

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Barrow called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers Barbara Clark, Jerry Cummins, Mary Lou Jenkins, Shane Laib, Chris Plucker and Mayor Jim Barrow.

Absent: Councilmember Conrado Cavazos, Jr.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Deputy City Manager Tim McCarty, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Parks & Recreation Director Jim Dumont, Police Chief Scott Bieber, Finance Director Jean Teasdale, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Councilmember Plucker led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Richard McFarland, 3731 Middle Waitsburg Road, Walla Walla, expressed concerns with pedestrians crossing Isaacs Avenue in the vicinity of Whitman College and lack of adequate signage.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

City Clerk Hill introduced the Consent Agenda, Items A through D, as follows:

- A. Resolution No. 2013-131 authorizing a professional services agreement between the City of Walla Walla and Anderson-Perry & Associates, Inc. to execute amendments, modifications, and change orders thereto, and taking such further action needed therewith. (Stormwater quality and low impact development retrofit design)
- B. Resolution No. 2013-132 awarding the contract for supply of liquid oxygen to Norco, Inc. and taking such further action needed therewith.

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- C. Resolution No. 2013-133 authorizing an Interlocal agreement with the Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center for a water system intertie and taking other action related thereto.
- D. Resolution No. 2013-134 authorizing the City Manager to sell or otherwise dispose of certain surplus property.

Council asked how the electronic items being declared surplus in Item D would be destroyed. Staff reported that all data is erased and then the units are taken to the electronic recycling location.

Mayor Barrow invited public input. No one in the audience chose to address the City Council on any of these items.

Councilmember Laib moved to adopt Consent Agenda Items A through D. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

5. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Ordinance No. 2013-34 modifying the budget of the City for the 2013-2014 biennium.

City Manager Shawa provided a brief overview of the process used to develop the modifications. Staff made the changes as directed by the City Council and no further adjustments have been made to the modification since November 20. This budget also includes the one percent increase in the property tax levy along with the increase for new construction and improvements.

Mayor Barrow invited public input. No one in the audience chose to address the City Council on this item.

Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-34. Councilmember Plucker seconded the motion.

Councilmember Laib and Mayor Barrow indicated they would not support the budget because it includes revenue from the property tax levy increase.

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The motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-34 carried with 4 yes votes and 2 no votes by Councilmember Laib and Mayor Barrow.

- B. Resolution No. 2013-135 directing allocation of one percent of general fund revenues to street repair and replacement.

City Manager Shawa reported this policy will supersede the earmarking of the banked levy property tax revenue. This policy will transfer \$250,000 from the general fund to the street fund.

Mayor Barrow invited public input. No one in the audience chose to address the City Council on this item.

**Councilmember Laib moved to adopt Resolution No. 2013-135.
Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion.**

There was discussion on:

- The distinction between project priorities versus budget priorities.
- Advantages of setting a minimum for funding programs and priorities from the general fund.
- The time to look at budget priorities versus project priorities is during the development of the biennium budget. This action does a disservice to all other programs in the general fund.
- Streets always get the leftover funds and it is time to make funding streets a priority.
- This action will provide consistent funding for streets which will help with obtaining grant funding.
- Even though streets are a high priority, funding should be determined through the budget process.

The motion to adopt Resolution No. 2013-135 carried with 4 yes votes and 2 no votes by Councilmember Clark and Mayor Barrow.

- C. Resolution No. 2013-136 authorizing an Interlocal agreement with the City of Richland for employee services and taking other action related thereto. (Radio technician services for WESCOM)

City Manager Shawa reported this is the outcome of working with neighboring jurisdictions and will eliminate the need to have on-call contracts for repair and maintenance of the WESCOM radio system. The radio technician for the City of Richland is knowledgeable about the

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City's system, will provide good reliability, and eliminates the markup cost for replacement components. The current contractor is out of Spokane so this action will not impact local employment.

Mayor Barrow invited public input. No one in the audience chose to address the City Council on this issue.

Councilmember Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 2013-136. Councilmember Laib seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

D. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held November 18, 2013.

Councilmember Laib moved to approve the minutes of the Work Session held November 18, 2013. Councilmember Plucker seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Mayor Barrow.

E. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held November 20, 2013.

Councilmember Laib moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held November 20, 2013. Councilmember Plucker seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Mayor Barrow.

6. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Laib reported attendance at the Transportation Benefit District special meeting held December 4.

Councilmember Jenkins reported attendance at the Senior Citizen Board meeting held November 21; and the Transportation Benefit District special meeting held December 4.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the Valley Transit Board meeting held November 21; the swearing in ceremony held at the Police Station on December 2; the Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting held December 4; and the Transportation Benefit District special meeting held December 4.

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Councilmember Plucker reported attendance at the Valley Transit Board meeting held November 21; the Historic Preservation Commission meeting held November 25; the Parks, Recreation & Urban Forestry Advisory Board meeting held December 2; the Gang Call In held December 3; and the Transportation Benefit District special meeting held December 4.

Councilmember Clark reported attendance at the Valley Transit Board meeting held November 21; the Port of Walla Walla Economic Development Committee meeting held November 26; the swearing in ceremony held at the Police Station on December 2; and a joint meeting of the Water & Wastewater Advisory Committee and Sustainability Committee held December 3.

Mayor Barrow reported attendance at the Fort Walla Walla Museum Board meeting held November 12; the Chamber of Commerce Legislative Luncheon held November 13; the Joint Community Development Agency Board meeting held December 2; and the swearing in ceremony held at the Police Station on December 2.

7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Laib raised the following issues:

- The City Council currently has two Councilmember liaisons to the Sustainability Committee. This was done initially to balance the representation on the committee. Now that they are established, it is likely they no longer need two Council representatives.
- Two business owners have complained about the panhandling going on throughout the City.
- The Toys for Tots campaign is going on. An unwrapped toy would be gratefully accepted at the Council Work Session on December 9.

Councilmember Laib moved to change the requirement for two City Council liaisons to the Sustainability Committee to one City Council liaison. Councilmember Plucker seconded the motion.

There was discussion on the two Councilmember liaisons to the Sustainability Committee and whether this number should be reduced to one liaison, similar to Council liaisons to other advisory boards, commissions, and committees.

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Mayor Barrow invited public input. No one in the audience chose to address the City Council on this issue.

The motion to change the requirement for two City Council liaisons to the Sustainability Committee to one City Council liaison unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Councilmember Cummins asked whether the City is billing for services provided to other jurisdictions. City Manager Shawa reported the City has put neighboring jurisdictions on notice that they will be billed for City services provided to them. The Police and Fire Chiefs will be asked for a report.

Mayor Barrow reminded the City Council that the annual evaluations of the City Manager and City Attorney are scheduled for the December 18 meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilmember Laib moved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Councilmember Cummins seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.