

Waitsburg City Council Meeting – November 18, 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, Karl Newell, Marty Dunn and KC Kuykendall

Others: Gwen Gobel, Dena Wood, Susan Donegan

Agenda Approval

At the request of the City Administrator, item g regarding the Main Street Bridge was added to new business. With no other changes, agenda was approved and passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – October 29, 2015 Regular Meeting

With minor changes to minutes related to grammatical error, the minutes were approved and passed unanimously.

Public Comment

None given.

New Business

a. Dirt Track Racing Presentation

Presentation from Brandon Kelly related to the use of the Waitsburg Fairgrounds Facility for dirt track car racing. Council discussed the presentation with the presenter asking questions along the way before giving him the ok to move forward with the condition that he attend the next Council meeting to address concerns the councils has regarding noise and other event related issues.

b. Public Hearing – Property Taxes

Public Hearing related to the setting of a tax levy for the upcoming year including the possible raising of property taxes 1% as allowed by law. No public comment received.

c. Resolution 2015-653

Resolution setting the tax levy for the 2016 budget year, and authorizing any increases in property taxes for the 2015 collection year. With no more discussion related to property taxes, council member Dunn moved to approve Resolution 653 with no increase in taxes with Council member Callahan seconding, the motion to approve Resolution 653 approved and passed unanimously.

d. Public Hearing – 2016 City Budget

Public Hearing related to the projected revenue and expenditures for the City's 2016 budget. No public comment received. Discussion item only, no action taken. Public comments consisted of a question from Susan Donegan regarding access to the preliminary budget documents being reviewed by the City Council.

e. Resolution 2015-654

Resolution providing for changes to various personnel policies of the City. Items contained in the resolution were presented at the previous council meeting as a part of the 2016 Budget Workshop. Council members discussed the changes to the various policies but due to the Council member Dunn and Kuykendall's absence from the prior meeting, the resolution was tabled until November 30th when a meeting could be held to discuss the matter further.

f. Flood Response Plan review.

Annual review of the City's Flood response plan. Discussion only, no action taken.

g. Main Street Bridge Replacement funding agreement

Request from the City Administrator to authorize the Mayor to sign an funding agreement with the State of Washington for funds to pay for the replacement of the Main Street bridge with the purpose being to speed up the paperwork process in order to keep the project on schedule to meet a 2017 construction window. With no more discussion, Council Member Kuykendall moved to

authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with Council member House seconding. Motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Gobel reported that the Waitsburg Celebration Days committee had started reconvening for and was in need of volunteers for the 2016 event.

Council Reports

Nothing reported.

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 Callahan seconding. Motion to approve the bills was approved and passed unanimously.

October Payroll Clearing (Warrants 9504 – 9516)	\$16,537.31
November Payroll Clearing (Warrants 9517 – 9529)	\$16,200.96
Claims Clearing Vouchers (Warrants 19042 - 19106)	<u>\$54,893.95</u>
Total	<u>\$87,632.22</u>

Adjournment of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was then adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Approved:

12/17/2015

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk