

Waitsburg City Council Meeting – April 21, 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 Pro Tem: Kevin House

Council Members: Jim Romine, Karen Gregutt and Karl Newell (via telephone)

Others: Becca Adams with the Waitsburg Times and Twila Tate

Agenda Approval

With no changes, agenda was approved and passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – March 17, 2021 Regular Meeting

With no corrections, minutes were approved and passed unanimously

Public Comment

Ron Henderson inquired about the City's utility tax and plans for the City pool

Twila Tate inquired about the Library

Ronnie Mings asked about the utility tax as well as the City's garbage contract with BDI

New Business

a. Resolution 2021-718

Item tabled due to the lack of a third responsible bid for the backup generator project.

b. Resolution 2021-719

Resolution setting the date for the public hearing associated with surplus the Weller Public Library Building. Council member Gregutt moved to approve with Council member Romine seconding. Motion to approve the Resolution was approved and passed unanimously.

c. Resolution 2021-720

Resolution approving an interlocal agreement with Walla Walla County for Construction Administration services associated with the Millrace Grade improvement Project. After a short question and answer period, Council Romine moved to approve with Council member Gregutt seconding. Motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

d. Engineering Agreements

Engineering agreements with Anderson Perry for flood mitigation design and permitting on the Touchet River as well as Coppei Creek. City Staff explained the agreement costs and schedule and recommended that the Council deny the Coppei Creek agreement due to the cost and unnecessary tasks proposed by the engineer. With no discussion, Council member Newell moved to approve with Council member Romine seconding. Motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

e. Ordinance 2021-1072

Ordinance updating the City's municipal code associated with the installation of septic tanks in the City of Waitsburg where main sewerlines are beyond 300 feet. Council discussed the concept and associated drainage requirements as well as approving authority by the County Health Department. With no more discussion, Council member Romine moved to approve with Council member Newell seconding. Motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

f. City Council position resignation

Item tabled until the Mayor could be involved in the discussion.

Unfinished Business

a. Resolution 2021-721

Resolution updating the lending agency associated with the financing and purchasing of a new wide area mower for the public works department. With no discussion, Council member Gregutt moved to approve with Council member Romine seconding. Motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report

Council Reports

Council Members Gregutt reported on activities involving the Planning Commission
Council Member Romine reported on sheriff activity and other committee work.

City Clerk Report

City Clerk Randy Hinchliffe reported on a variety of day to day operational items; specifically an update on the City's budget through the first quarter of the year. 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 Romine seconding. Motion to approve the bills was approved and passed unanimously.

March Payroll Clearing (Warrants 23800 - 23808)	\$18,188.87
-Includes direct deposit run on 3/30/2021 for \$8,459.18	
April Payroll Clearing (Warrants 23812 – 23818)	\$17,890.64
-Includes direct deposit run on 4/14/2021 for \$8,510.79	
Claims Clearing Vouchers (Warrants 23809 - 23847)	<u>\$27,752.63</u>
	Total \$98,775.40

Adjournment of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was then adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Approved:

5/19/2021

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk

* City Council held a quarterly workshop on April 7th to discuss various day to day operational items of the City. Council instructed City Staff to begin the process of installing a splash pad in the park in place of opening the pool, authorized them to move forward with surplus various pieces of equipment in order to get a newer tractor. No other action items were taken during the meeting.