

Waitsburg City Council Meeting – October 29, 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, Deb Callahan and Karl Newell

Others: Gwen Gobel, Dena Wood

Agenda Approval

With no changes, agenda was approved and passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – September 16, 2015 Regular Meeting

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

Public Comment

None given.

New Business

a. Water Model Review

Discussion related to the Water Model down by Anderson Perry and Associates. Discussion only, no action taken.

b. Main Street Bridge Engineering Agreement.

Agreement with Anderson Perry and Associates related to design and engineer work to be completed on the Main Street Bridge Replacement Project. With no objections, Council Member Callahan moved to approve with Council Member Newell seconding. Motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

c. Ambulance Agreement Termination

With the pending annexation into the Fire District No. 2 along with the consolidation of the Waitsburg Ambulance into the Fire District, there is no further need for the agreement with Waitsburg Ambulance to provide Emergency Medical Services to the City residents. Agenda item provides notice to termination as required by the EMS agreement between the two parties. With no more discussion, Council member Newell moved to provide the 61 day termination notice to the Waitsburg Ambulance with Council Member Kevin House seconding. Motion to terminate was approved and passed unanimously.

d. MPO Interlocal Agreement Amendment

Amendment to the current interlocal agreement with the Walla Walla Valley MPO related to changes requested by the state attorney's office. With no discussion Council member Callahan moved to approve with Council Member Newell seconded the motion and the motion to move forward was approved and passed unanimously.

e. 2016 Budget Workshop

Budget workshop related to the 2016 Budget, including various personnel items. After a discussion regarding the budget revenues and expenditures, Council provided staff with direction related to personnel items that impact the budget including planning for wages to be within the 85th percentile of the AWC Salary Survey, providing a \$100 increase in the medical benefit cap due to rising medical costs, 2% longevity increase after 5 years and a 2% increase for employees with at least 10 years with the City. Items to be included in the preliminary budget for presentation on November 18th.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Gobel had nothing to report.

Council Reports

Council member Callahan reported that this year marks the 30 year anniversary for Hometown Christmas as well as a Tree for Main Street had already been secured for the event. Council Member House commented on the availability of bulk spray for next year and the comparison of public versus private employee wages.

City Clerk Report

City Clerk Randy Hinchliffe informed the City Council on various day to day business matters of the City; specifically an update to the City budget for the 2nd and 3rd Quarters of 2015.

Approval of Bills

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

September Payroll Clearing (Warrants 9478 – 9490)	\$16,748.50
October Payroll Clearing (Warrants 9491– 9503)	\$16,937.31
Claims Clearing Vouchers (Warrants 19003 - 19041)	<u>\$65,392.20</u>
Total	\$99,078.01

Adjournment of Meeting

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

Approved:

11/18/2015

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk

*Due to a lack of quorum, the meeting scheduled for October 20th was moved to October 29th