

Waitsburg City Council Meeting – February 19, 2025

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: file at City Hall

Agenda Approval

With one change to the agenda to table item h under new business, agenda was approved and passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – January 15, 2025 Regular Meeting

With no corrections, minutes were approved and passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Wendy Richards asked about use plan for the Fairgrounds.

New Business

a. WCD Request

Abby Grende, representing Waitsburg Celebration Days, approached the City Council about the possibility of graveling an area along the southeast section of the fairgrounds for camping and staging for the annual Celebration Days ATV event. Council discussed the proposal and the cost sharing by the City and concluded that the City had no matching funds it could provide. Was agreed that if the WCD organization could raise the funds they could proceed with the work, but were responsible for all maintenance of the ground, including spraying by a licensed sprayer, with no cost to the City. They also agreed that it could be done in two phases with ½ at a time. With no more discussion, Council member Romine moved to approve with conditions noted. Council member Ruppenthal seconded the motion. Motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

b. Pool Site Repurposing

City Staff presented a plan to repurpose the old City Pool site into a skatepark/ice rink in order to satisfy the Health Department demand to fill it in or cover it up. Council discussed the presented options and agreed that the proposal would be a benefit to the City and allow it to utilize the closed facility. With no more discussion, Council member Romine moved to proceed with reuse plans with Council member Bishop seconding. Motion to approve the request was approved and passed unanimously.

c. Department of Ecology Request

Discussion item related to a request from the Department of Ecology for metering improvements of the City's water sources. City Staff briefed the Council on the letter demands and what the City is currently doing in terms of satisfy the request. Discussion item, no action taken.

d. Highway 12 Bridge Replacement

City Staff presented an overview of a potential funding source that could be used to help pay for the cost of the replacement of the highway 12 bridge. Discussion item, no action taken.

e. Resolution 786

Resolution adopting the 2024 Walla Walla County Solid Waste Management Plan. Staff briefed the Council on the plan update and the City's role on the advisory committee. With no more discussion, Council member Romine moved to approve with Council member Ruppenthal seconding. Motion to approve the resolution was approved and passed unanimously.

f. Resolution 787

Resolution ratifying proposed updates to the Countywide Planning Policies. City Staff briefed the Council on the City's involvement with the updates and how they impact the City. With no more discussion, Council member House moved to approve with Council member Romine seconding. Motion to approve the resolution was approved and passed unanimously

g. Resolution 788

Resolution approving the Public Participation Plan and Scope of work related to the City's update to it Comprehensive Plan. City Staff provided the background information for the agenda item and the overall process related to the City's periodic update. With no more discussion, Council member House moved to approve with Council member Romine seconding. Motion to approve the resolution was approved and passed unanimously

h. Ordinance 1094

Item was tabled.

i. Engineering Services Agreement Amendment

Amendment to the City Engineering services agree with Anderson Perry associated with work done on the City's small water system plan update. City Staff went over the amendment and what additional work was required to cover the amendment. With no more discussion, Council member House moved to approve with Council member Bishop seconding. Motion to approve the resolution was approved and passed unanimously

Unfinished Business

Mayor's Report

Mayor Dunn had no update.

Council Reports

Council Member Henze reported on Planning Commission Park & Rec activities, Association of Washington City City Action Days event in Olympia

Council Member Ruppenthal commented on the activity associated with the stream gauges.

Council Member Bishop reported on activities at library.

City Clerk Report

City Clerk Randy Hinchliffe updated the Council on day-to-day activities; specifically the possibility of budget reductions due to the loss of the sale of old City Hall.

Approval of Bills

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

January Payroll Clearing (Warrants 28227 - 28236)	\$25,699.41
-Includes direct deposit run on 1/29/2025 for \$11,501.77	
February Payroll Clearing (Warrants 28237 - 28247)	\$24,495.53
-Includes direct deposit run on 2/13/2025 for \$10,666.70	
February Claims Clearing Vouchers (25500 – 25524,25248/249)*	<u>\$83,436.55</u>
Total	\$133,631.49

Executive Session

City Council convened into Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110 (1)(b) at 9pm for ½ hour, returning to the regular meeting at 9:30pm

Adjournment of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Approved: 3/19/2025 Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk

*Warrant numbering error due to incorrect number series on warrants from supplier