

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Present: Councilmembers Jim Barrow, Barbara Clark, Mary Lou Jenkins, Dick Morgan, Chris Plucker, Allen Pomraning, and Mayor Jerry Cummins.

Absent: None.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Deputy City Manager Tim McCarty, Parks & Recreation Director Jim Dumont, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Fire Chief Bob Yancey, Parks Maintenance Supervisor Joan Schille, City Engineer Neal Chavre, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

3. PRESENTATIONS

A. Arbor Day proclamation and presentations.

Mayor Cummins read and presented the proclamation declaring April 23, 2014 as "Arbor Day" to Park, Recreation, and Urban Forestry Advisory Board Chair Chris Blackman.

Mrs. Blackman thanked the City Council for the proclamation, recognized the members of the Parks, Recreation & Urban Forestry Advisory Board, and briefly reviewed the history of Arbor Day and importance of trees. Mrs. Blackman introduced Ben Thompson, Washington State Department of Natural Resources, Community Forestry Council.

Mr. Thompson reviewed the requirements and presented the City with its 20th Tree City USA award. Mayor Cummins thanked Mr. Thompson for the award and asked how many communities in Washington State have received their 20th Tree City award. Mr. Thompson responded that out of 83 communities, approximately 12 are at twenty or more years.

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Mayor Cummins reported the City annually nominates local organizations, individuals, or businesses in the community for the City's Arbor Day award. This award is given in recognition of significant contributions to the health and growth of our urban forest. This year the City is posthumously presenting the 2014 Arbor Day award to Ned Shafer. Ned loved nature and trees and led the efforts of the noon Rotary Club tree planting program for the last 20 years. Mayor Cummins presented the award to Ned Shafer's wife, Vicki. Mrs. Shafer thanked the City for the recognition and described Ned's love for trees.

Mayor Cummins thanked the Parks, Recreation and Urban Forestry Advisory Board for their service and support of the City's urban forest.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sharon Schiller, 1414 Topaz Street, Walla Walla, spoke regarding the traffic hazards she is experiencing with the four-lane striping on Rose Street and asked Council to re-stripe with a center left turn lane. Ms. Schiller also commented on the need to increase living wage jobs in the area for economic vitality.

Brent Baldwin, 22 E. Tietan Street, Walla Walla, thanked Councilmember Plucker for a response to an email he sent and commented on the activities at the property formerly owned by LaNita Yates.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Special occasion license for the Walla Walla Senior Citizens Center, 720 Sprague Street, for an event on May 9, 2014.
- B. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Special occasion license for Shakespeare Uncork'd Walla Walla on May 3 and May 10, 2014.
- C. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Special occasion license for Whitman College, Reid Campus Center, 280 Boyer Avenue, on May 12, 2014.

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- D. Washington State Liquor Control Board: new application for Uprooted Wines, 1491 W. Rose Street.
- E. Resolution No. 2014-38 awarding the bid for the Wilbur Avenue improvement project to A & B Asphalt in the amount of \$798,767.83.
- F. Resolution No. 2014-39 approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute an amended professional services agreement with HDJ Design Group, PLLC for construction management services as part of the Wilbur Avenue improvement project in the amount of \$149,801.35.
- G. Resolution No. 2014-40 ratifying the application for a drinking water state revolving fund loan, accepting such loan, authorizing the City Manager and City officials to execute a loan contract, other documents, and such certification that may be needed. (\$12,120,000 for the LT2 slow sand filtration water treatment plant upgrade)
- H. Resolution No. 2014-41 approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to a professional services agreement with HDR Engineers for the preliminary design of the LT2 water treatment plant upgrade (Phase 2A) in the amount of \$799,775.54.
- I. Resolution No. 2014-42 approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute a three-year professional services agreement with Ironsides Custom Grinding for green waste grinding services at the Sudbury Landfill Compost Facility.
- J. Resolution No. 2014-43 fixing a time for public hearing (June 11, 2014) to annex approximately 184 acres generally located between southern Walla Walla City limits at Abbott Road and southern boundary of Tablerock subdivision, along the east side of Cottonwood Road to the City of Walla Walla. (Pipeline Annexation)
- K. Resolution No. 2014-44 authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with Walla Walla County for relocation of utilities as part of the Taumarson Road project.

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L. Resolution No. 2014-45 authorizing the purchase of a closed circuit camera and related equipment from CUES for the purpose of video investigation and image recording of the City's wastewater collection pipeline system in the amount of \$31,221.40.

M. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held April 9, 2014.

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

City Manager Shawa reported that Item G is a low interest loan of \$12,120,000 at one percent interest for twenty years. This will result in significant savings to the ratepayers. City Manager Shawa commended the efforts of Public Works Director Bealey and Utilities Engineer Nicholson in securing this loan.

