

## Waitsburg City Council Meeting – February 12, 2015

Mayor Gobel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **Roll Call**

City Clerk Randy Hinchliffe called the roll. The following were present:

**Mayor:** Walt Gobel

**Council Members:** Kevin House, Marty Dunn, Deb Callahan, KC Kuykendall, Karl Newell and Student Representative Emma Philbrooke

**Others:** Gwen Gobel, Joy Smith, Mike Hubbard, Gene & Mary Warren, Jessie Smit, Delores Nettles, Terry Jacoy and City Attorney Jared Hawkins

### **Agenda Approval**

At the request of the City Administrator, item f to new business was added related to an Engineering agreement to develop a water model for the City. With no objections to the amended agenda, the agenda was approved and passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Minutes** – January 21<sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting

With one change to minutes regarding a typo, the minutes were approved and passed unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

Delores Nettles commented about the upcoming Spring Cleanup event.

### **New Business**

#### **a. 2015 EMS Levy Agreement**

Annual agreement with Walla Walla County regarding the distribution of EMS levy funds to the City of Waitsburg. City Attorney Jared Hawkins provided some suggested changes to the agreement. After a limited discussion, Council member Callahan moved to approve the agreement with Council Member Kuykendall seconding. Motion to approve the agreement was approved and passed unanimously.

#### **b. Whoopemup Meadows Preliminary Plat**

With the receipt of the recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding the Whoopemup Meadows Preliminary Plat, the City Council set a date of the a public meeting as required by City Municipal Code for February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

#### **c. March Council Meeting Date Change**

Request to change the March City Council meeting due to the schedule conflicts for the City Administrator. Council decided to move the meeting to March 26<sup>th</sup>.

#### **d. Ordinance 2015-1030**

Update to the City Municipal Code related to the number of members on the City Planning Commission. With no discussion, Council Member Dunn moved to approve with Council member House seconding. Motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

#### **e. Vacant home utility rates**

Item related to the possibility of adjusting utility rates for vacant homes that are up for sale. Council discussed the utility system and the impact to it as well as possibility of just modifying to the code to eliminate the mandatory garbage requirement. With no more discussion, Council Member Dunn moved to leave rates as they currently exist with Council Member House seconding. Motion to approve was approved by a vote of four to one with Council Member Kuykendall voting against the motion.

#### **f. Water Model Agreement**

Engineering agreement with Anderson Perry related to the development of a water model of the City water utility. Council member discussed the agreement, specially the error and omissions limits and the deliverables associated with it. With no more discussion, Council Member

Callahan moved to approve the agreement with a raise in the amount of liability coverage. Council Member Kuykendall seconded the motion and motion to approve with conditions was approved and passed unanimously.

**Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Gobel provided an update related to Waitsburg Celebration Days planning and need for volunteers and donations.

**Council Reports**

Council member Callahan reported that she was working on a variety of events to be held at the fairgrounds facility over the course of the upcoming year.

Council member Kuykendall clarified his position on Planning Commission decisions related to preliminary plats.

**City Clerk Report**

City Clerk Randy Hinchliffe informed the City Council on various day to day business matters of the City.

**Executive Session**

City Council recessed the regular meeting at 7:45 pm to convene at executive session under RCW 42.30.110 (i) related to potential litigation for approximately one hour. Mayor Gobel exited the executive session before reconvening the regular at 8:45 pm. No action taken.

**Approval of Bills**

With no questions related to the City’s obligations, Council Member Dunn moved to approve with Council Member Kuykendall seconding. Motion to approve the bills was approved and passed unanimously.

January Payroll Clearing (Warrants 9235 – 9246)	\$ 15,398.28
February Payroll Clearing (Warrants 9247 – 9258)	\$ 14,968.50
Claims Clearing Vouchers (Warrants 18666 - 18694)	\$ 31,892.59
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 62,259.37</b>

**Adjournment of Meeting**

There being no further business, the meeting was then adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

**Approved:**

3/26/2015

**Attest:**

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Mayor

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City Clerk