

Waitsburg City Council Meeting – March 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: Kevin House, Jillian Henze and Jennifer Bishop.

Others: file at City Hall

Agenda Approval

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

Approval of Minutes – February 19, 2025 Regular Meeting, February 23, 2025 Emergency Meeting, March 6, 2025 Special Meeting

With no corrections, minutes were approved and passed unanimously.

Public Comment

New Business

a. 2025 Touchet River Roundup

Discussion related to past issues associated with the annual sobriety event. City Council talked to the event organizer about the problems with the event and where they feel they could do better.

With no more discussion, the City Council agreed to allow the event to continue for 2025 and would review it after the event to discuss any problems or facility concerns.

b. Weller Public Library Request

Representatives of the Weller Public Library were present to request the approval of two new board trustees as well as approval of a prior month retroactive payroll allocation due to a change in library personal wages. Council discussed both requests, asking that the Library Board provide better communication with the City for ongoing issue. With no more discussion, Council member Henze moved to appoint Tracy Barron and Shae Evans to the Library Board of Trustees and approve the change in wages to the library staff. Council member Bishop seconded. Motion to approve the request was approved and passed unanimously.

c. Old City Hall Sale Agreement

A representative from Associated Appraisers was in attendance to present two purchase offers for Old City Hall. Both offers were for \$130,000 with an April 4th closing date. After discussing the two offers, Council convened into executive session at 7:43 for 15 Minutes under RCW 42.30.110 (1) (c). Mayor Dunn reconvened the regular meeting at 7:54. With no more discussion, Council member Bishop moved to approve the offer from David Seidl with the condition he provides a commercial space on the main floor as required by the City's municipal code. Council member Bishop's motion also included the option for Chet Childers offer with no allocation of overflow parking to be accepted should the first offer fall through for any reason

and allow the City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe to sign any necessary documents pertaining to the sale of the building on the City's behalf. Council Member House seconded the motion, which was approved and passed unanimously.

d. Resolution 2025-789

Resolution adopting the Walla Walla County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. City Staff presented a brief overview of the plan and how it applies to the City of Waitsburg. With no more discussion, Council member House moved to approve the resolution with Council member Henze seconding. Motion to approve the resolution was approved and passed unanimously

Unfinished Business

Mayor's Report

Mayor Dunn reported to the Council on a phone call he received from the Governor regarding the recent flood event.

Council Reports

Council Member Henze reported on Planning Commission and Association of Washington Cities small cities event in Dayton.

Council Member Bishop reported on activities at library.

City Clerk Report

City Clerk Randy Hinchliffe updated the Council on day-to-day activities of the City; specifically issues association with various agencies over the City's Emergency action related to the recent flood event.

Approval of Bills

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

February Payroll Clearing (Warrants 25525 - 25535)	\$25,672.29
-Includes direct deposit run on 2/27/2025 for \$11,213.56	
March Payroll Clearing (Warrants 25564 - 25573)	\$24,373.58
-Includes direct deposit run on 3/14/2025 for \$12,103.56	
March Claims Clearing Vouchers (25536 – 25563)	<u>\$132,120.71</u>
	Total \$182,166.58

Adjournment of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Approved:

4/4/2025

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk