

January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The Enterprise City Council held a regularly scheduled meeting, with Council President Yanke calling the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

<b>Councilors Present</b>	<b>Staff Present-REGULAR MEETING</b>	<b>Guests Present</b>
Mayor Cody Lathrop	Lacey McQuead, Administrator	Alyssa Lathrop
Council President Jeff Yanke	Paul Karvoski, Fire Chief	Terri Dickenson
Councilor Dave Elliott	Kevin McQuead, Chief of Police	Jeanette Strobel
Councilor Rick Freeman	Travis Huffman, PW Foreman	Deena McFetridge
Councilor Eric Stangel	Dave Wilkie, Wastewater Op. Manager	Lisa Collier
Councilor Jim Dickenson		Bill Bradshaw (Press)
Councilor Carl McFetridge		Adrian Harguess
<b>Councilors Absent</b>	<b>Staff Absent</b>	Sondra Lozier
		Jenny Augst
	<b>Online Guests</b>	Sandy Lathrop
	Alysha	Janelle Yanke & Sons
	Myranda Davis (McFetridge)	Grace Lathrop
	Polumsky	
	Johnnie Paxson	

#### **Oath of Office**

- Cody Lathrop, Mayor
- Carl McFetridge, Councilor
- Jeff Yanke, Councilor
- Jim Dickenson, Councilor
- Rick Freeman, Councilor

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **Roll Call**

#### **Agenda Additions**

- Council Action – Appoint John Lawrence to Planning Commission position No. 6.

#### **Consent Agenda**

Councilor Yanke made a motion to approve the consent agenda items, as submitted by staff. The motion was seconded by Councilor Stangel. Motion carried.

#### **Citizen Comments**

- Mayor Lathrop read a letter received from Diane Alexander regarding biosolids placement.

#### **Unfinished Business**

None.

## **New Business**

Appointment of 2025-2026 City Council President: Councilor Stangel made a motion to appoint Councilor Yanke as Council President. Councilor Elliott made a motion to appoint Councilor Stangel as president. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion to appoint Councilor Yanke as Council President. Motion to appoint Councilor Yanke as the 2025-2026 Council President was carried. Councilor Yanke abstained from the vote.

Resolution No. 716 – 2025 Operating Parameters: Lacey explained Resolution No. 716 as the 2025 City of Enterprise Operating Parameters. Councilor Elliott asked if there was anything different from last year. Lacey stated that dates and signature information have been updated. No further changes were made. Councilor Elliott made a motion to approve Resolution No. 716, as submitted by staff. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Assignments: Mayor Lathrop presented the 2025-2026 council committees. Lacey recommended all Department Managers have a meeting prior to the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting and provide Lacey with the name of the Chairperson for each committee, as well as the dates the committee meetings are to take place.

Liquor License- Dining Car, LLC (Sasquatch Sushi): Mayor Lathrop asked the applicant if they wished to provide further information prior to the council making a decision. The applicant stated they plan to craft beer and saki to pair with their food options. Councilor Freeman asked if they would be serving liquor. The applicant stated they would not. Councilor Freeman made a motion to approve the liquor license application, as submitted. The motion was seconded by Council President Yanke. Motion carried.

\*Tax Distribution Information: Mayor Lathrop read a letter dated December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, received from the Wallowa County Assessor office. The letter serves as a certified notice to correct clerical errors to the City of Enterprise taxing district. The Assessors Office explains that the county discovered an error in the tax distribution and the requirements to correct the clerical error in accordance with ORS 311.390. The distribution error resulted in an overpayment from 2022-2024 totaling \$28,256.31. Lacey will be meeting with the county to reach an agreement for repayment terms, if approved by the council. Councilor Elliott asked how this happened. Lacey explained an email that was received by the assessor, explaining that there was a miscommunication between the prior assessor and the current tax collector. Councilor Stangel made a motion to allow Lacey to communicate an agreement with the county, essentially allowing the county to withhold from the 2024-2025 tax distribution revenue anticipated. The motion was seconded by Council President Yanke. Motion carried.

## **Department Actions and Updates**

**Fire Department Report:** Fire Chief Karvoski submitted the report prior to the meeting. Chief Karvoski announced a training scheduled for the end of January, where a national fire instructor will be training 20 students. Eight of those students are firefighters in Wallowa County. The training was put together by EVFD Training Manager, Mike Lance. Mayor Lathrop asked Paul to thank Mike on behalf of the City Council, for his efforts in putting this together.

Police Department Report: Chief McQuead provided an update to the council, explaining the increase in domestic violence and sexual assault cases. Chief explained funding from a community partner, covering employment hours on cases directly related to domestic violence and sexual assault cases. Chief notified the council that the Enterprise Police Department was awarded the ODOT safety grants for seatbelt, DUII, speed, and distracted driving. Chief McQuead updated the council on the efforts being made in Enterprise, specifically in the school and the Wallowa County Courthouse, to improve security. Councilor Elliott asked if the Police Department is back to full staff. Chief stated it was not.

Public Works Foreman Report: Travis Huffman provided the public works report prior to the meeting. Travis reported on the success of Winterfest and added that they would be working on the best option for wheel replacement on the Santa Train. Travis updated the council on the light replacement project; all the lights are complete, except the two at Warde Park. Jeffrey will be back to work on those in the next couple of weeks. Travis announced that Will Jaeger has completed his CDL training and passed the required certification. Regarding Travis' second surgery, he will be out beginning January 29<sup>th</sup> and return in March. In the meantime, Andrew Polumsky, Public Works Foreman, will be in charge. Travis thanked the Enterprise City Council Members for volunteering for the City Council.

Wastewater Operations Manager Report: Dave Wilkie provided a report prior to the meeting. Dave updated the council on the blower project, explaining that all the blowers are installed and motors tested with new bearings. Dave recently had a conversation with Ed Gomes (Wallowa County), notifying Ed of the progress on the biosolids project. The county was scheduled to end the hauling of biosolids this month, but Ed is giving the city an additional two months of hauling, to help us alleviate some concern of overfilling the drying beds. Council President Yanke asked Dave about the concerns for storage. Dave explained that there is concern regarding the timing for different stages of the project; equipment purchasing, storage capacity, etc. Dave updated the council on the permit status, due in March.

Administrative Department Report: Administrator Lacey McQuead provided the department report prior to the meeting. Lacey reviewed the information for the Planning Commission meeting and the 2025 dates for the Landmarks Commission. Councilor Elliott thanked Lacey for the councilor training put on in December.

### **Future Meetings**

February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Regular City Council Meeting

With no further business, the Enterprise City Council Meeting was adjourned.

*\*Agenda item heard out of order.*