

NYSSA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 8, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Betty Holcomb, Council President Morganne DeLeon, Councilors: Patricia Esplin, Pat Oliver, Ron Edmondson, Roberto Escobedo, Absent Krissy Walker Staff: Police Chief Donnie Ballou, City Manager Jim Maret (by phone), City Recorder Marla Roberts, City Attorney Mike Horton, City Engineer Doug Argo.

Audience: Jerry Holmes, Alison MagLaughlin, Dustin Sparks, Jeanie Bird, Carrie Rogers, Tawni Maxwell (Nyssa Chamber of Commerce), Lori Holcomb, Amy Shuster, Donnie Shuster, Mike Stringer, Sahrída Sparks, Ashley Clinton, and John Vanderweil.

Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance

Council President DeLeon made the motion to adopt the agenda. Councilor Oliver seconded the motion. 6 Ayes. Absent Krissy Walker.

Consent Agenda: Motion Action Approving Consent Agenda items (Consent Agenda items can be approved in one motion):

- A. Minutes of Regular Meeting October 11, 2022.
- B. Staff and Committee Monthly Reports October 2022.
- C. Correspondence and information FYI

Councilor Esplin made the motion to approve all items A-C. Councilor Edmondson seconded the motion.

Approval of Accounts Payable \$616,676.00 and Current Payroll \$53,409.44

Councilor Escobedo made the motion to accept the Accounts payable and payroll. Councilor Esplin seconded the motion.

Public Comment Period (30 Minutes Maximum)

Chamber news Tawni Maxwell – November 18th Farmers appreciation at the memorial park at 5:30 pm there will be free hamburgers hotdogs, scones & corn hole games. She needs to talk to Chief Ballou about blocking off the street beside memorial park. November 21st they will be kicking off the “Pay it Forward”. December 3rd is the Nite lite parade Whoo-Balation (Grinch) is the theme, and it will be a moving parade this year down Main Street. They would like to purchase the Christmas lights for the tree at the memorial park if possible. Line up at 5:30 and Parade starts at 6:00 pm.

Ashley Clinton donated her time to Alison MagLaughlin

Alison MagLaughlin – gave an overview of herself she lives part-time in Holland. She is leading the greenbelt project for the Nyssa community. What does the Nyssa community need help with? She met with Nikki Shira, and she has two volunteers on what can be done. She would like to update the Council on the vision and the activity on what they would like to have their help with. Councilor Esplin asked questions about what they would like to do and where. They are not specific on exactly the location yet.

Dustin Sparks – Distributed packets concerning the bike/foot path to the Council. He feels this would help our community recreation.

Mark Stringer donated his 3 minutes to Dustin Sparks.

Closing off the road between Main Street and Memorial Park at 5:30 pm.

November is pay it forward again this year on November 21st

December 3rd will be the night light parade moving parade this year from the church down Main Street. Also, have a thought about buying Christmas lights for the tree. Grinch theme Who-Balation.

Lori Holcomb asked about the 3 minutes which is an adopted policy by the Council for each meeting. It is great to have people volunteer to purchase lights for the City Christmas Tree and for those in attendance that are volunteering their time to make Nyssa a better place to live. She spoke with Dan Joyce today and they received 6 million in grants and are figuring out where to allocate those funds. Great job to all and thank you!

Amy Shuster – She has the pleasure of living across from the South Park. She was part of a Parks group several years ago and she thinks if we are going to look for ways to use money and donate time and effort put it towards improving the Parks we have.

Patricia Esplin – Says we have already been focusing on our Parks and improving them and now with Alison wanting to focus on bike paths around Nyssa it is too much to try and start on another project.

Donnie Shuster – Years ago the City purchased property at the end of Locust to help alleviate the problem with the settling ponds and the bike path plan has been proposed before, but it did not fly, so it does not make sense to put a bike path or a walking path next to the sewer settling ponds.

Alison MagLaughlin gave information on her background and what she wants to do.

Dustin Sparks –distributed a flyer on what he would like to see happen in Nyssa.

Alison spoke to some landowners, and they would not have a problem with it.

He would like to apply for grants for the city.

Lori Holcomb – she just wants to thank the Chamber for offering to purchase new lights for the Christmas tree and the work on the parade.

She spoke with Dan Joyce, and they have grant funding for cities and allocate them.

Department Reports:

City Engineer Report - Doug Argo – Reload waterline project contractor is still trying to get the parts and will delay till spring. This has been anticipated due to the change in weather etc. Fort Boise management spoke with Duane on putting Fire hydrants in and the discussion will continue and a change order coming. The public works building topographic survey drainage plan south of the fire station and that storm drain will serve to the West side of the block on the South side that block will drain and take the water over to the pond. The initial cost estimate is around \$770,000. They are asking the Council for permission to go forward. Jim says this is an important project and will have an official Resolution at the next meeting and go out for bid we have been saving for this and have the funds without costing the City any additional funds.

Roberto Escobedo made the motion to move forward with the project. Patricia Esplin seconded the opinion. 6 ayes.

Police Report and Police Business – Police Chief Donnie Ballou – Information is given to Council. Officer Wilson will be going to the academy in February 2023. Academy for Buckland will leave after that. There is an officer that is in the background phase for the Sheriff’s office. They do have a couple of applicants they are looking at for the Officer position. Neighborhood Watch is moving forward please contact the Police Chief if you would like to come to the meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Resolution 1449-22 Declaring miscellaneous Library equipment as surplus property. Pat Oliver made the motion to adopt Resolution 1449-22. Roberto Escobedo seconded the motion 6 ayes.

Resolution 1450-22 Authorizing the City Manager to sign the agreement between the City of Nyssa and Cam Credits Inc. Morganne DeLeon made the motion to adopt Resolution 1450-22. Patricia Esplin seconded the motion. 6 Ayes.

Resolution 1451-22 Authorizing the City Manager to sign the contract agreement with Paloma Computers for a new website. Roberto Escobedo made the motion to adopt 1451-22. Mayor Betty Holcomb seconded the motion. 6 Ayes.

Resolution 1452-22 Declaring 2012 Dodge Charger as surplus property

Patricia Esplin made the motion to approve Resolution 1452-22. Ron Edmondson seconded the motion. 6 Ayes.

LOC Bulletin – City Manager Jim Maret spoke to the Council about the homeless situation in Oregon and the League of Oregon Cities would like support from the City of Nyssa to lobby to the legislature and ask for funding for Cities dealing with this issue.

Mayor Holcomb made motion to support LOC in this effort. Pat Oliver seconded the motion. 6 Ayes.

Manager Report – Information is given to Council – If you go by TV Grain, you will see they are moving along quickly and reload is also moving forward preconstruction meeting on the 10th.

Lions Park is up and completed and the hoops are up as of today. The 2012 Dodge Charger needs work, and we are receiving a donated vehicle from Boardman OR. The audit is complete, and they will give us an update at the next meeting. Community in action water assistance ongoing. Welcomed new businesses in town Over the Moon Kids Boutique and Kathy Flanders music studio. Thanks to Mayor Holcomb we had the windows painted at City Hall. The Playground equipment is delayed due to powder coating but will be completed soon and we will be getting that up.

Comments from Council – Roberto would like to ask the City Manager to check into funds for a Splash Pad and review the contract with S&S Disposal and give him a report.

Adjourned: 7:58 pm

Marla Roberts, CMC

City Recorder City of Nyssa