

**ESCALANTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 19, 2024  
REGULAR MEETING/ELECTRONIC MEETING – 6:00 P.M.  
ESCALANTE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 56 NORTH 100 WEST**

Mayor Melani Torgersen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Escalante City Council Chambers.

Present at said meeting were Mayor Torgersen, Council members Blaine Porter, Sally Orme, Lenza Wilson, Marlene Stowe, City Attorney Barry Huntington and City Recorder Stephanie Steed. Council member Chad Lyman was excused.

Also present were Bill Weppner, Fred Spencer, DeEtte Spencer, Terence Tontlewicz and Victory Crawford.

Mayor Torgersen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Council member Stowe moved to adopt the agenda as written. Council member Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Stowe, Wilson, Orme and Porter voting aye.**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 5, 2024 MEETING**

**Council member Wilson moved to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2024 meeting as written. Council member Orme seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Wilson, Orme, Stowe and Porter voting aye.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments at this time.

**PLANNING AND ZONING ITEMS**

**PLANNING AND ZONING UPDATES**

City Recorder Steed explained Planning and Zoning has completed the Subdivision updates with the Hansen Group and will have the public hearing on November 26 for input from the public.

**TROY AND LISA CRUMP – RESIDENTIAL HOME AND ACCESSORY BUILDING WITH BATHROOM – 599 MOQUI LANE - RR-1-20**

City Recorder Steed explained this project. City Recorder Steed said Planning and Zoning recommended the small residential home presented and the accessory building without the showers to the City Council for approval. City Recorder Steed said Mr. and Mrs. Crump were denied the RV pads and the showers in the accessory building and they have revised their plans to comply with the approval. **Council member Wilson moved to approve the one residential home and accessory building with bathrooms as presented and no RV pads for Mr. and Mrs. Crump. Council member Stowe seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Orme, Stowe, Porter and Wilson voting aye.**

## **SCHEDULED ITEMS**

### **TROY AND LISA CRUMP NEW WATER CONNECTION - 599 MOQUI LANE**

Council member Wilson asked what the size of the waterline is on Moqui Lane. Council member Porter said the water connection will have to come from Old Main and it is an eight-inch line. Council member Orme said the letter attached states the Crump's will get an easement from Reed Munson for the utility lines. Council member Porter explained the water meter will be on the City Right-of-Way. Council member Wilson asked if there is something in the ordinance about waterlines going from one property to another. Council member Porter said the City is only liable to put in the meter and it will be on the City Right-of-Way so the Crumps will have to get the easements to run their waterline from the meter. **Council member Porter moved to approve the new water connection for Mr. and Mrs. Crump. Council member Orme seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Stowe, Porter, Orme and Wilson voting aye.**

### **TROY AND LISA CRUMP NEW SEWER CONNECTION – 599 MOQUI LANE**

Council member Porter said the sewer can be connected from Old Main. Council member Porter explained the City is only liable for the main line and the Crumps will have to get easements to run the sewer to their property. Council member Orme said in the letter attached to the application it states Reed Munson will be installing all the utilities and giving an easement to the Crumps. **Council member Orme moved to approve the new sewer connection for Mr. and Mrs. Crump. Council member Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Wilson, Porter, Orme and Stowe voting aye.**

## **CHRISTMAS BONUS**

Mayor Torgersen said in the past the City has given cheese to the first responders, volunteers, employees and Council members. Mayor Torgersen explained the City has also given a bonus to the employees and Council members. **Council member Wilson moved to approve the cheese and bonuses as done in the past. Council member Stowe seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Stowe, Wilson, Porter and Orme voting aye.**

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

The Administrative Department had nothing to report at this time.

### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

The Public Works Department was not present at said meeting.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

### **BILL WEPPNER**

Mr. Weppner explained the Fire Department is in the third year of changing over the State required radios and they are still having issues. Mr. Weppner explained that with the new radios it has caused problems with the paging system and not all the fire fighters are receiving the pages.

Mr. Weppner said since the last meeting there have been two incidents. Mr. Weppner explained there was a brush fire and a UTV recovery of a young man on the Big Horn Trail on the Monument. Mr. Weppner said Fred Spencer took the UTV out for the recovery and did an

excellent job. The Council thanked Mr. Spencer for his service.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

#### **MAYOR MELANI TORGERSEN**

Mayor Torgersen said the Christmas Lights are up on Main Street and look good. Mayor Torgersen said Tempe Jenkins will be putting Christmas Lights up in the park and asked if anyone sees her to stop and help her out if they can.

Mayor Torgersen said the City Christmas party will be December 3 after the City Council meeting.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER CHAD LYMAN**

Council member Lyman was not present at said meeting.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER LENZA WILSON**

Council member Wilson said the Christmas Lights that are on the Garkane poles are on timers so when the power goes out the public works employees have to go reset them. Council member Wilson said he has ordered some photocells to eliminate the timers.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER BLAINE PORTER**

Council member Porter said the chlorinator has been having some problems so the public works has ordered some parts to update it.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER MARLENE STOWE**

Council member Stowe explained when the cover over the playground was installed there was a rip in it and was rubbing on one of the play trees. Council member Stowe said Big T Recreation will be replacing the tarp and will lower the tree to fix the problem.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER SALLY ORME**

Council member Orme had nothing to report at this time.

### **UNPAID BILLS**

**Council member Stowe moved to pay the unpaid bills. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Stowe, Orme, Wilson and Porter voting aye.**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no executive session needed at this time.

**Council member Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 p.m.**

**Council member Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.**

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Stephanie Steed, MMC  
City Recorder

Date minutes approved: 12/3/2024