

City of Shaniko City Council Minutes

ALL MEETINGS ARE RECORDED

Shaniko City Hall/Community Center
48771 E Street, next to the Old City Hall
(541) 489-3226
City Council Meeting
March 10, 2025 @ 6:00 PM

The meeting began with the approval of the agenda and minutes, noting a date correction. Scott Marrs reported reservoir levels at eight feet, with new signs placed in the watershed area. Sandy Cereghino discussed a wedding event in September, expected to bring 100 people. The council discussed a contract with Curran McLeod, INC for a \$100,000 project, emphasizing the need for proper documentation and property ownership. The meeting concluded with a discussion on a website hack and the need for updated policies and procedures. The meeting discussed a breach of confidentiality in an executive session, CIS Insurance is assigning new legal counsel and Mr. Green expressing discomfort. Jeremy Green has not resigned, despite the agenda. The council debated the legality of appointing Sandy Cereghino to a vacant seat and the need to follow proper vacancy procedures. Concerns were raised about the divisiveness in the town and the impact of ongoing lawsuits on the city's finances. A neighbor offered to buy two city lots for \$2,000. The meeting concluded with a call for increased public comment time and a focus on infrastructure improvements.

Meeting Commencement and Roll Call

- Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM by Mayor Don Treanor.
- Roll Call/Quorum: Mayor Don Treanor, Sandy Cereghino, Sandy Thomas, Andrea Kegel, Pamela Brown and Diana Marrs, City Recorder
- Multiple speakers discuss the need for visitors to announce themselves.
- Visitors and attendees on Zoom are listed, including Edward Hodges, Stacy Wilson, Ben Harleman, Joann Harleman, Deborah Holbrook, Shaun Cooper, Michelle Colby, Ernie Martin, and Dave Lisle

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

- Sandra Thomas makes a motion to approve the agenda, with correction to the date
- Diana Marrs notes a correction needed on the minutes: the date of approval should be changed from October 14, 2024, to the current date.
- Diana Marrs mentions a mistake in the finances, stating the date should be February instead of January.
- Multiple speakers discuss the need to approve the minutes, with Andrea Kegel seconding the motion.
- The motion to approve the minutes is passed unanimously.

Water Report and Volunteer Fire Department Update

- Scott Marrs reports reservoir levels at eight feet, stable and looking good.
- Scott Marrs mentions the placement of Authorized Personnel Only signs in the watershed area.
- Speaker 1 inquires if a motion is needed to keep the signs up, with Sandy Cereghino confirming no objections.
- Scott Marrs states there are no further updates for the water report.
- Scott Marrs notes the volunteer fire department is inactive, indicating good behavior in the community.

Tourism Committee and Wedding Event Planning

- Sandy Cereghino updates on the Tourism Committee, mentioning a young couple planning a wedding in September.
- The couple is happy to use the stage and road, not worrying about Main Street.
- They may rent the picnic area and serving tables, with the town invited to attend.
- The wedding is tentatively scheduled for September 19 and 20, with the couple renting the hotel and most of the RV parks.

Financial Report and Bill Payment Discussion

- Diana Marrs presents the financial report, listing expenses from February and total expenses for the month.
- Diana Marrs notes the balance in the checking account is \$2,745.31, which can pay bills.
- Pamela Brown requests an accurate finance report before voting on where money should come from.
- Diana Marrs agrees to revise the finance report and send it out to everyone.
- Sandy Cereghino and Pamela Brown discuss the need to pay all bills except for Jeremy Green, pending a conversation about payment plans.

Workshop and Meeting Schedule Adjustments

- Diana Marrs discusses the workshop she conducted and the need for feedback from other council members.
- The council agrees to schedule the workshop on the fourth Monday of each month, starting with March 24.
- Sandy Cereghino and Pamela Brown discuss the importance of having a consistent meeting schedule.
- The council agrees to table the bills until Diana has a chance to correct the finance report and chat with Jeremy Green.

Contract Discussion

- Pamela Brown expresses concern about the 30-day payment period in the contract with MCEDD

- Edward Hodges, co-owner of Curran-McLeod, clarifies that the 30-day pay period will be removed from the contract.
- Edward Hodges outlines the next steps for the project, including preliminary engineering, environmental and historical consultants, and final design.
- The council agrees to sign the contract after making the necessary corrections.

