

Waitsburg City Council Meeting – November 16, 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

Others: on file at City Hall

Agenda Approval

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

Approval of Minutes – October 13, 2022 Special Meeting

With no corrections, minutes were approved and passed unanimously

Approval of Minutes – October 19, 2022 Regular Meeting

With no corrections, minutes were approved and passed unanimously

Public Comment

Karen Gregutt gave an update to recent activity of the Planning Commission

New Business

a. Public Hearing – 2023 Property Taxes

Public hearing covering 2023 City Property Taxes. City Staff gave an overview of the item, changes in Assessed Valuation and estimated levy per \$1000 for 2023. No public comment received. Mayor Dunn closed the hearing at 7:06

b. Resolution 758

Resolution adopting tax levy for 2023. With no more discussion. Council Member Romine moved to approve with Council member Henze seconding. Motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

c. Public Hearing – 2023 City Budget

City Staff presented the 2023 City Budget as a part of the first of two public hearings on the matter. City Staff took questions from the Council before Mayor Dunn opened the public hearing to the public, with no comments submitted, Mayor Dunn closed the hearing at 7:12pm.

d. Walla Walla County Interlocal agreement

Approval of the updated interlocal agreement with Walla Walla County for sheriff services. Sheriff Crider took questions about the new agreement. With no objections to the agreement, Council Romine moved to approve with Council member Henze seconding. Motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

e. Ordinance 1078

Ordinance amending the 2022 City Budget. City Staff presented the amendment and took questions from City Council. With no more questions, Council member Henze moved to approve with Council member Charles seconding. Motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

f. Resolution 757

Resolution releasing retainage owed to the Contractor who put in the Splash pad in Preston Park. With no more questions, Council member Romine moved to approve with Council member House seconding. Motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

g. GIS Project Update

City Staff gave an update on the GIS project being done by the City’s engineer including the water, sewer and Fire Hydrant networks. Discussion only, no action taken.

Unfinished Business

a. Old City Hall

Update on the potential sale of the old City Hall building. Discussion only. No action taken

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Dunn mentioned the upcoming events in the City.

Council Reports

Council Member Henze provided updates on her various committees include the library and flood control.

City Clerk Report

City Clerk Randy Hinchliffe reported on a variety of day-to-day operational items; specially and update on the City’s ongoing audit.

Approval of Bills

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

October Payroll Clearing (Warrants 24712 - 24720)	\$20,191.63
-Includes direct deposit run on 10/28/2022 for \$9,581.39	
November Payroll Clearing (Warrants 24787 - 24795)	\$20,017.82
-Includes direct deposit run on 11/14/2022 for \$9,476.25	
Claims Clearing Vouchers (Warrants 24721 - 24786)	<u>\$53,684.75</u>
	Total \$93,894.20

Adjournment of Meeting

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

Approved: 12/21/2022 Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk