



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES ~ APPROVED REGULAR SESSION JUNE 21, 2023 AT 6:00 PM

City Hall ~ 82877 Spruce St. Westlake OR

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Meyer called the Wednesday, June 21, 2023 Regular Session of the Dunes City City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Planning Secretary Lani Noroña called the attendance roll.

Present: Mayor Sheldon Meyer, Councilor Richard Olson, Councilor Robert Orr, Councilor Melissa Stinson, and Councilor Rory Hammond.

Also Present: Planning Technician Lani Noroña, Permit Technician Pam Palmer, videographer Alan Campbell, Planning Commission Chair Rapunzel Oberholtzer, and citizens Rex Wampler, Iva Robbins, Steve Rochholz, Gail Nichols, Charles Bang, Sally Bang, Rick and Linda Arnett, Joel and Cathy Riverman, Bill Shipley, Jeanne Jackson, John Barnett, Paul and Linda Roberts, Tom Bassett, Rich Bailey, Dan Martin, Chris Clemons, David Dalbeck, Jeff Imparato, and Troy Ronning.

Absent: N/A

Absent and Excused: Council President Susan Snow, Councilor Tom Mallen, and City Administrator/Recorder Jamie Mills.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Meyer called for Executive Session at 6:03 p.m., stating that the City Recorder was not present for this meeting and that he needed to get input from Councilors to decide how to proceed.

Mayor Meyer reconvened the regular session at 6:25 p.m.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All who were present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

N/A

5. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

N/A

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE

None scheduled.

7. CITIZEN INPUT ON ITEMS NOT DISCUSSED IN PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Meyer announced that the Council decided not to conduct regular business, but to provide citizens the opportunity to express concerns and reasons for attending this meeting. He stated that each speaker has three (3) minutes to speak and stated that Councilors need to hear what Dunes City citizens have to say and what they want the Council to do.

Mayor Meyer asked if everyone present had signed in. He stated he will call names from the sign-in sheet and asked that speakers remember the allotted three (3) minutes per speaker.

Ms. Jeanne Jackson asked if submitted letters would be read at the meeting.

Mayor Meyer stated that submitted letters would be read after the Council hears from each speaker.

Mayor Meyer recognized Rex Wampler.

Mr. Wampler did not immediately respond and Ms. Jackson began addressing the Council.

Councilor Hammond explained that speakers should state their name for the record.

Ms. Jackson held up a sign and stated, “they’re here in protest of passing this massive Ordinance”.

Mayor Meyer asked Mr. Wampler if he was going to speak.

Mr. Wampler said “no”.

Mayor Meyer asked if someone would read the sign.

Ms. Jackson held up the sign and stated, “a lot of people are here in opposition of the Dunes City Ordinance 259 you’re trying to pass without public input, without proper public input and the procedure of the last meeting was not proper and a lot of us are concerned about the rights here in Dunes City”.

Councilor Hammond asked the speaker (Ms. Jackson) to state her name and address for the record.

Ms. Jackson stated, “I am Jeanne Jackson. I am the same person you didn’t allow to talk last time, despite my following proper procedure. You never allowed me to speak”. She continued to address the Council about the May 17, 2023 City Council meeting, other previous City meetings, and historical recollections of Westlake and Dunes City.

Mayor Meyer stated he wanted to give other speakers a chance to tell their stories, too.

Councilor Stinson stated she was unable to see what was on the sign which was held up earlier.

Mayor Meyer asked for the sign.

Councilor Hammond asked for the verbiage on the sign to be read aloud.

Ms. Jackson stated, “we weren’t sure if you allowed people to bring signs”. She did not read aloud the verbiage on the sign but stated, “it just is a lot of people want to say no to the City Ordinance you’re trying to pass and at least it needs to be broken up and Chapter 155 has a lot of problems”.

Councilor Hammond read aloud the verbiage on the sign:
“No to Dunes City ordinance No. 259 and Chapter 155”.

Ms. Jackson continued to speak.

Councilor Olson and Councilor Hammond asked to move on to the next name on the list.

