

Waitsburg City Council Meeting – May 19, 2021

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: Jim Romine, Karen Gregutt, Kevin House and Karl Newell

Others: On file at City Hall.

Agenda Approval

With no changes, agenda was approved and passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – April 21, 2021 Regular Meeting

With no corrections, minutes were approved and passed unanimously

Public Comment

Ron Henderson commented about the large power poles along Garden Street and the hazards they pose.

Terry Jacoy asked about agenda posting on the door of City Hall, legitimacy of the utility tax imposed by the City for flood control mitigation

Randy Charles asked about availability of debris and cardboard disposal.

New Business

a. City Hall Access

City Staff gave a brief recap of the issues surrounding access to City Hall in relation to potential rehabilitation of the building. Blair Kok with Clear Risk Solutions (City's Insurance Company) went over the ADA assessment done on City Hall in relation to its lack of ADA facilities. City Staff and Insurance representative fielded a variety of questions regarding the building and availability of services by alternative means. Discussion only, no action taken

b. Public Hearing – Library Surplus

City Staff gave a brief overview of the issues surrounding the library in relation to the conceptual plan the City had completed associated with a potential rehabilitation of the Library building. City Staff went over the surplussing process and the timeline associated with the public hearing. City Council heard from a variety of Citizens regarding the matter before Mayor Dunn closed hearing to any further comment.

c. Resolution 2021-722

Resolution approving the surplussing of the Library and providing notice for submission of sealed bids. Due to the unknowns surrounding ADA access to the Library, Council Romine moved to table the matter with Council member Newell seconding. Motion to table was approved and passed unanimously.

d. Resolution 2021-723

Resolution allowing the Tour of Walla Walla to use the City Streets for their upcoming bicycle race. With no discussion, Council member Romine moved to approve with Council member Gregutt seconding. Motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

e. Resolution 2021-724

Resolution approving an interlocal agreement with Walla Walla County and the Cities of Walla Walla, College Place and Prescott or plan updates to the County Wide Solid Waste Management

Plan. After a short question and answer period, Council Romine moved to approve with Council member Gregutt seconding. Motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

f. Preston Park Splash Pad

City Staff presented a conceptual design for a splash pad for Preston Park. City Council discussed the idea and instructed City Staff to proceed with design and engineering for a future bid opening for the project. With no more discussion, Council member Gregutt moved to approve with Council member House seconding. Motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

g. Resolution 2021-725

Resolution approving pool pass reimbursements for local families to the Walla Walla and Prescott Pools. After a short discussion, Council Newell moved to approve with Council member Gregutt seconding. Motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

h. Planning Commission Appointments

City Council reviewed the applicants for the Waitsburg Planning Commission as recommended by the Planning Commission. With no objections, Council member Romine moved to appoint Twila Johnson and Jillian Henze to the Planning Commission. Council member Gregutt seconded the motion and the motion to appoint was approved and passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

a. Resolution 2021-718

Resolution awarding the Emergency Backup Generator Project to Dayton Electric. City Staff provided a back ground on the project and the breakout of the bids received by the City. With no discussion, Council member Romine moved to approve with Council member Newell seconding. Motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

b. Vacant City Council Position

Item related to the resignation of the David Paxton from the City Council. Discussion focused on the change over of the City process to the state process and how vacancies are filled in the event the City Council chooses to wait for the position to be filled during the upcoming election in November. Was decided to table the matter again to see who files for the position with the Walla Walla County before deciding to fill the vacancy,

Mayor's Report

Mayor Dunn explained the purpose of the City's utility tax and asked the audience if anyone had any concerns with paying the \$10 tax for flood control; which none responded against.

Council Reports

Council Member Romine reported on committee work.

Council Member Newell commented on the Splash Pad in relation to the aquatic center his son operates and how they are used to a greater extent than the pools he manages.

City Clerk Report

City Clerk Randy Hinchliffe reported on a variety of day to day operational items.

Executive Session

City Council convened into executive session under RCW 42.30.110 (b) and (g) for approximately ½ hour after which Mayor Dunn reconvened the regular session at 10:05 pm.

Approval of Bills

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

April Payroll Clearing (Warrants 23848 - 23854)	\$19,504.92
-Includes direct deposit run on 4/29/2021 for \$9,500.53	
May Payroll Clearing (Warrants 23855 – 23861)	\$17,855.21
-Includes direct deposit run on 5/13/2021 for \$8,529.98	
Claims Clearing Vouchers (Warrants 23862 - 23895)	<u>\$124,365.86</u>
Total	\$161,725.99

Adjournment of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was then adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Approved: 6/16/2021 Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk