

## Waitsburg City Council Meeting – August 13, 2020\*

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, Karen Gregutt and David Paxton

**Others:** Becca Adams with the Waitsburg Times, Joy Smith, Chelsea Abel, Kate Hockersmith, Terry Jacoy, Tammy Bohlman, Dian Van Debarren and City Attorney Jared Hawkins

### Agenda Approval

With no changes, agenda was approved and passed unanimously.

### Approval of Minutes – July 15, 2020 Regular Meeting

With no corrections, minutes were approved and passed unanimously

### Public Comment

Citizen Terry Jacoy called into the meeting to voice his opposition to the recently enacted utility tax. Asked about the City's authority to impose and voiced his opinion that the City was setting itself up for litigation over the tax.

Tammy Bohlman called in to the meeting to voice her concerns over the RV renters at the Fairgrounds as well as a general concern over the recent increase in drug related activity in the City.

Chelsea Abel echoed Mrs. Bohlman's remarks about the general safety of areas of the City.

### New Business

#### a. Resolution 705

Resolution awarding the adopting the annual update to the City Capital Facilities Plan for the next fiscal year. City staff presented the plan and highlighted the various changes from the prior year. With no more discussion on the, Council Member Gregutt moved to approve with Council Member House seconding. Motion to award the plan update was approved and passed unanimously.

#### b. Resolution 706

Resolution authorizing the City Administrator to sign the City's Capital Budget Grant Agreement once it has been received and approved by the City Attorney. City Staff briefed the council members on the history related to the grant and the specific costs the grant will cover once received by the City. With no more discussion, Council member Paxton moved to approve with Council Member Gregutt seconding. Motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

#### c. Resolution 707

Resolution accepting the various utility related infrastructure from the Port of Walla Walla for Water, Sewer and Storm Water utilities at the Port of Walla Walla Business Park. City Staff provided Council members with background information related to the issue. With no more discussion, Council member House moved to approve the Resolution accepting utilities from the Port of Walla Walla with Council member Paxton seconding. Motion to accept was approved and passed unanimously.

#### **d. HB 1408 Housing Funds**

Interlocal agreement with Walla Walla County and the incorporated Cities for homeless housing funds provided by the State of Washington through HB 1408. City Staff and Attorney explained the interlocal agreement and its funding mechanism. With no more discussion, Council member Gregutt moved to approve with Council member House seconding. Motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

#### **e. USACE Cooperative Agreement**

Agree with the United States Army Corp of Engineers related to flood levee rehabilitation work along the Touchet River where it had been damaged during the February flooding event. Council discussed the agreement, list of repairs and local cost of 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.

#### **f. Resolution 708**

Resolution utilizing CARES Act funding for local business grants for businesses affected by the pandemic. City Staff and Attorney explained the eligible uses of the funding and application process for businesses to apply for grant funding. With no more discussion, Council member House moved to approve with Council member Gregutt seconding. Motion to approve the Resolution was approved and passed unanimously.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Dunn reassured the members of the Community listening in on the Council meeting that City is not ignoring the recent increase in illegal activity and is actively engaging the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office to provide additional patrol and investigation of calls for service. Mayor reminded everyone in attendance to call the Sheriff's Office whenever they see anything they think is suspicious.

#### **Council Reports**

Council Members Gregutt and House commented on a recent Solicitor issue in the residential areas.

Community Protection and former City Council member Kate Hockersmith reported on activities associated with the flood control/emergency preparedness group as well as a coordinated fire hydrant use training with the local Fire District.

#### **City Clerk Report**

City Clerk Randy Hinchliffe reported on a variety of day to day operational items, specifically an update on the City budget through the second quarter. List of items was previously emailed out to the City Council.

#### **Approval of Bills**

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

July Payroll Clearing (Warrants 23417 – 23424)	\$17,636.43
-Includes direct deposit run on 7/28/2020 for \$8,739.03	
August Payroll Clearing (Warrants 23447 – 23454)	\$17,356.35
-Includes direct deposit run on 8/13/2020 for \$8,561.76	

Claims Clearing Vouchers (Warrants 23425 – 23446)

\$20,822.18

**Total \$55,814.96**

**Adjournment of Meeting**

There being no further business, the meeting was then adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Approved:

9/13/2020

Attest:

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Mayor

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City Clerk

\*Meeting was held remotely via conference call due to COVID19 restrictions.