

## Waitsburg City Council Special Meeting – August 2, 2016

Mayor Pro Tem Dunn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. informed the attending public that Mayor Walt Gobel had resigned as Mayor effective at 3pm August 2, 2016.

### Roll Call

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

**Mayor Pro Tem:** Marty Dunn

**Council Members:** Kevin House, KC Kuykendall, Kate Hockersmith and Karl Newell

**Others:** On file at City Hall

### New Business

#### a. Potential Water Bottling Plant (Nestle)

Mayor Pro Tem Dunn open the agenda item informing the attending public that the purpose of the meeting was to gather public comment related to the possibility of the water bottling plant being located here by Nestle and that the meeting would be structured to last for approximately one hour. He reiterated that this meeting was for discussion only and that the City Council would not be making any decision on the matter at the meeting and that people in attendance were to provide meaningful comments and not attack anyone on the City Council or City Staff; failure to do so would result in him closing the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem then handed the meeting over to Council member Hockersmith who was tasked with organizing the meeting. She then proceeded with moving around the crowd of citizens taking comments on the proposal as she went. Council heard various comments associated with the proposal with the majority being against, but several comments indicated that they were for it or needed additional information before making a decision. Citizen Markeeta Little Wolf requested that an online petition organized by Wendy Whittle be submitted for the official record of the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Dunn approved and the petition was turned over to the City Clerk for verification and recording.

At the conclusion of the comment period by the attending public, Mayor Pro Tem Dunn allowed the Port of Walla Walla to speak on behalf of the project and the history associated it with; including past marketing efforts done on behalf of the City in 1999. Once concluded, Mayor Dunn yielded the microphone to County Commission Dozier to discuss his experience with water issues and development associated with family land around Pasco.

### Adjournment of Meeting

There being no further business, Mayor Pro Tem Dunn adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

**Approved:**

8/17/2016

**Attest:**

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Mayor Pro Tem

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City Clerk