

## **Waitsburg City Council Meeting – September 18, 2024**

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:** Jim Romine, Kevin House, Court Ruppenthal, Jillian Henze and Jennifer Bishop.

**Others:** on file at City Hall

### **Agenda Approval**

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

### **Approval of Minutes – August 21, 2024 Regular Meeting**

With no corrections, minutes were approved and passed unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

Walla Walla County Sheriff Mark Crider was in attendance to talk to the Council about updates at the sheriff's office.

Joy Smith commented about the new payment option instituted by Basis Disposal and an upcoming candidate forum hosted by the Commercial Club.

Windy Richards representing the subgroup looking into fencing for the grandstands provided a quick update regarding potential options and costs.

### **New Business**

#### **a. Park and Recreation District MOU**

At the request of the Park and Recreation District Board, representatives and City Council members discussed the possibility of creating an memorandum of understanding regarding use of the fairgrounds facility. Mayor Dunn read over Park Recs recommendations as well as concerns by the City Attorney. After the discussion was completed, it was determined that Park and Rec did not need an MOU with the City and could rent the facility for their events when needed and would work with Staff on scheduling.

#### **b. USGS Agreement**

Agreement with USGS regarding the maintenance and operations of the two stream gauges. City staff provided some background information and explained that there was a substantial cost increase for the new agreement period. It was requested that a representative with USGS attend the next City Council meeting to explain what the City gets for the money it pays.

#### **c. WSDOT Agreement**

Agreement with WSDOT for certification of the City's rock pit for future use as a flood levee construction material source. Council and staff discussed the agreement need and cost as well as past use of the site for flood control projects. With no more discussion, Council member Romine moved to approve with Council member Henze seconding. Motion to approve the agreement was approved and passed unanimously.

#### **d. BDI Agreement Amendment**

Amendment to the current agreement with Basin Disposal to allow pickup to be adjusted when it falls on a major Holiday. With no further discussion, Council member Romine moved to approve

with Council member Ruppenthal seconding. Motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

## **Mayor's Report**

### **Council Reports**

Council Member Bishop reported on activity at the Library.

Council Member Henze reported on the recent pool site visit, recent pool fund raising efforts and a request to staff to forward on sheriff department numbers.

### **City Clerk Report**

City Clerk Randy Hinchliffe reported on a variety of day-to-day operational items; specifically, the use of some of the City credit card account available balance for expense coverage due to delays in receiving loan funds from Banner Bank.

### **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.

August Payroll Clearing (Warrants 27977 - 27987)	\$24,210.91
-Includes direct deposit run on 08/28/2024 for \$10,855.19	
September Payroll Clearing (Warrants 28014 – 28023)	\$24,221.14
-Includes direct deposit run on 9/13/2024 for \$11,052.08	
September Claims Clearing Vouchers (Warrants 27988 – 28013)	<u>\$44,587.36</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$93,019.41</b>

### **Adjournment of Meeting**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Approved: 10/16/2024 Attest:

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Mayor

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City Clerk