Mayor Meyer used the gavel to restore order.

Ms. Jackson continued speaking.

Mayor Meyer asked that others be allowed to speak.

Mayor Meyer recognized Iva Robbins.

Ms. Robbins stated, “no she spoke for me”.

Mayor Meyer recognized Steve Rochholz.

Mr. Rochholz stated he came to the meeting to get some information about Short-Term vacation rentals. He said a Vacasa sign was posted next door to his residence at 83492 Woodland Lane.

He stated he never received any notice and apparently there is no permit. He said he wants to know what the rules are.

Mayor Meyer responded that the Council is not taking any action on this issue at this meeting, but that the Council would inform Mr. Rochholz when they know what the rules are going to be.

Mayor Meyer recognized Gail Nichols.

Ms. Nichols stated her address as 83610 Clear Lake Road and that she is a Dunes City Planning Commissioner. She referenced an email letter she submitted to the City Council in support of the Ordinance.

Mayor Meyer recognized Charles Bang.

Mr. Bang stated his name and address at 83474 Woodland Lane. He said he wanted information about vacation rentals. He referenced a neighbor being blind sided by a company’s sign advertising a short-term rental. He said he understands that neighbors within three-hundred (300) feet of a proposed short-term rental are to be notified, but that in this case there was no notice. He added that he thinks neighbors should have the opportunity to comment on proposed short-term rentals. He said that people have lost property value and their way of life, and sometimes there is friction between neighbors. He said the process for permitting short-term rentals needs improvement and suggested that those who want to establish a short-term rental should consult with neighboring property owners. He expressed concern about sanitation and lake quality, citing occupancy capacity advertised on vacation rental websites.

Mayor Meyer assured Mr. Bang that the City Council will be taking these concerns into consideration and thanked Mr. Bang for invaluable input.

Councilor Orr stated that the City’s Short-Term Rental Ordinance is designed to prevent the Dunes City community from being taken over by outside interests and the kinds of situations that Mr. Bang described, that it sounds like procedures the City put in place have not been followed, and the City will follow up on these reports. He added that Councilors are committed to preserving the quality of life for the community and will continue work on these issues.

Mr. Bang asked what kind of input would be solicited.

Councilor Orr responded that it sounds like someone decided to list a property as a vacation rental without following the permit process, and residents informing the Council of such situations is exactly what the City needs to know, so the situation can be investigated.

Mr. Bang suggested a compromise of allowing rentals of more than thirty-one (31) days, as that would alleviate different groups of people every week or so.

Mayor Meyer recognized Sally Bang.
Ms. Bang stated “I decline”.

Mayor Meyer recognized Rapunzel.
Ms. Rapunzel Oberholtzer stated her name, that she is a Dunes City resident and her address is P.O. box 133 Westlake, and that she has submitted multiple testimonies in favor of Ordinance No. 259 and Chapter 155 revisions.

Mayor Meyer recognized Rick and Linda Arnett.
Ms. Arnett stated, “we decline”.
Mayor Meyer asked if both declined.
Ms. Arnett answered “yes”

Mayor Meyer recognized Joel and Cathy Riverman.
Ms. Riverman stated their address at 4948 Darlings Loop. She reported that an LLC bought a neighboring property, that the new owners introduced themselves and said they wanted to be good neighbors and then “butchered everything” between the two properties, resulting in a total lack of privacy for the Rivermans. She said she has been writing to the City for about two years and claimed that nothing has been done.
Dunes City Permit Technician, Pam Palmer, stated that the LLC property being discussed had not been issued a Short-Term Rental Permit.
Mr. Riverman said he thinks the owners are illegally pulling water from Siltcoos Lake.
Ms. Riverman expressed frustration about the situation, citing children sitting atop deck railings, an incident where a family of four (4) went canoeing on the lake and had to be recovered four (4) hours later, adding that there is one situation after another.
Mr. Riverman agreed with an earlier citizen’s comment about allowing long-term rentals instead of short-term rentals, adding that this would make a big difference. He added short-term rental customers are not residents and have no pride of ownership.
Ms. Riverman continued describing conditions of the roof, the septic system, that trees were cut at the edge of the lake, leaving big rounds in the water that are hazardous.
Mr. Riverman said he understands the City is not a big operation but enforcement is lacking and needs to be dealt with.
Ms. Riverman recounted similarly distressing situations with vacation rentals in Lincoln City.

Mayor Meyer recognized Bob Shipley.
Mr. Shipley stated, “I decline”.

Mayor Meyer stated “Jeanne Jackson has already spoken”.
Ms. Jackson asked if those who declined to speak would at least state why they came to the meeting.
Councilor Stinson said if people decline, they are choosing not to speak.

Mayor Meyer recognized John Barnett.
Mr. Barnett stated his name and address of 83447 Spruce Lane and said he came to speak on behalf of Mr. Bassett and Mr. Bailey, about an administrative decision regarding a Dunes City dedicated street that Mr. Bassett and Mr. Bailey want to use to access their parcel.
Mayor Meyer reminded Mr. Barnett that the Council would not be making decisions tonight.

Mayor Meyer recognized Paul and Linda Roberts.

Mr. Roberts stated his name and address of 83487 Woodland Lane. He stated he attended the meeting to observe and to listen to the community's concerns.

Ms. Linda Roberts stated her name and said she attended the meeting because of the Vacasa sign that was put on a neighboring property, the number of vacation rentals in her neighborhood, Dunes City's Short-Term Rental permit process.

Mayor Meyer thanked Mr. and Ms. Roberts for attending the meeting.

Mayor Meyer recognized Tom Bassett.

Mr. Bassett stated "I pass".

Mayor Meyer recognized Rich Bailey.

Mr. Bailey declined to speak.

Mayor Meyer recognized Dan Martin.

Mr. Martin stated he is new to Dunes City and gave his address of 83764 Clear Lake Rd. He asked if there is an agenda to eliminate vacation rentals as a whole or considered on a case-by-case basis, and if the issues surrounding vacation rentals are new, or not.

Mayor Meyer said vacation rental issues are a relatively new phenomenon for the City Council and that concerns over Dunes City becoming just a vacation rental city conflict with what the City was planned to be. He added that the Council is still reviewing guidelines for vacation rentals.

Councilor Hammond stated that the City Council has been discussing vacation rentals for at least three (3) years. He added that the Council passed a Short-Term Rental Ordinance but are still reviewing effects of the permit process, City collection of transient lodging taxes, tracking the number of Dunes City Short-Term rentals, which is an ongoing review process.

Mr. Martin stated that he understands residents being upset by renters of vacation rental properties creating excessive noise and leaving trash, but his property is thirty (30) acres, which includes a guest house, he lives on the property, and he bought the property with the intention of creating income. He added that vacation rentals provide Dunes City with income and he wants the Council to consider vacation rentals on a case-by-case basis.

Mayor Meyer thanked Mr. Martin.

Mayor Meyer recognized Chris Clemons.

Mr. Clemons stated "I'll yield to my wife".

Mrs. Clemons said they bought their Dunes City property in 2020, recently moved when Mr. Clemons retired from the Air Force and they are excited to be part of the community.

Mayor Meyer recognized David Dalbeck.

Mr. Dalbeck stated his name and that he resides at 5413 Buckskin Bob. He emphasized the word "reside", and said that is what residential property is for, not for generating income. He stated that residents would pay the price of Short-Term Rental permits, adding that the price of these permits is a joke, and that Short-Term Rentals are ruining the community. He stated that Limited Liability Corporations (LLCs) are "scooping up properties and making them the biggest cash cow". He said he does not understand how the City Council would allow Short-Term Rentals in a residential zone.

Mr. Dalbeck reported several vacation rental properties in his neighborhood and reported being awakened by fighting in the streets, renters trespassing onto his property, blocking his driveway, sleeping in his driveway, driving onto his grass, people exposing their behinds when confronted,

He stated that Councilors need to “get rid of these people” and asked Councilors if they could explain to him how anyone can have a business on a residential property, adding that septic systems are approved for residences.

