

CITY OF THE HIGHLANDS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, 6:00, October 14, 2024

Crazy Horse Sports Club, (lower level) 922 W. Crazy Horse Dr. 67502

MINUTES

I. Meeting called to order

- A. Welcome by Mayor Moore
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call of the Council
Jeff Jackson, Lyle Foss, Mark Kerschen, Kenny Nuss, Christina Gardner with Mo Penny AZC present.
- D. Guests: Rick Woolley, Eric Lutz, Butch Neel

II. Approval of the agenda as presented

Motion to approve by Kenny Nuss, Seconded by Jeff Jackson. Motion Passed.

III. Public Comment(s): State name and address. Please limit remarks to \leq five minutes.

Rick Wooley questioned one way traffic into the golf course parking lot. Issue is for the course as it is not a public street. Mark Kerschen will mention to course owner.

IV. Community Events report (Christie Gardner, Lacy Stone, Molly Dean)

Lacy Stone reported that event will be held on December 8th with 4:30-5:00 start time. Meet at the fire station parking lot and will include Kids crafts, raffle items, coffees, drinks and cookies. Each kid will receive a free cookie, others available for purchase. Also Bubbles & Brew food truck will be available. Group plans to go door to door with door hanger invitations, posts on Facebook as well as create a sign for the front entrance. They will encourage residents to decorate their houses, vehicles and/or golf cart. Planning on a competition for best decorated home. Entries will be submitted ahead of time. We are also looking for someone to be Santa as well.

V. Approval of draft minutes: Regular meeting, September 9, 2024

Motion to approve made by Jeff Jackson. Seconded by Mark Kerschen. Motion passed.

VI. Reports

A. Mayor

1. One Gas Survey

There are nine questions to the survey that the mayor requested input.

Council completed nine questions on survey.

2. Chamber of Commerce's MakeMyMove discussion

The mayor reported on the effort by the Chamber to bring families to Reno County

3. Make sure everyone is registered to vote per Jenna Fager. Will let RCAT come out to our community.

B. Treasurer

1. Budget for 2025 report

Budget meeting was published in the Hutchinson News to adhere to State regulations. Will need to publish Budget each year even though website is official newspaper.

2. Monthly financial report

a. Reallocations on new Treasurer's report.

Format using Quicken reconciles into the bank account automatically. Total funds at September 30, 2024 are \$276,872.69

Motion to approve financial report made by Mark Kerschen, Seconded by Kenny Nuss. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of invoices:

- a. Nationwide—surety bond for City Clerk, \$175.00
- b. LocaliQ—payment for publishing budget--\$488.36
- c. Attorney --\$380.00 and \$200
- d. Fairview Service Center for mower blades--\$268.34
- e. Reno County Utilities – \$88.29
- f. Ark Valley Electric \$98.74
- g. Alpha Land Surveys \$600 ARPA
- h. Butch Neel \$45.36 for sign repairs

Motion to approve payment of invoices made by Mark Kerschen, Seconded by Kenny Nuss. Motion passed unanimously.

C. AZC

1. Status of road repairs

Mike Engle is having eye surgery, should be back next week to start on Paganica Pass.

Discussion on grass growing on 95th street in bad spots in the road.

Butch Neel brought up dead trees in city park area south of the pump house. Will discuss with Parks & Recreation group.

2. Well on Dewitt property

No fee permit signed by council.

VII. New Business

A. Report on discussion with city attorney (refer to documents distributed prior to meeting)

1. Signs within the city—draft ordinance 2024-33

Restaurant wanting to put up a sign. Ordinance on signs in the city. Drafts from other cities that needs discussion. Edits made during discussion and will be discussed at next meeting.

2. Organized Collection Service Act—draft letter

Trash service idea to go with one company. Mayor to write letter to each company and see what level of interest there is.

3. Ordinance No. 2021-23 Amend as recommended by legal counsel—draft ordinance 2024-xx

To get clarification from City Attorney on a few items.

B. ROW

a. Tree trimming discussion

Mark Kerschen mentioned that some people in city are financially incapable of complying with ordinance.

Idea was to have them approach city council for help if hardship. Kenny Nuss estimated that 7 or 8 of 65 lots in last ROW listing have complied. 19 of the 65 lots are owned by 7 people.

b. Country Club Plaza ROW cleanup of Common Area

A huge lot that is common area, owned by 30+ residents. Will get group together to trim ROWs this fall/winter.

C. Partying in cul-de-sacs, trash/glass, etc

Discussion to consider putting up cameras in cul-de-sacs that partying is occurring. Also discussed blocking off road to avoid the partying and trash being left behind.

D. Enforcement of existing ordinances and violations/complaints

Need to be more proactive about getting violators in compliance with the ordinances. Shed color, unapproved fencing and rooster were a short list of topics. Mayor Moore to draft letters and send out.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Status of NW drainage project

- a. Resolution NO 2024-0083, purchase of Lot #120 for NW exit. Christie Gardner made motion and we seconded by Mark Kerschen. Motion passed.
- b. ARPA drainage project Engineering study.

Jeff Jackson showed a preliminary drawing from engineer that shows NW drainage project at this point.

- B. Final council approval of Ordinance 2024-31. Motion to approve made by Jeff Jackson, seconded by Kenny Nuss. Motion passed 4-1 with Christie Gardner voting against due to size requirements for duplexes.
- C. Review before posting for public comment: Draft ordinance on Short-term Rentals, Ordinance 2024-32

Decision to take out item h. and then post on website for public review.

D. Email/texting communication

5 star rewards program discussed, more information to come.

IX. As may arise—City Clerk discussion

Motion to have Zane Jackson be city clerk with pay was made by Kenny Nuss and seconded by Mark Kerschen. Motion passed 3-1 with Lyle Foss abstaining and Jeff Jackson voting No.

X. Date for next City Council Meeting

- A. October 28, 2024
- B. November 11, 2024
- C. Agenda items for next meeting

Motion to cancel October 28th meeting, next meeting November 11th made by Mark Kerschen and seconded by Jeff Jackson. Motion carried.

XI. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Mark Kerschen, Seconded by Kenny Nuss. Motion passed.