

City of Shaniko City Council Agenda

ALL MEETINGS ARE RECORDED

Shaniko City Hall/Community Center
48771 E Street, next to the old City Hall

(541) 489-3226

City Council Meeting

December 30, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

- 1 Calling meeting to order 6:00 PM
- 2 Roll call/quorum: Mayor Don Treanor, David Long, Nick Nims, Andrea Kegel, Sandra Thomas
Council Members and Diana Marrs City Recorder
- 3 Visitors: Scott Marrs, Shaun Cooper, Kenny Smoldt, Lyle Johnson, Joe Walter, Pamela Brown,
Linda Anderson
Zoom: Hannah Raulston, Sandra Cereghino
- 4 Pledge of Allegiance
- 5 Approval of Agenda: David Long motioned to accept the agenda. Nick Nims seconded
David Long yay Nick Nims yay Sandra Thomas yay Andrea Kegel
- 6 Approval of meeting minutes November 18, 2024, December 9, 2024: David Long motioned to
accept the minutes as written. Nick Nims seconded.
David Long yay Nick Nims yay Sandra Thomas yay Andrea Kegel
Did not hear Andrea Kegel vote yay or nay
- 7 REPORTS:
 - a) Water Report - Scott Marrs 8ft 4 in Lots of water. stable
 - b) Shaniko Volunteer Fire Department – Scott Marrs and David Long. Quite a few medical assists
down on Antelope Highway. Not been busy
 - c) Tourism Committee – Sandra Thomas, no meeting held this month. Requesting to pay Amy
Cooper for Halloween decorations for the city. This was approved by the council in October to
pay \$150.00. Receipts show \$129.99.
 - d) Finance Report – Diana Marrs – see attached. Bills were already paid. \$2,916. Expenses and
\$8045 income. Sandra Thomas motioned to accept the finance report.
David Long yay Nick Nims yay Sandra Thomas yay Andrea Kegel no response
- 8 OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Website gave information to council members; this was information only. To review to see if
they would like a different website. Municipal Impact or Rural Water Impact. This in only
information. Could be tried for free.
- 9 NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Scott Marrs – loan to City no interest loan of \$10,000.00 to pay deductible to insurance
company. A long term no interest loan. Writing fee for water grant that we went to cover that
also.
Nick Nims motioned to table it until the Council receives more information.... receipts, other
paper work. Sandra Thomas second it.
David Long yay Nick Nims yay Sandra Thomas yay Andrea Kegel
Tabled.

- b. Private Event in Shaniko in September 2025. Reserved entire Hotel. Wanting to close Streets off E Street and 4th Street. For Wedding Saturday only at this point.
Need more information, how long would the road be closed? Suggestion was made that they could use the Schoolhouse. Tabled council requested more information.
A Lot of chattering from citizens... was reminded public comment at the end of the meeting.
- c. Propane – will be on will call only. If below 30%, Pacer Propane will be called to come fill.
Fire Hall is done to 30% will be calling Pacer.

10 Correspondence

- a) Various emails – these are on the table for all to read.

11 At this point David Long submitted his resignation effective immediately. David Long left the meeting.

Sandra Thomas: We've had some question about the legality of our of our members on the board, and after talking to the attorney last fall, his advice was given us, and section 13 of our charter tells us that the last sentence says that the council shall find the right shall be the final judge of the qualifications and elections of its own members, because none of the council members made any movement to remove anybody that may not have qualified, we therefore mutely accepted the fact that they were still serving on our council until we made the decision a month or so ago to accept them to stay on officially until the end of their terms. Therefore, I do not believe this council to be out of quorum for any of our meetings because by not acting, we accepted. In absents of a council member, now that we have to replace one more on our council, because we had an election we had two other options on our ballot. I would like to suggest, I would like to make a motion that we accept the next highest vote, which I believe was Sandy Cereghino.

Andrea Kegel: they both had 10

Diana Marrs: Nope. Sandy had eleven and Mark had 10, that was final count

Nick Nims: I second accepting the second person.

Pamela Brown: the last time there was a resignation, highest number votes, and he didn't get in. (people were talking over each other – couldn't hear every word)

Nick Nims: Sack of fairness, you'll have two minutes at the end for public comment

Pamela Brown: My time has been taken thank you

Mayor Treanor: All in favor.

Sandra Thomas yay Nick Nims yay Andrea Kegel nay, we've never done it like that before. We normally let people apply.

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

Joe Walter: Regarding this wedding thing this summer. Can the decision be made with the new council coming up? Can it be tabled?

Andrea Kegel: It's already tabled.

Joe Walter: It's already been tabled?

Andrea Kegel: Council wants more detail.

Pamela Brown: I will repeat what I was interrupted earlier, my apologies on that, previous resignations to the council. Rather than taking election results for the person who almost made it but didn't. What we did in the past, setting presidencies, we had applications put in and then the council made an appointment. So just taking a look at what's been done in the past. Granted you've got the option to look at what makes most sense. That would have been Butch, rest his soul, he had a number of votes, he didn't automatically get in when resignations took place. Rather than doing it that way, we had people apply to the council, which is how we got our council now. So, consideration for going forward, so if you're looking at what has been done in the past presidency, that's been said, you might consider that as an option. Thank you.

Unknown caller-didn't give name – Shan: Yes, I have a comment, as things have been done in the past when a seat has been vacated, applications are made; there is a 30-day waiting period. Have you spoken with your City Attorney about your decision to install Sandy Cereghino as a council member? Thank you.

Hannah Raulston: no comment here. Thank you.

Sandy Cereghino: I'm not sure. Was I voted in or not.

Nick Nims: Yeah. Two yays and one nay.

Sandy Cereghino: Okay. I appreciate being put on the council. I will do the best I can.

Sandra Thomas: I want to point out. I have been appointed to council twice and neither time did I have to fill out an application. However, there was no one else on the ballot or anything when I was voted in. I was asked if I would serve and I said I would. And it happened right then. Just for that piece of history.

Diana Marrs: I did talk with Lisa Gambia (County Clerk) her comment "there is no statutory requirement to recruit for this is a temporary appointment." So, I did talk to Lisa Gambia at Elections to make sure.

Pamela Brown: How long does the temporary last?

Andrea Keger: Till the end of term.

Sandra Thomas: Temporary usually last until next Election.

Pamela Brown: That's what I thought. So pretty full term.

Shaun Cooper: Sandra Thomas would you please read the last section that you read earlier on your deal about the council. What did the very last thing it have to say about the council? That the council....

Sandra Thomas: The Council shall be the final judge of qualifications and the elections of its own members.

Shaun Cooper: There it is. The Council has the right to do what they need to do to make sure the City is running well. Congratulations to Sandy Cereghino.

Sandra Thomas: I did not know to check to see if there was any other legalities involved, because I didn't know we were doing this.

Shaun Cooper: I just hope we can all work together. I just receive an interesting comment from the Mobley's: "That drama in Shaniko has been going since Mrs. Mobley was in the Post Office." Same shit different day. We need to figure out how to quit doing that. Too much drama. We got to make the city some money.

Nick Nims: Thanks Shaun.

Meetings adjourned. 6:25 PM

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Approved by City Council on January 13, 2025

Attested to by

Donald Treanor, Mayor

Diana Marrs, City Recorder