

Thursday, November 14, 2024
First Church of the Nazarene: 1727 2nd Ave. South

Barney Danishefsky Presiding.

Council Members Present: Barney Danishefsky, Karen Gray, Alicia Hamilton and Mike Polaske.

Council Members Absent: Judy White.

7:00 PM meeting called to order by Barney Danishefsky.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Old Business:

- October meeting minutes read. Karen motioned to accept the minutes as read and Barney seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Kranz Park Update: The glass on the little free library has been broken five times in recent months. The Parks & Rec Department also reported that books are being torn and burned. Neighbors report that it is pre-teens that are doing this. Barney has written an open letter to be published in the Chowen Springs newsletter asking parents to speak with their children about this.

New Business:

- Council of Councils Report: Alicia reported that NC#7 held a meeting regarding the Library Levy. Shannon Wilson said that the city wanted to originally take back the 7 mils allotted to the library. The city then dropped the offer to 3.5 mils and the library countered with 4,5 mils. There are also changes to the yearly agreement that the city and library have entered into since 1993, The city commission will be voting on this issue on Tuesday November 19, 2024.
 - Additionally, Jesse Slaughter discussed the city/county relationship at the jail and the distribution of funds and overcrowding. He's trying to get low-level prisoners released pre-trial to save money.
 - Crime-Mapping has been bought out by another company and is changing and may be discontinued.

Board/Online Business:

- Facebook & Crime-Mapping: Barney reported on the crime statistics.

Neighbor and Student Input:

- Hannah Hill, GFHS Student Body President. Barney mentioned that the garbage around Kranz Park has disappeared and to pass the thank you on to the principal. The Honor Society is volunteering to pick up the trash in the park. She invited us to follow the GFHS facebook page and asked us to attend the Christmas Concert.
- Shannon Wilson reported on the active shooter drills at all the Great Falls Public Schools. Shannon participated in the drills and said it was very interested and eye-opening.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

- Alicia motioned to adjourn. Mike seconded. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Gray