Councilmember Barrow moved to adopt Consent Agenda Items A through M. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

6. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. Ordinance No. 2014-08 authorizing the City Manager to execute a labor agreement with the Walla Walla Professional Firefighters Association Local 404 International Association of Firefighters for the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015.

City Manager Shawa reported that the City and the Firefighters Union were able to reach agreement on a three-year contract. The contract provides for a two percent increase per year effective January 1, 2013. The total estimated cost of this three-year contract is \$411,711. This contract had gone through mediation and was certified to go to arbitration. The firefighters and City continued to negotiate and were able to come to agreement, saving a significant amount of time and money by not going forward with arbitration.

Fire Chief Yancey introduced the members of the Firefighters Union in attendance and commended their efforts to keep service to the citizens as their top priority.

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

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Councilmember Clark moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-08. Councilmember Morgan seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Mayor Cummins thanked Fire Chief Yancey and members of the Fire Department.

- B. Resolution No. 2014-46 authorizing the City Manager to execute an amended agreement with Tourism Walla Walla.

City Manager Shawa reported this proposed amendment to the agreement with Tourism Walla Walla is the result of an audit finding.

Deputy City Manager McCarty reported the City is receiving one-hundred percent cooperation from Tourism Walla Walla in meeting the new standards resulting from the audit finding to ensure payments to Tourism Walla Walla from lodging taxes are properly monitored. Staff has proposed a modification to the current contract to require detailed invoices be provided for review. This same requirement has been included in the recently approved contracts with the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation, Fort Walla Walla Museum, and Borleske Stadium Association.

There was discussion on the Tourism Walla Walla Board being in agreement with the proposed amendment; and this amendment will not change the distribution of funding from lodging taxes. Tourism Walla Walla is working hard to bolster hotel occupancies mid-week and during the shoulder season.

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

Councilmember Pomraning moved to adopt Resolution No. 2014-46. Councilmember Plucker seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Morgan reported attendance at the Work Session held April 14; the Transportation Improvement Advisory Committee meeting

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held April 16; and the Arbor Day celebration at Green Park Elementary School held April 23.

Councilmember Jenkins reported attendance at the Work Session held April 14; the VA Medical Center ribbon-cutting ceremony held April 15; and volunteered at the Helpline Soupport fundraiser on April 16.

Councilmember Barrow reported attendance at the Blue Mountain Action Council executive director search committee meeting held April 9; the Blue Mountain Action Council housing committee meeting held April 11; the Work Session held April 14; the Blue Mountain Action Council executive director search committee meeting held April 16; the Helpline Soupport fundraiser on April 16; and the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation Board meeting held April 22.

Councilmember Plucker reported attendance at the Work Session held April 14; the agenda setting meeting held April 16; and the Valley Transit Board meeting held April 17.

Councilmember Clark reported attendance at the KUJ radio show on April 11; the Work Session held April 14; the VA Medical Center ribbon-cutting ceremony held April 15; the Helpline Soupport fundraiser on April 16; the LEOFF 1 Disability Board meeting held April 16; the Fire Pension Board meeting held April 16; the Civil Service Commission meeting held April 16; and the Arbor Day celebration at Green Park Elementary School held April 23.

Councilmember Pomraning reported attendance at the ad hoc scholarship committee meeting held April 14; the Work Session held April 14; the Good Roads Association meeting held April 16; and the Arbor Day celebration at Green Park Elementary School held April 23.

Mayor Cummins reported attendance at the grand opening of the Cascade Farm & Outdoor store held April 10; the Chamber of Commerce Business Summit held April 11; the Work Session held April 14; the VA Medical Center ribbon-cutting ceremony held April 15 where he presented a plaque to former City Manager Duane Cole for his work on the VA Medical Center task force and a key to the City to Senator Murray; the Emergency Management Board meeting held April 15; the Helpline Soupport fundraiser on April 16; the LEOFF 1 Disability Board meeting held April 16; the Fire Pension Board meeting held April 16; the Good Road Committee meeting held April 16; the Columbia Rural Electric Association

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annual meeting held April 17; the Valley Transit Board meeting held April 17; the Public Works Trust Fund Board bidders conference held April 23; and the Arbor Day celebration at Green Park Elementary School held April 23.

8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Pomraning asked for an opportunity to learn more about land use planning and the urban growth areas. City Manager Shawa indicated he would follow up.

City Manager Shawa reported one of the requirements for the Alder Street STP grant is for the City to officially accept the grant award. There were no objections by the Council to the Mayor signing a letter of formal acceptance of the grant.

City Clerk Hill reported notice of a proposed Transportation Benefit District bylaws amendment has been provided to satisfy the fifteen-day notification requirement. The proposed bylaws amendment is to better align the Transportation Benefit District Board's regular meetings with required actions. This amendment will be presented for consideration at the Transportation Benefit District's regular meeting on June 11.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilmember Plucker moved to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Councilmember Barrow seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.