

Waitsburg City Council Meeting – November 16, 2016

Mayor 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: Marty Dunn

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

Others: On file at City Hall

Agenda Approval

With no changes to the agenda, the agenda was approved and passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – October 12, 2016 Regular Meeting

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

Public Comment

Delores Nettles commented about the lights in the Don Thomas Building

Joy Smith presented Mayor Dunn with a certificate of Membership to the Waitsburg Commercial Club.

New Business

a. Public Hearing – Property Taxes

Public hearing related to the City's ability to raise property taxes by 1% as allowed by law. No public comments received.

b. Resolution 2016-665

Resolution setting the City property tax levy with no percentage increase in taxes from the prior year. Council member Newell moved to approve with Council member Kuykendall seconding. Motion to approve the Resolution was approved and passed unanimously.

c. Public Hearing – 2017 Preliminary Budget

Public hearing related to the Preliminary Budget for 2017. City Staff presented the preliminary budget taking questions as he progressed through the budget; including answering questions from the attending citizens related to the City Budget.

d. Fairgrounds RV update

Update from Terry Hofer related to the usage of the RV stalls at the Fairgrounds and updates needed to the facility to make it more inviting to RVs. With one extended stay RV, he asked permission to continue through the end of year, pending weather conditions. With no objections, Council Member Kuykendall moved to approve the request with Council member Gregutt seconding. Motion to approve the temporary extension was approved and passed unanimously.

e. Resolution 2016-666

Resolution suspending the City's Economic Development Committee until such time as needed. With no objections, Council member House moved to approve with Council member Newell seconding. Motion to approve the Resolution was approved and passed unanimously.

f. Resolution 2016-667

Resolution setting the date for a public hearing related to the City assuming the functions of its Transportation Benefit District. After a short discussion, Council member Newell moved to approve with Council member Kuykendall seconding. Motion to approve the Resolution was approved and passed unanimously.

g. Student Representative Oath of Office

Waitsburg High school Student Timber Frohreich read her Oath of Office as student representative to the City Council.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Dunn took a moment to remember former Mayor Tom Baker who passed away recently.

Council Reports

Council Member Kuykendall updated the Council of his and Council Member Hockersmith’s work related to the Emergency Management Committee

Council member Gregutt commented on the recent newspaper article related to the nuisance laws in Dayton. Asked about any potential conflicts with the city attorney and his upcoming addition of the Port of Walla Walla as a client.

City Clerk Report

City Clerk Randy Hinchliffe informed the City Council on various day to day business matters of the City; specifically the 2016 3rd quarter budget update.

Approval of Bills

With one question related to the City’s obligations, Council Member Newell moved to approve with Council Member Gregutt seconding. Motion to approve the bills was approved and passed unanimously.

October Payroll Clearing (Warrants 20780 - 20793)	\$17,941.64
November Payroll Clearing (Warrants 20826 - 20838)	\$18,118.24
Claims Clearing Vouchers (Warrants 20795*- 20825)	\$70,979.12
Total	\$107,039.00

Adjournment of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was then adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Approved:

12/21/2016

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk

*warrant 20794 was issued as a reprint for a lost vendor check from August.