

Waitsburg City Council Meeting – March 15, 2017

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

Roll Call

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

Mayor: Marty Dunn

Council Members: Kevin House, KC Kuykendall, Kate Hockersmith, Karen Gregutt, Karl Newell

Others: On file at City Hall

Agenda Approval

City Administrator requested a change to the agenda to delete new business agenda item c related to a CERB grant application resolution with a discussion/action item associated with the 2017 City Election, with no objections to the changes, the agenda was approved and passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – February 7, 2017 Regular Meeting

With no corrections, the minutes were approved and passed unanimously.

Public Comment

None given.

New Business

a. WWSO Update. Sheriff Turner was in attendance to give the 2016 year end update related to police activity in the City of Waitsburg and take questions from the City Council related to current operations.

b. Resolution 2017-670

Resolution approve usage of the various City Streets for the annual Tour of Walla Walla Bicycle Race. With no discussion, Council member Newell moved to approve the Resolution with Council member Gregutt seconding. Motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

c. 2017 City Election

With only 4 candidates filing for the 5 open Council positions, City Council discussed their options related to the 2017 City Election. Options discussed included reopening the filing period for 3 days or proceeding with 4 candidates and having the 5 position go to the highest write in vote getter. Council preferred reopening the filing period to fill the slate of candidates. With no more discussion, Council member Kuykendall moved to reopened the filing period from March 27-29 and move the City Election from April 3rd to April 17th. Council member Hockersmith seconded and motion to reopen and move the election was approved and passed unanimously.

d. Tree Committee Appointments

Appointment of two Council Members and two interested citizens to the tree committee. Council Members Hockersmith and House volunteered as the Council Representatives. Council discussed the three public applicants and decided that Citizens Paul Gregutt and Ethan Carpenter were best suited for the position. With no objections, Council Member Kuykendall moved to appoint Paul Gregutt and Ethan Carpenter the Tree Committee. Appointments were approved with four votes with Council Member Gregutt abstaining.

e. Planning Commission Appointment

Appointment of Bill Rodgers to the Planning Commission. With no objections, Council member Kuykendall moved to approve with Council Member Gregutt seconding. Motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Dunn thanked the City Council members for rerunning and expressed his appreciation to Karl Newell for his time spent on the City Council.

Council Reports

Council member Hockersmith echoed Mayor Dunn’s thank you to Karl Newell. Council member Kuykendall updated the Council on some of the activities going on in Olympia Council member Gregutt reported on rebranding and expanding the spring clean-up event.

City Clerk Report

City Clerk Randy Hinchliffe updated the City Council on various matters related to the day to day operations of the City; specifically the Main Street Bridge Replacement project and high bids received for the project. City Staff was able to secure additional funding to cover the overage for the project as a means to proceed with the project. With no objections, City Council directed City Staff to proceed with contracting with the lowest bidder on the project subject to legal review and the low bidder understanding that the City has a limited budget.

Approval of Bills

With one question related to the City’s obligations, Council Member Hockersmith moved to approve with Council Member Newell seconding. Motion to approve the bills was approved and passed unanimously.

February Payroll Clearing (Warrants 21000 - 21005)	\$18,133.19
-Includes direct deposit run on 2/15/2017 for \$8,609.93	
Claims Clearing Vouchers (Warrants 21012 - 21050)	<u>\$82,197.48</u>
-Warrants 20957 voided due to printing error	
Total	\$100,330.67

Adjournment of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was then adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Approved:

4/19/2017

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk