

Waitsburg City Council Meeting – March 17, 2016

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, Karl Newell, KC Kuykendall, Marty Dunn and student representative Stuart Walsh

Others: On file at City Hall

Agenda Approval

At the request of Council Member Kuykendall, business item d was added to the agenda for a discussion regarding a potential property vacation. With no other changes, agenda was approved and passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – February 17, 2016 Regular Meeting

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

Public Comment

Joy Smith representing the Waitsburg Commercial Club offered a thank you to Sheriff Turner and his deputies for their good service to community. She asked the City Council to request the Port of Walla Walla build incubator building at the business park. She concluded with a comment regarding recreational opportunities and the potential formation of the committee.

Karen Gregutt commented on her upcoming Art Project along Main Street related to putting large scale art in the windows of the vacant buildings on Main Street.

Terry Jacoy requested an item be added to the next council agenda regarding the removal of the inner rail at the horse track

Delores Nettles asked about Mosquito control by the City as well as why the City purchased the main street flower baskets from an outside source

Jim Davidson provided comments related to drainage improvements that he would like to see included in the bridge project.

Kevin Blair asked the Council any potential auto repair locations around the City.

New Business

a. Walla Walla County Sheriff Office Update

Sheriff Turner was in attendance to update the City Council on the most recent patrol and call for service activity in the City of Waitsburg.

b. Resolution 2016-655

Resolution authorizing use of various city streets for the annual tour of Walla Walla bike race.

After a short discussion period, Council Member Dun moved to approve with Council Member House seconding the motion. Motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

c. Waitsburg By-pass Project

Item related to a dormant WSDOT project that's original intention was to by-pass the City of Waitsburg. Due to its long dormant status and unlikelihood of being built, item was a request for the City of Waitsburg to abandon the project and release the access right and surplus the surrounding land. With no more discussion, Council Member Dunn moved to authorize staff to send a letter to the DOT requesting them abandon the project and access right and surplus the land to surrounding owners. Council Member Callahan seconded and the motion was approved and passed unanimously.

d. Property vacation request

At the request of Council Member Kuykendall, the City Council discussed a request from John Lindsey for the Council vacate a section of land adjacent to his own due to his many years of

maintaining of the ground for the City. Discussion only, matter referred to the next council meeting for action.

Unfinished Business

a. Watershed Hunting

Discussion regarding hunting in the City’s Watershed and the potential liability issues surrounding it. It was decided to instruct the City Attorney to see about wording changes with the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

b. Main Street Bridge Rail Options

Item related to the Main Street Bridge Replacement Project and the selection of bridge rails as requested by the City Engineer. Mayor Gobel briefed the Council on the need for choosing a rail design due to the project schedule associated with the construction window in 2017 and all the various permits needed to get construction approval; including the overall design, including the rail, by the state department of archeology and historic preservation before proceeding with the other agencies. Council discussed the options and request and it was decided to give the citizens one month to comment on the bridge design before the Council decides at the April Council meeting.

Mayor’s Report

Council Reports

Council Member Kuykendall briefed the Council on happenings in Olympia, as well as an update on the grandstand report he is working

Council Member Callahan commented on the mighty Tieton event happening in her former home town.

City Clerk Report

City Clerk Randy Hinchliffe informed the City Council on various day to day business matters of the City; specifically the progress on the Little League Complex.

Approval of Bills

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

February Payroll Clearing (Warrants 20235 - 20247)	\$18,062.94
March Payroll Clearing (Warrants 20284-20296)	\$19,366.71
Claims Clearing Vouchers (Warrants 20248-20283)	<u>\$23,635.60</u>
Total	\$61,065.25

Adjournment of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was then adjourned at 9:10p.m.

Approved:

4/20/2016

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk