

ESCALANTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2023
REGULAR MEETING - 6:00 P.M.
ESCALANTE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 56 N. 100 W.

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 Guy Graham, Sally Orme, Lenza Wilson, Marlene Stowe, Chad Lyman, City Attorney Barry Huntington and City Treasurer Nancy Porter. City Recorder Stephanie Steed was excused.

Also present were Jaime Catlett, Fred Spencer, Blaine Porter, Jerry Taylor, Monica Taylor, Terrence Tontlewicz, Bob Hartman, Joe Catlett, Victory Crawford, Suzanne Catlett, Eric Andersen, Elaine Lott, Julie Brugger, Brent Griffin and Leslie Venuti.

Mayor Torgersen Led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 MEETING

Council member Orme moved to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2023 meeting as written. Council member Stowe seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Lyman, Graham, Wilson, Stowe and Orme voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ELAINE LOTT

Miss Lott mention that she participates in the line dancing class and it is very dark coming out of the old gym at night and asked if there is a light that can go up. Council Member Wilson stated that he does have lights to put up there and he will get them up as soon as possible.

FRED SPENCER

Mr. Spencer asked about getting started on the new hanger at the airport and maybe doing a fundraiser to help with this. Mr. Spencer said it is income for the city and would benefit the city. Mr. Spencer explained there are a couple pilots that would like to move here but they can't until we get the hangers done for their planes.

BOB HARTMAN

Mr. Hartman thanked the City Staff for all their help with the Arts Festival. Mr. Hartman said there are a lot of comments on how great the facilities are. Mr. Hartman said he would like to let everyone know there is a dinner at the pavilion at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday. Mr. Hartman explained Bubba is catering it as well as potluck, if you would like to bring anything.

PLANNING AND ZONING UPDATES

ORDINANCE 2023-16 AMENDING ORDINANCE 10.14 GENERAL REGULATION ON BED & BREAKFAST ESTABLISHMENTS, VACATION RENTALS AND INNS.

Council member Wilson explained this ordinance. Council member Stowe moved to approve Ordinance 2023-16. Council member Lyman seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Wilson, Lyman, Graham, Orme and Stowe voting aye.

ORDINANCE 2023-17 AMENDING ORDINANCE 10.02.050 ADDING OFF – STREET PARKING, MOTEL/INN/HOTEL UNITS AND AMENDING MOTEL/INN DEFINITIONS.

Council member Wilson explained this Ordinance. Council member Lyman asked if this Ordinance allows 18 units on 2 acres and if this was to prevent high density building on the lot. Council member Wilson said yes, it is to prevent high density cabins. Council member Wilson moved to approve Ordinance 2023-17. Council member Graham seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Orme, Lyman, Stowe, Graham and Wilson voting aye.

ORDINANCE 2023-18 AMENDING ORDINANCE 10.54.270, 10.54.280 AMENDING CITY APPROVAL.

Council member Wilson explained this Ordinance. Council member Stowe moved to approve Ordinance 2023-18. Council member Lyman seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Wilson, Graham, Orme, Stowe and Lyman voting aye.

JOE CATLETT – NEW HOME ON SINGLE PARCEL SPLIT – 490 S. 200 E. – RR-1

City Attorney Huntington stated that he spent about an hour investigating this project and he appreciated the extra time to look into it further and he sees no problem approving the Catlett's project. Council member Wilson moved to approve the Municipal Project Approval form for Mr. Catlett. Council member Lyman asked if there is proper drainage from the property. Mr. Catlett stated that there isn't any drainage issues that they know of. Council member Orme asked who is responsible for the maintenance of the road and if it is going to be on the property owners as it is not a city owned road. Council member Wilson amended his motion to approve the project and if there are any issues with the property easement it is a private issue between the property owners and not the city's responsibility. Council member Orme seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Graham, Stowe, Lyman, Wilson and Orme voting aye.

JERRY AND MONICA TAYLOR – GARAGE – 180 E TAYLOR LANE – RR-1

Council member Wilson explained this project. Council member Wilson said Planning and Zoning has recommended this project for approval. Council member Stowe moved to approve the Municipal Project Approval form for Mr. and Mrs. Taylor. Council member Orme seconded the motion. Motion carried with the Council members Lyman, Graham, Orme and Stowe voting aye. Council member Wilson abstained as he is a contractor on the project.

JIMMY, ETHEL & HAYDEN TAYLOR – MODULAR HOME – 260 E 100 N – RR-1-20

Council member Wilson explained this project. Council member Wilson said Planning and Zoning has recommended this project for approval. Council member Wilson moved to approve the Municipal Project Approval form for Jimmy, Ethel and Hayden Taylor. Council member Lyman seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Lyman, Orme, Stowe, Wilson and Graham voting aye.

SCHEDULED ITEMS

JOE CATLETT – WATER METER FOR HOME

Council member Graham said he would like to meet with the Catlett's after the meeting to discuss where to put the meter. Council member Graham said he recommends the city sell Mr. Catlett a meter with some conditions that will need to be met before it is installed. **Council member Graham moved to approve the water meter for Mr. Catlett for the home approved above with conditions that he will discuss with Mr. Catlett. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Orme, Stowe, Lyman, Graham and Wilson voting aye.**

DUMP BED TRUCK FOR CEMETERY

Mayor Torgersen said she would like to purchase a truck with a plow on the front and a dump bed that can be used for projects at the cemetery as well as around town. Mayor Torgersen explained it is a Ford F450 with just 100,000 miles for only \$14,000.00 . Mayor Torgersen said she did some checking on the vehicle and it is in good shape but needs new tires. Council member Lyman said he thinks it is a good idea. **Council member Lyman moved to purchase the F450 for \$14,000.00. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Graham, Stowe, Orme, Wilson and Lyman 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

The Fire Department had nothing to report at this time.

COUNCIL REPORTS

MAYOR MELANI TORGERSEN

Mayor Torgersen said she would like everyone to support the Arts Festival.

Mayor Torgersen said the National clean-up day went well.

COUNCIL MEMBER CHAD LYMAN

Council member Lyman said he is still concerned with the ditch/flood control on Marcie Hoffman's property.

Council member Lyman said he spoke with Marty Vidrine about the Thorne property. Council member Lyman said Mr. Vidrine said the Thornes can access their property through his property and they have an agreement in place. City Attorney Huntington said that if there are issues with the access it is a civil matter, not a City matter.

COUNCIL MEMBER LENZA WILSON

Council member Wilson said we are close to pre-construction at the Airport.

Council member Wilson said the splash pad circuit board is not working and he can not find another one at this time so he is working on building a new one.

Council member Wilson said he has finished the lights at the Veterans Memorial and he is working on getting the lights up on the buildings.

COUNCIL MEMBER GUY GRAHAM

Council member Graham had nothing to report at this time.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARLENE STOWE

Council member Stowe had nothing to report at this time.

COUNCIL MEMBER SALLY ORME

Council member Orme had nothing to report at this time.

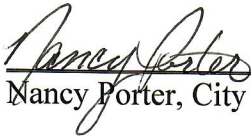
UNPAID BILLS

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session needed at this time.

Council member Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m. Council member Orme seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.



Nancy Porter, City Treasurer

Date minutes approved: 10/31/2023