Councilor Orr responded that Councilors considered septic system requirements and tried to find a balance for people who want to rent their property to friends or relatives . . . He was interrupted.

Mr. Dalbeck stated that residential properties should not be rented out, as they are for residents and not for businesses. He stated that the Councilors do not stand for the residents in Dunes City.

Councilor Stinson stated that not all Councilors agree on how to handle Short-Term Rentals.

An unidentified speaker stated “point of order, three (3) minutes”.

Mayor Meyer recognized Jeff Imparato.

Mr. Imparato stated his name and address at 83296 Clear Lake Road. He stated “I am definitely against this Ordinance No. 259, I don’t know enough about it, I need a whole lot more information. You guys shouldn’t be voting on stuff when people like me don’t have the information being sent to ‘em. I need to know more, I had somebody come to my house, I have no idea about all this”. He then addressed Short-Term Rentals, stating he used to have one in Truckee, California. He reported there were too many people in the house, there were parties, broken glass, stolen silverware, and he wanted to save the house for his family but could not keep up with repairs. He stated he sold the property and an LLC bought it. He stated that property management companies do not vet renters. He asked Councilors to research what other small cities have done about vacation rentals.

Mayor Meyer recognized Troy Ronning.

Ms. Jeanne Jackson stated “he had to leave”.

Mayor Meyer asked if anyone else wished to speak.

An unidentified speaker stated “we know nothing about these petitions and we really need to know what you’re talking about here”.

Councilor Stinson asked the speaker to state his name for the record.

The speaker said his name is Rick Arnett and stated “I can’t hear a word you’re saying”, adding “half of us here are hard of hearing and we just need more information to be able to vote because these renters need to quit wrecking our property. Thank you.”

Councilor Olson stated that Lane County collects taxes from everybody in Dunes City, and that Florence residents also pay taxes to the City of Florence, which allows the City of Florence to actually operate as a city, and that Dunes City collects absolutely no property taxes. He asked all those in attendance how many are willing to step up and pay a property tax that will support a city that will actually be able to take care of Code enforcement and other issues. He stated that people want a water system, a sewer system, a law enforcement system, a Code enforcement system, and asked if residents are willing to pay for these. He asked if residents do not want to pay for these systems, what are the options, and “do we become unincorporated? It’s your decision”.

Mr. Imparato asked Councilors if the City gets a kick back from vacation rental revenue.

Councilor Olson stated “there is nothing there”.

People began calling out questions and Councilors attempted to respond.

Mayor Meyer called for order but people continued calling out.

Mayor Meyer stated he would give each Councilor an opportunity to respond.

Mr. Dalbeck asked if the letters submitted by residents would be read first.
General commotion ensued and Mayor Meyer again called for order.

Councilor Orr stated he would read aloud a letter submitted by Ms. Holly Collins and asked if Holly Collins was present at the meeting.

There was no reply.

Councilor Orr read aloud the June 21, 2023 letter that Ms. Collins submitted.

Councilor Stinson read aloud a June 20, 2023 letter submitted by Ms. Jeanne Jackson.

Councilor Hammond read aloud a June 21, 2023 letter submitted by Ms. Geneva Jackson.

Councilor Orr read aloud a June 21, 2023 email and the first page of a letter submitted by Ms. Brandy Dalbeck.

Councilor Stinson read aloud the second page of Ms. Dalbeck's letter.

Councilor Hammond read aloud the third page of Ms. Dalbeck's letter.

Mr. Riverman asked why the City allows Short-Term Rentals.

Councilor Hammond stated that some Dunes City residents want to supplement their income by renting out the house in which they live when they are away.

Several people began calling out.

Mayor Meyer called for order.

Councilor Hammond continued, explaining that the \$100 fee is to cover the cost for staff to make sure the requirements are met.

Mr. Dalbeck and Councilor Hammond exchanged comments.

Ms. Riverman asked if someone could explain why the City does not receive a percentage of the taxes collected by Lane County.

Councilor Olson stated that Dunes City residents have always denied Dunes City any proposed tax. He explained that Dunes City property taxes are paid to Lane County, as are Florence property taxes, but Florence also assesses a city tax, so Florence can provide city services. Since Dunes City does not collect taxes, there is no funding for such services.

Councilor Hammond stated that the only source of revenue for Dunes City is road tax, taxes for cigarettes and alcohol, and hotels.

Mr. Riverman asked if a distinction could be made for property owners who live on the property and want to have Short-Term Rentals, as resident owners can monitor the activities of vacation renters.

Councilor Hammond stated that the Short-Term Rental Ordinance was created, in part, because the City previously had nothing to regulate vacation rentals.

Councilor Orr reported that Councilors have heard people speak just as passionately in favor of allowing certain kinds of rentals in Dunes City. He added that Councilors are Dunes City citizens just as those in attendance and that the Council is "trying to get this right".

Councilor Orr was interrupted by people calling out from the audience and repeatedly asked "please let me speak". He assured people that Councilors want to "get this right" and that he understands that has not been achieved yet, and expressed great appreciation for people coming to tell Councilors that they haven't "got it right yet".

Mr. Dalbeck called out, stating “I just don’t understand where residential property gets lost in all this mumbo jumbo. You either reside on your property or you don’t. You can say you want to get it right, but that falls on deaf ears when you talk to people who don’t want them in the neighborhood”. Councilor Orr stated that other people have spoken to Councilors with a different perspective. He added this is a difficult issue and Councilors came up with a plan that may need to be revised, but the plan does need to be enforced. He then referenced Councilor Olson’s earlier statements about the lack of City resources for enforcement of Ordinances because of the lack of a City tax. He repeated Councilor Olson’s comments that citizens have repeatedly turned down a City tax and the City is therefore trying to run the City on a shoestring. He assured those in attendance that Councilors hear them all, that this dialogue will continue, and Councilors will try to make it work for everyone.

Councilor Olson asked if the time has come to operate under Lane County.

Ms. Jackson stated her opinion of why people do not want to give Dunes City tax money and that she was not allowed to speak at previous City Council meetings.

Councilor Hammond and Ms. Jackson engaged in a discussion of previous City Council meetings.

Mr. Martin stated he thinks a big part of the problem is single-family homes where people are not living but are using as vacation rentals in tight-knit communities where houses are close to each other and the vacation rentals are not being policed. He stated he understand that enforcement without city taxes is not effective, but neither is a blanket statement that effectively prohibits anyone from making money off their property. He asked “what about people who raise cattle, or orchards?”. Mr. Dalbeck called out “you can’t raise cattle in a residential area”.

Mr. Martin and Mr. Dalbeck engaged in a discussion.

Mayor Meyer stated that everyone has been heard and noted that there are some disagreements amongst those in attendance. He pointed out that this is exactly what the City Council is wrestling with, trying to come up with the most reasonable solution.

Councilor Hammond referred to a past situation where the City fined a property owner in response to noise complaints, which is one of the reasons the Council tried to find some way to help property owners who were experiencing nuisance problems with Short-Term Rentals in their neighborhoods. He added that this is a complex situation without a simple solution.

Mr. Arnett volunteered to go check to see who has a permit.

Councilor Stinson said volunteer applications are available.

Ms. Riverman asked why the City has Short-Term Rentals if the City does not have the money or people to enforce these rentals and stated “get rid of them”.

Councilor Hammond said the City has no Justice of the Peace to enforce things but is asked to.

Mr. Martin and Ms. Riverman engaged in a discussion about owners who live on the property having a vacation rental vs. vacation rental properties without a resident owner.

Attendees began talking amongst themselves and Councilors began talking amongst themselves.

Councilor Stinson asked attendees if any of them had viewed the video from the previous City Council meeting, regarding discussions about commercial property and commercial zone(s).

She stated the City Council is considering these things, that Councilors are also Dunes City residents who volunteer, trying to keep Dunes City a nice place to live, and encouraged others to volunteer.

