

# CITY OF MOSIER

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## MINUTES MOSIER CITY COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 3, 2018

<b>I</b>	<b>CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Burns called meeting to order at 6:31 pm.</b>
II	Council: All Council members were in attendance.  Staff: City Manager, Colleen Coleman, City Water Master, Nathan Pope Audience: Mosier residents Witt and Myrna Anderson, and County Sheriff Lane Magill
III	<b>Business from the Audience</b> —Sheriff Magill announced that Wasco County had hired former City of Mosier Finance Director, Kayla Nelson as County Finance Manager.
IV	Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes for 12/6/17. Council Member Wallace corrected improper spelling of Council member Reed’s name, asking to omit ‘Reeves’ and replace with ‘Reed’. Council member Gries added that in addition to ‘regular hydrant flushing’ there were comments by Mayor Burns that the City is considering using Well 2 for hydrant service. Council member Wallace motioned to approve minutes with recommended corrections. Council Member Van Osdol seconded. All approved.
<b>V</b>	<b>BUSINESS</b>
1.	<p><b>Witt Anderson – Application for City Council review and discussion.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mayor Burns introduced Witt Anderson to the Council and audience. Councilor Wallace asked Witt what he would bring to Council?</li> <li>- Anderson replied that he has 35 years of federal government experience, a passion for agency work and is currently consulting for one agency and tribe. He said he has spent significant time building Habitat for Humanity projects as a volunteer. He would like to do something different and noted that his experience is relevant to the new building going on in Mosier. He mentioned he is interested in best governance and that “you can be a complainer or you can bring solutions” and he would like to make a commitment to assisting the City with solutions.</li> <li>- Mayor Burns asked Council if they were comfortable with taking a vote to appoint Witt Anderson as Council member to replace Marc Berry’s position.</li> <li>- Councilor Reed motioned that Council appoint Witt Anderson to replace Marc Berry as active Council member.</li> <li>- Councilor Acasia Berry seconded. All approved.</li> </ul>
2.	<p><b>Council Discussion – Review of Sample Plastic Bag Ban Ordinance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mayor Burns began discussion saying that a plastic bag ban is one way to implement our commitment to sustainability, if businesses in Mosier would agree not to use plastic bags. Burns mentioned that she stopped in and talked with Brenna Campbell, Mosier Market’s owner and asked if a plastic bag ban would work for her, and received strong support for the ban from Campbell.</li> <li>- Witt Anderson mentioned that he had heard an NPR report that 90% of all plastic bags in the ocean come from 10 of the world’s major rivers.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Councilor Reed also mentioned that authorities are finding plastic in the stomachs of wildlife worldwide.</li> <li>- Councilor Berry asked, what is the process for formulating a city ordinance for plastic bag ban?</li> <li>- After further discussion, it was decided that Council members would review the City of Hood River’s ordinance and circle the provisions they wanted in the City of Mosier’s ordinance and return it to the City Manager to compile for future discussion and formation of a draft ordinance.</li> </ul>
3.	<p><b>Staff Report –Nathan Pope – City of Mosier New Water Operator.</b> Mayor Burns introduced Nathan Pope as our new water operator and welcomed him. She then asked each of the Council members to introduce themselves and where they live in the City of Mosier. Pope spoke of how happy he is to assist the City part time and said he was currently working with Andy Wells on a residential water hook up and would be learning the City’s water system over the next few weeks. Some upcoming tasks include meter/register repair and upgrade, compiling a list of needed water operations tools for the City; preparing the State’s Annual Summary Report; and checking water quality records with the Health Department. Mayor Burns noted that it is a monumental year, with new staff and the finalization of the Team Mosier agreement with UPRR.</p>
4.	<p><b>Staff Report- Year to Date Budget Report - Colleen Coleman City Manager.</b> City manager provided budget numbers for Council that showed that the City is at 39% of the overall approved budget for 5.5 months into the year. She also noted that spending for staff was at 51%. Councilor Acasia Berry asked if additional December invoices would roll in. Coleman said yes, there are a few outstanding but once paid, we would likely still be on track for the year.</p>
5.	<p><b>Staff Report – City Recorder/Finance Position Open.</b> Coleman announced that the position to replace Kayla Nelson would be a 1/2 time ‘City Recorder’ instead of a 1/3 time Finance Director. She provided documentation to Council that showed that the 1/2 time position of City Recorder is a Mosier Charter position and typical of small city governments. In addition, the position will be staffed at well within the 2017/2018 budgeted cost for the city recorder bookkeeping tasks.</p>
6.	<p><b>Staff Report – Coleman – City Maintenance Truck and Snow Plow Plan.</b> Coleman reported that the City’s current maintenance vehicle is a public safety hazard during winter as it does not have 4 wheel drive, nor the ability to drive safely on the freeway. She provided Council with the plan to acquire a surplus vehicle from the Mosier Fire District at or around Feb. 1, 2018, and if a 4 wheel drive truck is needed for use on the ice and snow during the month of January, the City would rent one. Council accepted the plan. Coleman also described to Council that the City would continue with its plowing contract this year with John Godwin and once a new city truck was acquired, would assess the truck’s ability to handle plowing equipment and make a decision for next year based on the new truck’s condition. Council approved the plan.</p>
7.	<p><b>Strategic Plan Update – Emily Reed.</b> Councilor Reed said she was working on a final draft and would have it ready for discussion at the 1-15-18 Council meeting. She said she was compiling goals and suggestions from Council and staff and has one more layer of editing to complete before the draft is ready for a public work session. Mayor Burns commented that one of our important goals is protecting and enhancing the environment and that she would provide the list of items identified in the Chicago Mayor’s summit.</p>

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8.	<p><b>Announcements –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Nathan Pope announced that MCOG would be closing its doors 2/10/18 and the City of the Dalles would take some responsibility and the County would take some.</li><li>- Mayor Burns asked that we go around the room and identify one word that signifies our intentions for the new year:</li><li>- Sheriff Magill – Gratitude – overwhelmed with gratitude for his crew, community</li><li>- Councilor Wallace – Awakening</li><li>- Councilor Berry – Fun</li><li>- Councilor Van Osdol – Education</li><li>- Councilor Gries – Adventure</li><li>- Councilor Reed – Fresh start</li><li>- Mr. Anderson – Coalitions</li><li>- Mr. Pope – Connection</li><li>- Ms. Coleman – Love</li><li>- Ms. Anderson – Exuberance</li><li>- Mayor Burns – Excitement – for this new chapter in the history of Mosier</li></ul>
<p><b>Council meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.</b></p>	

Approved this 17th day of January, 2018:

Attest:

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Mayor Arlene Burns

Colleen Coleman, City Manager