Waitsburg City Council Meeting – June 16, 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

Mayor Dunn informed the Council that unfinished item B regarding the Library Surplus would be removed from the agenda due to questions regarding oversight of the facility. With no other changes, agenda was approved and passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – May 19, 2021 Regular Meeting

With no corrections, minutes were approved and passed unanimously

Public Comment

New Business

a. Pocket iNet Broadband Proposal

Todd Brandenburg and Wrandoll Brenes representing Pocket iNet approached the City Council in order to discuss their acquisition of Touchet Valley Communications and to present some information regarding the potential expansion of broadband internet in the City of Waitsburg. Discussion only, no action taken

b. Public Hearing – 6 year Transportation Plan

City Staff provided the list of transportation projects for the 2022-2027 planning years. No public comment was provided.

c. Resolution 2021-726

Resolution adopting the 2022-2027 Transportation Improvement Plan. With no more discussion on the project list, Council Member Romine moved to approve with Council Member Newel seconding. Motion to adopt the plan was approved and passed unanimously.

d. Touchet River Levee Rehab Project

City Staff gave an update on the Levee Rehab project in relation to a property owners meeting that was held prior to the City Council meeting. City Staff presented a broad overview of the project and issues facing the City in relation to the preferred levee route, easement needs and permitting. Discussion only, no action taken

e. Resolution 2021-727

Resolution setting a public hearing date related to the surplussing of a derelict horse stall at the Fairgrounds Facility. After a short discussion, Council Romine moved to approve with Council member Newell seconding. Motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

a. City Hall

Discussion related to the City's reopening plan and ADA accessibility. With no more discussion, Council member Romine moved to reopen City Hall on June 17. Council Member Newell seconded the motion and the motion to reopen City Hall to the public was approved and passed unanimously.

b. Resolution 2021-722.

Item tabled.

c. Vacant Council Position

Item related to the resignation of David Paxton and how the vacancy would be filled in context to the City's and the state's processes. Council member Romine moved to advertise the position for two weeks and take applications at the July City Council meeting. Council member Gregutt seconded and the motion to advertise was approved and passed unanimously.

d. Economic Development Committee

Discussion related to the inactive Economic Development Committee and its current assignment to the Waitsburg Commercial Club. Council decided to table the matter until the August meeting to give staff time to look into the Committee structure.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Dunn thanked the community members for attending the meeting and for submitting correspondence to the City regarding the library and informed them that any future contact regarding the library needed to be sent to the Library Advisory Committee.

Council Reports

Council Member Romine reported on committee work.

Council Member Newell asked about the status of the Splash Pad Project.

Council Member Gregutt updated the Council about work related to the Planning Commission

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 Newell moved to approve with Council Gregutt seconding. Motion to approve the bills was approved and passed unanimously.

	Total \$71,343.13
Claims Clearing Vouchers (Warrants 23937 - 23935)	<u>\$36,110.18</u>
-Includes direct deposit run on 6/14/2021 for \$8,348.76	
June Payroll Clearing (Warrants 23938 – 23944)	\$17,194.40
-Includes direct deposit run on 5/27/2021 for \$8,930.31	
May Payroll Clearing (Warrants 23896 - 23902)	\$18,038.55

Adjournment of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was then adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Approved:	7/21/2021	Attest:	
Mayor		City Clerk	

^{*} City Council met on June 9, 2021 for a workshop under RCW 42.30.110 (b), (h), (i) as well a regular session associated with a couple other discussion items