Waitsburg City Council Meeting – December 21, 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 and Jillian Henze **Others:** on file at City Hall

Agenda Approval

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

Approval of Minutes – November 16, 2022 Regular Meeting

With no corrections, minutes were approved and passed unanimously

Public Comment

Additional comments regarding the noon whistle were voiced.

New Business

a. Library Board of Trustees Appointments

Appointment of Rebecca Wilson to fill a vacancy on the Library Board of Trustees along with the reappointment of Jim Leid for an additional 5 year term. With no objection, trustees were approved unanimously.

b. Waitsburg Park and Recreation District

Waitsburg Park and Recreation District Commissioners approached the City Council seeking support for projects and grant applications being sought by the district. With no objections, Council member Ruppenthal moved to approve support for the district with Council member House seconding. Motion was approved and passed unanimously.

c. Noon Whistle Follow up

Continued discussion from November meeting regarding the reestablishment of the noon whistle with it go off daily at 12:00pm for 10 seconds. Council heard from concerned property owners in the downtown corridor and possible alternatives to the whistle being located on top of the Library. Due to the lack of a full City Council, matter was tabled until the January meeting.

d. Resolution 2022-759

Resolution adopting the Walla Walla County Flood Response Plan as a companion plan to the City's. Council member Henze moved to approve with Council member House seconding. Motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

e. On Call snow Removal services

Discussion regarding the hiring of a contractor on as a needed basis for snow removal. Due to limited budget funding, discussion was centered around keeping intersections clear rather than plowing all of the City streets. City Staff instructed to gather additional information for the January meeting.

f. Resolution 2022-760

Resolution adjusting the due date on a interfund loan and authorizing payment of accumulated interest. City Staff provided a quick background on the matter and took questions. Council member House moved to approve with Council member Ruppenthal seconding. Motion to approve was approve and passed unanimously.

g. Final Payment Application

Final pay application for the ARPA sewerline project. City Staff provided details for the final pay application. Council member Ruppenthal moved to approve with Council member Henze seconding. Motion to approve payment was approved and passed unanimously.

h. Public Hearing – 2023 City Budget

City Staff presented the final 2023 City Budget and took questions from the Council before Mayor Dunn opened the public hearing to the public at 8:02, with no comments submitted, Mayor Dunn closed the hearing at 8:17pm.

Unfinished Business

a. Ordinance 2022-1079

Ordinance adopting the 2023 City Budget as presented. With no more discussion, Council member Henze moved to approve with Council member Ruppenthal seconding. Motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Dunn wished everyone happy holidays.

Council Reports

Council Member Henze commented on City Staff attendance at the December Fire Commission meeting and installation of new stream gauges.

City Clerk Report

City Clerk Randy Hinchliffe had no report.

Approval of Bills

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

	Total \$93,894.20
-Includes final pay application	<u>\$262,491.92</u>
Claims Clearing Vouchers (Warrants 24814 - 24850)	
-Includes direct deposit run on 12/13/2022 for \$9,007.07	
December Payroll Clearing (Warrants 24805 - 24813)	\$19,788.90
-Includes direct deposit run on 11/23/2022 for \$9,387.12	
November Payroll Clearing (Warrants 24797 - 24804)	\$19,552.52

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