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## City Council Meeting September 12<sup>th</sup> 2023

### Council

Brad Smith Mayor  
Suzanne Hood  
Barbara Northington

### Public

Mike Allen Fire Chief  
Chuck White  
Sam Seebart  
Josh Walker  
Pete Walker

Council meeting called to order at 6pm by Mayor Brad Smith  
Minutes taken by Manager/Recorder Deborah Oatman

### #1 Open Floor

Councilor Northington was approached by a citizen who was looking to use a torch for burning, Mayor Smith stated that we do not set the law. Councilor Northington stated that we should keep burn ban in effect.

Chuck White wanted to know why Seneca was not represented at the mayor's meeting in John Day concerning a potential levy for law enforcement. Mayor Smith stated that he already knew what the meeting was about and felt it was not appropriate for Seneca.

Fire Chief Mike Allen stated that he will be testing the fire hydrants for Seneca's ISO rating.

Pete Walker asked how many nuisance letters went out and how many days did they have to comply and for what, the reply was they have 15 days, maintenance drove through town documenting homes and the letters contained the ordinances pertaining to each home.

### #2 Seneca Timbers Resolution

Josh Walker stated that wording on the 2item of resolution 03-23 is misleading, could create confusion in the future, and would like that to be cleared up. Resolution will be reworded and brought before council on the next regular meeting on October 10 2023.

### #3 Cell Tower

Councilor Northington made the motion to grant Horizon Tower Limited an easement for proposed Cell Tower on tax lot #17S31E00400 to access Southworth Brothers property, councilor Hood second the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.

**#4 Homeless Ordinance Discussion**

This ordinance was proposed by Seneca's lawyer Wyatt Baum which pertains to the removal of homeless campsites. Mr. Seebart stated that he thought that possibly the state has already declared that the homeless may camp where they want. All agreed to investigate other small cities ordinances to draft up our own for the future.

**#5 Audit Resolution 5-23 and Documentation**

Councilor Northington made a motion to adopt Resolution 5-23 setting forth a proposed plan of action by Solutions CPAs, councilor Hood second the motion all were in favor, motion passed.

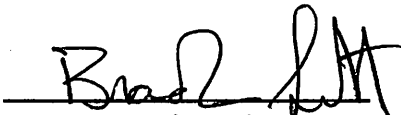
**#6 Approval of Minutes**

Councilor Northington made a motion to approve meeting minutes from August 8ths regular council meeting, Councilor Hood second the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.

**#7 Bills Before Council**

Councilor Northington made a motion to pay the bills, Councilor Hood second the motion, all were in favor, motion passed and bills were paid.

Meeting adjourned at 7pm

Attest   
Mayor Brad Smith