

Waitsburg City Council Meeting – June 15, 2022

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, Court Ruppenthal, Jillian Henze, Jim Romine and Randy Charles

Others: on file at City Hall

Agenda Approval

Mayor Dunn asked for an addition to the agenda for discussion item related to the Library. With no other changes, the agenda was approved and passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – May 18, 2022 Regular Meeting

With no corrections, minutes were approved and passed unanimously

Public Comment

Louis Gagnon inquired about restarting the Noon Whistle

Joy Smith representing the Waitsburg Commercial Club provided the Council with some information from the most recent Port of Walla Walla EDAC Committee meeting.

New Business

a. Application for Payment #2

Payment application for work done on the Preston Park Splash Pad. Council member House moved to approve with Council member Henze seconding. Motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

b. Resolution 2022-751

Resolution providing reimbursement for half of family pool passes at Walla Walla or Prescott Pools. With one change to the cutoff date, Council member Henze moved to approve with Council member Ruppenthal seconding. Motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

c. USGS Stream Gauge Proposal

Proposal from USGS to install stream gauges along the Touchet River and Coppei Creek. Council members discussed the proposal and associated costs of the gauges. With no more discussion, Council member Charles moved to approve with Council member Romine seconding. Motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

d. Resolution 2022-752

Resolution recognizing needed levee improvements. Council discussion focused on the need for improvements, but due to lack of access, the City cannot pursue levee repairs. With no more discussion, Council member Romine moved to approve with Council member House seconding. Motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

e. Old City Hall Sale Agreement

Item related to the surplus and sale of the Old City Hall at 147 Main Street and the backing out of the previously approved buyer due to cost of rehabilitation of the structure. Council discussed the options allowed under the City's surplus property disposal policy before instructing staff to put the building out for RFP again until the September meeting.

f. Resolution 2022-753

Resolution releasing retainage owed to Don Jackson Excavation for work done on the E. 2nd Street Culvert Project. With no discussion, Council member Romine moved to approve with Council member Charles seconding. Motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

g. Weller Public Library

Discussion item between the City Council and the attending members of the Library Board of Trustees. No action taken.

Unfinished Business

a. Ordinance 2022-1077

Ordinance allowing for the banning of Fireworks due to extreme weather conditions. Council discussed the time frame of the potential ban and possible enforcement issues. With no discussion, Council member Romine moved to approve with Council member Charles seconding. Motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Dunn reported on his attendance at the Library Board of Trustees meeting, Waitsburg Celebration Days Event and Touchet River Roundup event.

Council Reports

Council Member Henze commented on Committee work
Council Member Charles suggested a joint City FD meeting in the future. Asked about Hydrant flushing/testing.

City Clerk Report

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

Approval of Bills

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

May Payroll Clearing (Warrants 24468 - 24475)	\$20,169.53
-Includes direct deposit run on 5/26/2022 for \$9,906.23	
June Payroll Clearing (Warrants 24507 - 24514)	\$20,123.57
-Includes direct deposit run on 6/13/2022 for \$9,835.44	
Claims Clearing Vouchers (Warrants 24476 - 24516)	
- Includes Pay Requests and Retainage	<u>\$95,561.61</u>
	Total \$135,854.71

Adjournment of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was then adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Approved: 7/20/2022 Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk