

Waitsburg City Council Meeting – October 16, 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 – September 18, 2024 Regular Meeting

With no corrections, minutes were approved and passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – September 30, 2024 Special Meeting

With no corrections, minutes were approved and passed unanimously

Public Comment

Erin Elsey informed the City Council of a new after school childcare program.

Sarah Roberts provided an update on check out data at the Weller Public Library.

New Business

a. Old City Hall Purchase Offer

Purchase offer for the former City Hall building. Representative with Associated Appraisers presented the offer and took questions. With no more discussion, Council member Romine moved to accept the offer with Council member Bishop seconding. The motion to accept the offer was approved and passed unanimously.

b. Grandstand Structure

Agenda item related to the condition of the current grandstand structure in relation to the City's insurance carrier providing notice of exclusion for the structure effective December 1, 2024. Community members as well as representatives of Park and Recreation commented on the structure, its limited use and overall estimated cost to repair. Council discussed the lack of past efforts by groups wanting to save the structure in relation to the various engineering assessments completed by the City and better ways to utilize the area. With no more discussion, Council member Romine moved to surplus the structure and proceed with demolition. Council Member Ruppenthal seconded the motion and the motion to proceed was approved and passed unanimously.

c. Resolution 2024-782

Update to the City existing use of the MRSC roster service. City Staff briefed the City Council on the update and the various changes enacted that were needed to be approved by the City to continue utilizing the service. With no more discussion, Council member Henze moved to approve with Council member House seconding. Motion to approve the resolution was approved and passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

a. USGS Joint Funding agreement

With the submission of additional information related to the maintenance and operation of the existing stream gauge, Council member Romine moved to approve with Council member Henze seconding. Motion to approve the agreement was approved and passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Dunn reported on his attendance at AWC regional meeting in Walla Walla.

Council Reports

Council Member Bishop commented on the AWC event and activities at the Library.
Council Member Henze reported on the AWC event, Planning Commission activities
Council Member Ruppenthal informed the Council of work by the Community Health and Protection committee and that the City will test the Flood Siren on November 19th at 10am

City Clerk Report

City Clerk Randy Hinchliffe reported on a variety of day-to-day operational items; specifically an update cover the City's Budget through the 3rd Quarter.

Approval of Bills

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

September Payroll Clearing (Warrants 28024 - 28033)	\$24,279.49
-Includes direct deposit run on 09/27/2024 for \$10,997.46	
October Payroll Clearing (Warrants 28068 - 28081)	\$25,704.69
-Includes direct deposit run on 10/14/2024 for \$11,370.57	
October Claims Clearing Vouchers (Warrants 28034 – 28067)	<u>\$67,284.32</u>
	Total \$117,268.50

Adjournment of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Approved: 11/18/2024 Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk

*City Council held a budget workshop at 6pm prior to the regular meeting.