

**ESCALANTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 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, Marlene Stowe, and City Recorder Stephanie Steed. Council member Lenza Wilson arrived at 6:02 p.m. Council member Chad Lyman arrived at 6:04 p.m. City Attorney Barry Huntington was excused.

Also present were Stanley Stowe, Bill Weppner, Fred Spencer, DeEtte Spencer, Terence Tontlewicz, Julie Brugger, Rockford Orvin and Nancy Porter.

Mayor Torgersen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 2024 MEETING

Council member Orme moved to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2024 meeting as written. Council member Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Orme, Stowe and Porter voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

Council member Wilson arrived at this time.

PLANNING AND ZONING ITEMS

PLANNING AND ZONING UPDATES

**ORDINANCE 2024-21 AMENDING PLANNING AND ZONING ORDINANCE
CHAPTER 10.54 PROPOSING VARIOUS AMENDMENTS TO THE LAND
MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO ADDRESS VARIOUS
CLARITY/CORRECTNESS ISSUES AND ENSURE CONSISTENCY AND
COMPLIANCE WITH CURRENT STATE REQUIREMENTS REGARDING
LAND USE REVIEW/APPROVAL PROCESSES AND SUBDIVISION PLATTING
REQUIREMENTS.**

Council member Stowe explained this item and asked if there were any questions. Council member Stowe said with the changes proposed the City will follow the State requirements and give clarity, corrections and consistency. City Recorder Steed said the City received a grant from the State to have The Hansen Group work with Planning and Zoning for the required updates.

Council member Porter moved to adopt Ordinance 2024-21. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Porter, Stowe, Wilson and Orme voting aye.

Council member Lyman arrived at this time.

SCHEDULED ITEMS

CHRISTMAS TRAIN DONATION

Council member Wilson stated a conflict of interest due to owning the Christmas Train. Mayor Torgersen said she would like to ask the council to donate to the Christmas Train to help with fuel, decorations and lights. **Council member Stowe moved to donate \$500.00 to Lenza Wilson for the Christmas Train. Council member Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Stowe, Porter, Orme and Lyman voting aye. Council member Wilson abstained.**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

ADMINISTRATIVE

City Recorder Steed said the budget and financial reports are available for review.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Public Works Department was not present at said meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

BILL WEPPNER

Mr. Weppner said since the last meeting the Fire Department was called out to a fire in Boulder but was called off before they arrived. Mr. Weppner said there have been two false fire alarms at the Circle D hotel and he will come into the office to talk about fines.

Mr. Weppner said they continue to have problems with the paging system. Mr. Weppner said they are texting all fire fighters when there is a call.

COUNCIL REPORTS

MAYOR MELANI TORGERSEN

Mayor Torgersen explained wreaths across America will be held on Saturday December 14th at 10:00 am. Mayor Torgersen said if anyone would like to purchase a wreath to sponsor a veteran they can bring the money to the City Office. Mayor Torgesen invited everyone to attend.

COUNCIL MEMBER CHAD LYMAN

Council member Lyman thanked Garfield County Road Crew for helping with the new road at 300 East, 200 South. Council member Lyman thanked the State for donating the material for the road and the Public Works Department for helping complete the road.

COUNCIL MEMBER LENZA WILSON

Council member Wilson said he has received the materials for the new outlets on the Firestation.

Council member Wilson said he had to pull the old electrical wire out when the waterline was replaced on Main and Center. Council member Wilson said he will be replacing the wire.

COUNCIL MEMBER BLAINE PORTER

Council member Porter had nothing to report at this time.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARLENE STOWE

Council member Stowe said the cover over the playground has been removed and the tree that was rubbing lowered. Council member Stowe said there will be a new cover put up to replace the damaged one.

COUNCIL MEMBER SALLY ORME

Council member Orme had nothing to report at this time.

UNPAID BILLS

Council member Wilson asked what the Forest Service bill was. City Recorder Steed said it is for the waterline easement. **Council member Wilson moved to pay the unpaid bills. Council member Stowe seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Stowe, Orme, Lyman, Wilson and Porter voting aye.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session needed at this time.

Council member Lyman moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

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

/s/ Stephanie Steed

Stephanie Steed, MMC
City Recorder

Date minutes approved: 1/7/2025