

Waitsburg City Council Meeting – August 17, 2016

Mayor Pro Tem 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 Pro Tem: Marty Dunn

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

Others: On file at City Hall

Agenda Approval

Council Member Kuykendall requested an Executive Session be added to the agenda with the purchase to evaluate the performance of a public employee. Council Member Hockersmith seconded the motion. Council Members House and Newell voted against the motion; creating a 2 vote tie. The motion to add agenda item was approved three votes to two with Mayor Pro Tem Dunn breaking the tie, subject to the Executive Session taking place during the open portion of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes – July 20, 2016 Regular Meeting

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

Approval of Minutes – August 2, 2016 Special Meeting

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

Public Comment

Jim Davidson voiced his concerns that there was a break in ethics by a Council member or City Employee related to a past Executive Session of the City Council.

Deb Foreman commented on the City's Development Code and Comprehensive Plan review in relation to the Title 10A of the City Municipal Code associated with Development Code Administration.

Unfinished Business

a. Nestle Bottling Plan

Matter related to the potential siting of a bottling plant by Nestle in the City of Waitsburg. City Attorney gave a brief update related to his legal point of view of the matter. Council members discussed the item with each of them giving their general opinion of the project and whether they support a "letter of no interest" to Nestle related to the project. City Attorney informed the City Council that the letter would have no binding legal effect should the Council decide to send it. With no more discussion, Council Member Newell moved to send letter with Council Member Hockersmith seconding the motion. Council Members House and Kuykendall voted against sending a letter. With a 2 vote tie, Mayor Pro Tem Dunn voted to the send the letter with the Council to review it at the next City Council meeting. With the conclusion of the matter, Bruce Laurerman, representing Nestle, asked for an opportunity to speak in which he thanked the City for their consideration and that the letter wasn't necessary and Nestle would willingly leave.

b. Surplus Railroad Land Subdivision

City staff presented the City Council with several options for subdividing City owned land. City Staff explained the City's subdivision process and how the land would be addressed should it be

surplused and subdivided to the surrounding property owners. Council decided to table the matter until interest could be determined from adjoining property owners.

c. Touchet River Waterline Repair

No bids were received by the City for repairs to a leaking waterline under the Preston Ave Highway 12 Bridge. Due to the time of year and other issues, Council decided to re-advertise the project with the intent to hold a special council meeting to award the project should bid come back in.

New Business

a. Vacant Council Member Position

Item related to the resignation of the Mayor Gobel and the City Code and Charter being unclear as to how to fill a vacated Mayor Position. Council discussion revolved around the current process in place for Council vacancies and past historical practice. With the comment from Delores Nettles related to the fact that Marty Dunn was already selected as the Mayor Pro Tem, Council should simply appoint him to fill the remainder of the form Mayor Gobel's term. With no more discussion, Council member Newell moved to appoint Marty Dunn to fill the unexpired term as Mayor and begin the application process for the vacant Council position. Council Member House seconded the motion and motion to appoint Marty Dunn to Mayor and start the application process was approved and passed unanimously.

b. Resolution 2016-663

Resolution adopting the Capital Facilities plan for 2017. Council member House asked about the inclusion of the Fairgrounds Grandstands into the documents. It was decided to table the matter until more information could be obtained related to the Capital Facilities Plan update.

c. Solid Waste Collection Rate Increase

Annual contractual rate increase in solid waste collection. Informational only. No action taken.

d. Executive Session

At the request Council Member Kuykendall, executive session under RCW 42.30.110 f.g. was convened during the regular meeting of the City Council. At the request of the City Administrator to have concerns related to his job performance done in the open. City Attorney provided legal guidance associated with the City's personnel manual and review and dispoise of the City Employees. With no comment from Council Member Kuykendall regarding the request, Mayor Dunn closed the executive session stating that the personnel committee would look into the matter.

Mayor's Report

Nothing to report.

Council Reports

Council Member Hockersmith commented that she was hopeful the City Could move on from the Nestle issue

Council Member House asked about maintenance issues at the Port's business park.

Council Member Kuykendall commented on the Structural Engineers assessment of the grandstand, noting that a project scope change was probably needed. He concluded by asking staff about a recent equipment purchase and justification for the purchase.

City Clerk Report

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

Approval of Bills

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

July Payroll Clearing (Warrants 20580 - 20597)	\$22,289.37
August Payroll Clearing (Warrants 20629 - 20646)	\$21,743.66
Claims Clearing Vouchers (Warrants 20534-20578)	<u>\$64,068.79</u>
Total	\$108,101.82

Adjournment of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was then adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Approved:

9/20/2016

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk