

## Waitsburg City Council Meeting – September 16, 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, KC Kuykendall, Deb Callahan and Karl Newell

**Others:** Gwen Gobel, Rachel Gobel, Delores Nettles and Susan Donegan

### **Agenda Approval**

At the request of the City Administrator, addition of item f. under new business related to retainage release from the Main Street waterline project. Due to Council Member Dunn being absent, agenda item b was changed to discussion only and with no other additions agenda was approved and passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Minutes – August 19, 2015 Regular Meeting**

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

### **Public Comment**

Susan Donegan reminded the council about the Fall Festival and the first annual pie baking contest.

### **New Business**

#### **a. 2016 Budget Programs and Projects**

Discussion related to the programs and project planned as a part of the 2016 City Budget.

Discussion only, no action taken.

#### **b. 2016 Employee Wages and Benefits**

Discussion item related to City employee wages and benefits and how they compare to similar sized cities with employees doing similar jobs. Council discussed the wage scale, the information obtained from the AWC salary survey as well as the City Salary Administration policy. Council requested additional information for the October meeting regarding this item.

#### **c. Main Street Bridge Engineer selection**

Selection of an engineering firm to do complete design and engineering work related to the Main Street Bridge Replacement project. The City received three proposals with the recommendation from the City Administrator to award the work to Anderson Perry and Associates. After a short discussion regarding the scope of work, Council member Callahan moved to approve with Council member Newell seconding. Motion to award the project to Anderson Perry and Associates was approved and passed unanimously.

#### **d. Fairground usage Plan**

Presentation of a usage plan related to the fairgrounds as a means to encourage further usage of the facility. Council discussed the plan and the aspects of it and the potential impacts of the changes. With no more discussion Council member Kuykendall moved to authorize staff to move forward with the usage plan. Council Member Newell seconded the motion and the motion to move forward was approved and passed unanimously.

#### **e. October Council meeting date change**

At the request of the City Administrator, a date change for the October Council meeting is necessary due to scheduling conflicts. With no objections, Council approved moving the date up one day to the October 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### **f. Resolution 2015-652**

Resolution releasing retainage owed to Sharpe and Preszler Construction for work related to the Main Street Waterline improvement project. With no objections, Council Member Kuykendall

moved to approve with Council Member Callahan seconding. Motion to release retainage was approved and passed unanimously.

**Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Gobel had nothing to report.

**Council Reports**

Council member Callahan reported that the Fire District open house would be on October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Council Member house reported that he had heard several comments regarding the amount of puncture vine around the City.

Council Member Kuykendall informed the Council of AWC planning retreat and the actions of the AWC board.

**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 Dunn moved to approve with Council Member Newell seconding. Motion to approve the bills was approved and passed unanimously.

August Payroll Clearing (Warrants 9448 – 9464)	\$16,808.70
September Payroll Clearing (Warrants 9465 – 9477)	\$16,254.89
Claims Clearing Vouchers (Warrants 18959 - 19002)*	<u>\$61,561.06</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$94,624.65</u></b>

**Adjournment of Meeting**

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

**Approved:**

10/20/2015

**Attest:**

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Mayor

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City Clerk

\*Includes warrant issued to Sharpe and Preszler for project retainage.