Ms. Riverman thanked Dunes City Permit Technician Pam Palmer for all the work she is doing.

Councilor Olson suggested people take some time to research how Lane County handles vacation rental issues, what they allow, and to inform Councilors what direction they want to go. He also said it might be the time for staff to research the process of becoming an unincorporated city and Dunes City residents can decide if they want to have a city or not, and live by Lane County regulations.

Ms. Jackson spoke about noise from all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and stated that nobody does anything about it.

Ms. Riverman referred to earlier comments that there is no funding for a Dunes City police force.

Councilor Stinson stated that it is difficult for the City to function without tax funding.

Mayor Meyer recognized Pam Palmer.

Ms. Palmer introduced herself and spoke about Code enforcement. She said when violations are apparent, she speaks to property owners or sends them a letter. She reported that she works hard to monitor Short-Term Rentals and one problem is there are so many. Some people just advertise their property as a vacation rental and she has to search online to try and determine where each vacation rental is located. She explained that as Permit Technician she monitors permits and build sites, that when she is out in the field, she notices violations such as people living in camp trailers.

Mr. Dalbeck called out about such a violation on Buckskin Bob where he has not seen any permits.

Ms. Palmer replied that Dunes City is aware of that situation and working to resolve it and said she has worked hard to identify and resolve issues, to make the City better for everyone.

Councilor Stinson and Mr. Dalbeck engaged in a discussion about positive and negative comments. Several other people were talking during this discussion.

Councilor Olson stated he could not hear because too many people were talking at once.

Councilor Orr replied that if these situations were happening next door to his property, he would be as upset as some attendees are. He said the Council heard about problems with Short-Term Rentals, that residents and Councilors do not want Dunes City to turn into a vacation rental city and he understands residents' concerns.

Mayor Meyer stated that vacation rental situation started before the City Council was aware of it, but once aware of the situation Councilors began deliberating about it, adding that Councilors are still in process of reviewing it. He stated that people coming to meetings and commenting on what the Council is or is not doing is what will make the City a better city and that he is on the City Council because he wants to help make Dunes City a better city. He concluded by saying the Council needs citizen input.

Mr. Riverman stated, "in defense of the Council, I would like to say that I have seen some progress" (regarding Short-Term Rentals).

Mr. Dalbeck reported that three (3) properties in his neighborhood were recently purchased and they are all going to be vacation rentals.

Councilor Olson stated he would like to entertain a motion by the Council to at least have staff look into what it takes to go through the process of unincorporation, and that he would also like the

citizens to research what they would “get out of Lane County and then come back to us and let us know what direction you want it to go”.

Councilor Orr stated he would also like to recommend that since Dunes City is a city, the Council put the Short-Term Rental issue at the top of priorities. He said Brandy Dalbeck’s letter was impressive and included some good suggestions, which he would like Councilors to discuss those suggestions and the topic of vacation rentals at their next meeting.

Councilor Hammond stated there was a motion made but not seconded or discussed.

Councilor Olson stated his motion is for City Council to have staff look into the process of unincorporation and bring that information back to the next Council meeting.

Councilor Stinson seconded the motion.

Councilor Hammond said he does not favor unincorporation because he thinks “things will be worse”. He said he wants Dunes City to stay a city and mentioned “the zip code thing” and that it bothers him that Dunes City addresses are listed as the city of Florence. He stated that he thinks the City would better serve residents for water and road issues and not have to go to Eugene to get a building permit and “things like that”.

Councilor Olson stated he wholeheartedly agrees with Councilor Hammond, but his goal is to prove a point that it is up to citizens to decide which way they want to go.

The motion passed.

Ms. Jackson stated she did not understand what was just said.

Mayor Meyer explained that a motion was made for the City to determine what it would be like to dissolve as a city and put itself under Lane County’s laws.

Councilor Orr added that the purpose of the motion is information gathering.

Ms. Jackson stated, “this gentleman wanted to say something, perhaps before the meeting is over”.

Mayor Meyer asked the gentleman to speak.

Mr. Wampler read aloud “property owners being charged \$500 a day for violations of exceeding deadlines and are considered to be legally notified of violation and fees even if the violation letter is sent to the wrong name and address” and asked, “how can they do that?”.

Councilor Hammond asked the speaker to state his name and address for the record.

Ms. Jackson said “that’s Rex Wampler. He had passed on talking earlier but he is concerned about that and asked me if I would bring it up”.

Councilor Stinson asked if Mr. Wampler was referring to the Lane County mailing requirements.

Planning Secretary Noroña stated she would like to answer this question. She stated that Oregon State law requires that cities mail to the name and address that is on the Lane County Assessor’s website. She added that sometimes those records are not correct, but Dunes City does not have control over that.

Ms. Jackson called out, “you would charge people \$500 a day?”.

Councilor Hammond stated that he is not in favor of that but that some people will say they did not receive the mail to avoid doing what they are supposed to do.

Ms. Palmer stated the City sends letters to the address on the tax roll and if there is no response the City sends a certified letter. She said if mail is returned marked non deliverable, there is nothing the City can do.

Ms. Jackson said, “well thank you but this is part of the new Ordinance they’re trying to pass so it’s not what is your law right now”.

Planning Secretary Noroña stated, “it is the existing law”.

Ms. Jackson called out, “it is? that’s terrible, it makes it even worse. Well thank you then, I guess I didn’t realize you were already doing that”.

Councilor Hammond referred to Councilor Orr’s earlier suggestion and asked that it be repeated. Councilor Orr said that the issue of residential properties being rented out is clearly a big issue and he suggests that due to citizen input, and particularly Brandy Dalbeck’s letter, that Councilors put the issue of rental properties high on the agenda for the next City Council meeting, reviewing all the public comments and suggestions against the existing Ordinance.

Ms. Jackson asked “when are you going to be discussing Ordinance 259?”.

Councilor Orr said that although Ordinance No. 259 was on the agenda for tonight’s meeting, it was not discussed because City Administrator/Recorder Mills was absent and other issues were raised. He said that Councilors will decide how to review Ordinance No. 259, possibly by sections at a time, but he was unsure of a specific answer at this time. He said he thought it would likely be on the agenda for the next City Council meeting, but was unsure if it would be discussed by Councilors or with public input, or if the Council wants to get the rental property issue out of the way first. Councilor Hammond commented that the Mayor sets the agenda. Mayor Meyer said he thinks that is where the Council is headed.

Mr. Martin asked if the public has access to the last letter read by Councilors.

Councilor Stinson asked if the speaker was asking about the letter submitted by Brandy Dalbeck.

Councilor Hammond said the letter is public record but did not know if it would be part of the meeting minutes and asked Planning Secretary Noroña to answer.

Planning Secretary Noroña confirmed that the letter would be included with the meeting minutes.

Councilor Olson added that people can request public records.

8. OLD BUSINESS

There was none scheduled.

9. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

10. PUBLIC HEARING

None scheduled.

13. REPORTS

A. Mayor’s Report:

There was no report.

B. Community Center Report:

There was no report.

C. Water Quality Report:

There was no report.

D. Road Reports:

There were no reports.

14. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilor Orr thanked everyone who attended the meeting and sharing their input. People began leaving and Councilor Orr stated the meeting was not yet adjourned but people are free to leave.

Councilor Hammond reported that Buckskin Bob has potholes and that Byrd Park has a big pothole.

Councilor Stinson thanked everybody who attended and encouraged people to continue coming to meetings, adding that it is “our city and I want our city to be . . .” (unintelligible, due to noise of people talking and leaving the meeting).

Mayor Meyer thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hammond made a motion to adjourn.

Councilor Orr seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Meyer adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE DUNES CITY COUNCIL ON THE 16th DAY OF AUGUST, 2023.

[Signed Copy Available at City Hall]

Susan Snow, Council President

ATTEST:

[Signed Copy Available at City Hall]

Jamie Mills, City Administrator