Website Hacking Incident and Resolution

- Diana Marrs reports that the city's website was hacked, and it took a full day to regain access.
- Pamela Brown clarifies that she was the one who switched the website to provide access to documents and the Zoom link.
- Diana Marrs expresses frustration with the current hosting situation and the need for better control over the website.
- Pamela Brown offers to help Diana with the website and provide the necessary information to regain control.

Renewal of Business Licenses and Property Ownership Issues

- Diana Marrs lists the businesses that need their business licenses renewed, including the Hotel, RV park, Candy shop, Souvenir Shop, and others.
- The council discusses the need for proper documentation showing property ownership before issuing permits.
- Sandy Cereghino expresses concerns about the applicant not owning the property and the need for proper forms to be filled out.
- The council agrees to table the issue until the proper documentation is provided.

Policy and Procedure for Records Requests

- Diana Marrs presents a new policy and procedure for records requests, written by Jeremy Green.
- The council discusses the need to read the policy and procedure three times before voting on it.
- Pamela Brown suggests striking item C on the public records request form and moving up the receiving records section.
- The council agrees to table the policy and procedure until the next meeting to allow for further review.

Confidentiality Breach and Attorney Assignments

- Diana Marrs discusses a breach of confidentiality in an executive session, With CIS assigning new attorneys and as well as Mr. Green being uncomfortable.
- Multiple speakers' express confusion and frustration over the confidentiality breach, with some feeling it was not their fault.
- Pamela Brown clarifies that Jeremy Green has not resigned despite the agenda, and Diana Marrs admits her mistake in listing his withdrawal.

- Pamela Brown suggests changing the agenda to reflect the actual events and questions the assumption of confidentiality breaches.

Discussion on Council Seat Vacancies and Appointments

- Multiple speakers discuss the lack of a motion to accept David Long's resignation and the need to post for the vacancy in the next regular city council meeting.
- The conversation delves into the rules and procedures for filling council seats, including the need for a vacancy process and the rights of third-place candidates.
- Diana Marrs mentions that the attorney considered the appointment of Sandy Cereghino as a direct appointment, but another speaker questions the lack of documentation.
- The discussion highlights the unfairness of the appointment process and the need to follow proper procedures.

Council Member Applications and Qualifications

- Sandy Thomas shares their experience of running for council and being told they did not qualify due to residency requirements.
- The conversation touches on the lack of other applicants for the council seat and the need for someone to fill the vacancy.
- A speaker expresses a desire to follow the rules and address the issues of broken rules from previous councils.
- The discussion emphasizes the importance of having a strong council and the need to work together despite divisions.

Public Comment and Community Concerns

- Scott Marrs reads a text from Phil Brady about a family emergency and mentions issues related to building codes and a master plan for Shaniko.
- Pamela Brown and other speakers' express frustration with the divisiveness and lack of trust in the council.
- Stacey Wilson and other speakers share their experiences of feeling unrepresented and the need for better communication and representation.

Legal and Procedural Issues

- Diana Marrs explains the legal issues surrounding the council's actions and the need to follow the charter.
- The conversation includes discussions about the legitimacy of the council's actions and the need for proper appointments.
- Diana Marrs highlights the impact of lawsuits on the city's finances and the division in the community.
- The discussion emphasizes the importance of following the law and the need for transparency and accountability.

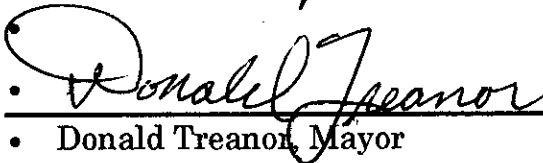
Final Comments and Motions

Amendment to March 10, 2025 per Pamela Brown, Ms. Cereghino said " I technically resign today. I resign. Put it out there. "

- Sandy Cereghino apologizes for any hurt feelings and expresses her commitment to helping the town.
- Dave Lisle suggest selling two lots to that the city owns for \$1,000 each and suggests moving propane tanks and other items on city property.
- Ernie Martin requests an increase in public comment time to three minutes and emphasizes the importance of water infrastructure for the town's future.

• Approved by City Council on April 14, 2025

- Attested to by *April 15-2025*

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• Donald Treanor, Mayor

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Diana Marrs, City Recorder