

Waitsburg City Council Meeting – October 19, 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 (zoom), Jim Romine, Randy Charles and Jillian Henze (zoom)

Others: on file at City Hall

Agenda Approval

With no changes, the agenda was approved and passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – September 21, 2022 Regular Meeting

With no corrections, minutes were approved and passed unanimously

Public Comment

Louie Gagnon briefed the Council on the Noon whistle system

Joy Smith representing the Waitsburg Commercial Club offered her appreciation to Louie Gagnon for his work on the noon whistle. Grateful to the Council for agreeing to revisit the item after a month of use.

Cindy Daves informed the Council that Facebook follower were in favor of bringing back the noon whistle.

New Business

a. Department of Ecology Burn Ban Update

Paul Rossow with the Washington Department of Ecology gave the Council an update on the current status of burn ban affecting the City of Waitsburg and Walla Walla County. Mr. Rossow took questions from the Council and attending public.

b. Noon Whistle

Item associated with restarting the Noon Whistle. Citizen Louie Gagnon spearheaded the effort and was able find an automated system that would work with City's whistle setup. Mr. Gagnon answered questions about the system including set up, price and tone duration. With no more discussion, Council member Romine moved to approve with Council member House seconding on the condition that the City Council revisit the item after a month of continual service to gauge impact to the downtown businesses and residents. Motion to approve was approve and passed unanimously.

c. Flood Plan Review

City Staff with the aid of the Community Health and Protection Committee members discussed the City Flood Response plan, the action flow chart and emergency proclamation example. Discussion only, not action taken.

d. Walla Walla County Interlocal agreement.

Approval of the updated interlocal agreement with Walla Walla County for Emergency Management service. With no objections to the agreement, Council House moved to approve with Council member Romine seconding. Motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

a. 2023 Preliminary Budget

Update on the City’s Preliminary Budget for 2023. Discussion only, not action taken.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Dunn offered his appreciation to Louie Gagnon for his work on the Noon Whistle and other projects around the City.

Council Reports

Council Member Henze provided updates on her various committees include the library and flood control. Also offered her thanks to Louie for his efforts.

Council Member Charles asked about the Hydrant flushing and testing.

City Clerk Report

City Clerk Randy Hinchliffe reported on a variety of day-to-day operational items; specially and update on the City’s 3rd quarter budget.

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.

September Payroll Clearing (Warrants 24661 - 24671)	\$20,333.37
-Includes direct deposit run on 9/29/2022 for \$9,414.19	
October Payroll Clearing (Warrants 24702 - 24710)	\$20,167.10
-Includes direct deposit run on 10/13/2022 for \$9,577.10	
Claims Clearing Vouchers (Warrants 24673 - 24701)	<u>\$46,954.66</u>
	Total \$87,455.13

Adjournment of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was then adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Approved: 11/16/2022 Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk