to do ambulance runs. The Mid-Columbia Medical Center & Hospital is concerned about what they are going to do now. I'm sure the people here in the South part of the county appreciate the ambulance runs you do. What I hear from MC, from Fire & Rescue, is they don't have designated people for doing this, the transfers and so they have to pull up somebody off shift so they have less people available in case of emergency.

Was in the meeting with Wasco County Library regarding internet service. As I recall come set up Shaniko. Diana, you were at that meeting?

Mrs. Marrs: Still working on proposals. One would be putting the internet over there (the schoolhouse) we would need to make it more secure. Also, heating during the winter when it is cold. The other would be putting over here where everybody would have access. It's still in discussion. We also found the missing piece they thought was lost. Mr. Brady: What I took away from that, is Wasco County is very amenable to providing services to the community. Ms. Kegel: the library is ours? The internet is theirs? Brady: Wasco County Library service to Shaniko is the internet.

Mr. Nims: We have deviated completely from what we were talking about.

New Business> nothing new

Public Comment:

Dave Lisle has not got an address for my property for 2 and half years now. First on Ordinance 37 is not found anywhere posted for the public to read. So, you making a choice on it leaves the citizens in the blue or the black, whatever, we are not able to understand it. And because it's about nuisance, it's not an emergency. I believe we should go through the standard, where you bring up what you want to change the Ordinance to, the public has a chance to comment, the lawyer looks it over, then the City posts it, so if anybody else wants to make comment, then they can. Then it's voted on by Council. Because using the emergency delectation for nuisance is kind a missing the point. Emergency is out of water or town is on fire, one of those things.

Any way I have a bid to move that building off that property. I am working towards putting a rental business there with U Haul and electric bikes, electric charging so that people will have a place to come to charge their cars, they can rent a bike for 1/2 hour. So trying to encourage people to visit the town and look around. But also charge their car or their bike. That is my goal for that property. I would really like an address and I still have \$250.00 deposited for my water hook up. I would like some action on my property. As soon as we get that worked out, I will build a brand-new building that matches the contour of the old Caskektiera. So, it will be historic but it will be a (couldn't understand him)

Commissioner Brady. Sharing of Starlink, does not think Starlink would allow. But there have been conversations off and on with the county about extending the fiber optic cable, called Hugh Life, is the entity that the city and the county, the city and the county, community college went together and (not understandable) got the Grants to do the fiber optic. That is why Google ended up coming into town. Off and on conversations to extend that further south. Sounds great but be aware, if that happens South Wasco County would be a great place to put more server farms, like they did in Hermiston. So it changes the culture but it also brings in fast internet.

Cereghino no comment

Zachary Forrest Marquart: So, I heard Council woman Andrea, speak about this earlier. But it seems to me. It's just an on-going conflict between people in Shaniko. I think it doesn't allow for anything meaningful for anything to get done. You all need to realize; you represent

the best interest of every single land owner. Not just yourself, not your just buddies, not just your friends, you represent the tax payers of this district. And when we have these on going conflicts going back and forth and nothing ever gets resolved, they just escalate and escalate and nothing meaningful every happens. Nothing productive. Nothing positive, ever happens. And I think that's a shame, because your job is to take care of the tax payers of the community. You guys are so wrapped up in trying to fight each other, and fight people over frankly stupid things. That you're missing the whole point of what your positions are in the first place. TIME. I think that's a shame, I think ya ought get everything together, and just realize we all need to agree to disagree. And that you need to move on with City business, for what's best for the people. Not you or your little buddies or your little non-profit. What's best for the people of that town.

Thomas, Sandra: I would like to just say publicly offended by being accused or implied that I work for buddies, that I say bad things about Shaniko, that I'm not giving people the fair deal on being on council. I try very hard to make sure we're follow the rules and regulations that are set up for us to follow. I have no interest in whose name it is we are working for, who we are considering something. I just have interest in what the qualifications are, the requirements are for whatever we are discussing. I don't care who it is. And I am offended to be accused, I feel unfairly to do otherwise. Thank you.

Cereghino nothing at this time.

Meeting Adjourned 6:52PM.

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Attested to This date, July 8, 2024

David Long, Council President

Diana Marrs, City Recorder