

# Nyssa City Council Meeting Minutes

14 S. 3rd Street Nyssa, Or. 97913

3/10/2026 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Mayor Patricia Esplin, Council President Morganne DeLeon, Pat Oliver, Juan Ramos, Ron Edmondson, Mark Shuster, Betty Holcomb, Staff: Police Chief Donnie Ballou, Assistant Fire Chief Dusty Simpson, City Manager Jim Maret, City Recorder Kelli Torres, City Attorney Mike Horton and City Engineer Jesse Christensen. **Absent: Councilor Oliver and Assistant Fire Chief Simpson**

**Public Attendants:**

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Motion to adopt the agenda:** Mayor Esplin made a motion to adopt the agenda with President DeLeon second. **Passed 6 Ayes. Absent: Councilor Oliver**

**Motion to adopt the consent agenda:** Approving Consent Agenda items (Consent Agenda items can be approved in one motion) Councilor Shuster made the motion to approve Consent Agenda with Councilor Ramos seconded. **Passed with 6 Ayes. Absent: Councilor Oliver**

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 10, 2026.
- B. Staff and Committee February 2026 Monthly Reports.
- C. Misc. Correspondence and information if available.
- D. Approval of Accounts Payable \$64,391.53 and Current Payroll \$56,843.94.

**Public Comment Period: None**

**Department Report:**

**City Engineer Report:** Jesse Christensen briefly went over the engineering report. He had a pre-construction meeting for the new well project and that should be starting shortly.

**Fire Report:** Fire Chief Seuell briefly went over the fire report. The fire department would like to surplus one of the old fire trucks. Fire Chief went over the mutual aid agreement that they have with the Parma Rural Fire Department. They would like to keep that and are asking for the council's approval to extend the agreement. Councilor Shuster made a motion to approve the motion with Councilor Holcomb seconded. **Passed with 6 Ayes.**

### **Absent Councilor Oliver**

**Police Report and Police Business:** Police Chief Donnie Ballou introduced the new Ordinance Officer Mackenzie Prater. Chief Ballou briefed the council on continuing education and training that the department is working on. He updated the council on some new equipment that got donated to them and some that is on a loan program through the government.

**Old Business:** Manager Maret updated the council on the seed pods that were discussed at the last meeting. They were taken care of.

**New business:** Councilor Holcomb had some community events that are taking place. The annual Support the Court at Nyssa Gym and JJ's Memorial softball fundraiser on April 15th at 5:30 p.m. at JJ's Park. **Chief Ballou** shared that Caldwell Police Department may have something that they are going to do. More information on this is to come as we get it. Mayor Esplin and Manager Maret have discussed setting up a goal-setting meeting. Goal setting meeting will take place in April right after the regular city council meeting.

**Resolution 1526-26 Surplus Property – Fire Truck:** Councilor Holcomb made a motion to accept resolution 1526-26 with President DeLeon second. **Passed with 6 Ayes. Absent: Councilor Oliver**

### **LOC Bulletin: FYI**

**Manager Report:** Jim Maret- Budget meeting will be May 14<sup>th</sup>. Cascade Natural Gas are checking gas lines in town. These gas lines are old and are in desperate need of repair. The company wants to move them from alleys to the street. These repairs could be done in the next year or so. Library assistant Greta, her last day was March 28<sup>th</sup>. Manager Maret, Sergeant Wilson and Kelli Torres went to the CIS meeting in Salem. Councilor Shuster inquired about how many people there are on the Budget Commission. 14 in total, seven council members and seven Budget Committee members. Councilor Edmondson asked about Ani-Care and their contract. Manager Maret addressed the council. The city no longer has a contract with them, and they moved out of the house. There is no longer a kennel to take dogs for now, but we are looking at some options. Some discussion took place on OTEC (Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative) buying a portion of Idaho Power.

**Adjourned: 6:31 pm**

*Kelli Torres*  
*City Recorder*  
*City of Nyssa*

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