

**WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**March 9, 2016**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

Present: Councilmembers Jim Barrow, Barbara Clark, Jerry Cummins, Steve Moss, Tom Scribner, and Mayor Allen Pomraning.

Absent: Councilmember Dick Morgan.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Parks & Recreation Director Jim Dumont, Fire Chief Bob Yancey, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

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

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No one in the audience chose to address the City Council at this time.

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Presentation of a certificate of appreciation to Andrea Weckmueller-Behringer, Executive Director for the Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Mayor Pomraning commented on the importance of the recently completed 25-year transportation plan and recognized the efforts of the Metropolitan Planning Organization staff, Andrea Weckmueller-Behringer and Elaine Dawson. This transportation plan is a collaboration of the local agencies and is required for State and Federal funding.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

There was brief discussion regarding the verbal reading of the Consent Agenda.

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City Clerk Hill introduced the Consent Agenda, Items A through N with the exception of J, as follows:

- A. Washington State Liquor & Cannabis Board: Special occasion liquor license for the Danza Classica Ballet Foundation on March 26, 2016 at the GESA Powerhouse Theatre.
- B. Washington State Liquor & Cannabis Board: New application for Seven Hills Winery, 212 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.
- C. Washington State Liquor & Cannabis Board: New application for Studio Two Zero Two, 202 E. Main Street.
- D. Washington State Liquor & Cannabis Board: New application for Reasons Wine, 1491 W. Rose Street, Suite G.
- E. Resolution No. 2016-28 authorizing the purchase of a half-ton extended cab pickup with service canopy from Corwin Ford of Pasco for \$33,985. (Water Division)
- F. Resolution No. 2016-29 authorizing the purchase of a 19,500 gross vehicle weight cab and chassis with 11-foot service body for \$156,360 from Maintainer Corporation of Iowa, Inc. (Water Division)
- G. Resolution No. 2016-30 authorizing the purchase of a police-purpose all-wheel drive utility vehicle for \$54,582 from Columbia Ford of Longview. (Police Department)
- H. Resolution No. 2016-31 awarding the bid to Humbert Asphalt for purchase of crushed surfacing top course in the amount of \$30,873.15. (Water Division)
- I. Resolution No. 2016-32 awarding the bid for the three-year purchase of chlorine to Thatcher Company of Montana, Inc. for \$21,230.50 annually. (Water Treatment)
- J. Removed from the agenda.
- K. Resolution No. 2016-34 awarding the bid for the purchase of hot mix asphalt to Humbert Asphalt, Inc. in the amount of \$198,306.90 for use by the Street Division in 2016.

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- L. Resolution No. 2016-35 authorizing the purchase and installation of a replacement WESCOM Coppei remote radio site generator at a cost not to exceed \$45,000.
- M. Resolution No. 2016-36 authorizing the surplus and transfer of the hazmat materials decontamination trailer to Providence St. Mary Medical Center.
- N. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held February 10, 2016.

There was discussion on:

- The removal of Item J, Resolution 2016-33, is due to staff being made aware of the ineligibility of the project to reduce the risk of wildfire within the Mill Creek watershed. The City has spoken to Federal legislators regarding the grant requirements not being in alignment with the purported purpose of this particular grant program.
- The transfer of the hazmat decontamination trailer to Providence St. Mary Medical Center meets the original Benton County grant requirements. These grant funds for the purchase of the trailer were the address potential mitigation measures from the chemical weapon destruction activities at the Umatilla Chemical Depot. The City did not pay for the trailer and it has no further value to the City.

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

**Councilmember Barrow moved to adopt Consent Agenda Items A through N with the exception of Item J. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

**6. ACTIVE AGENDA**

- A. Resolution No. 2016-37 authorizing the purchase of two triplex greens reel mowers from Western Equipment of Spokane for \$29,499 each.

City Manager Shawa reported that a greens reel mower had been budgeted and is a planned replacement. As a result of the fire at the golf course maintenance building, which destroyed another greens reel mower, staff plans to purchase two mowers. There was discussion on

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insurance coverage for the fire and the reason for the purchase from the highest bidder, Western Equipment, is because this mower has an interchangeable reel providing better flexibility and compatibility with existing equipment.

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

**Councilmember Moss moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-37.  
Councilmember Scribner seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- B. Resolution No. 2016-38 awarding the bid for the Sixth Avenue alley sewer project to Premier Excavation in the amount of \$165,535.48.

City Manager Shawa reviewed the project area and explained the top City claims are wastewater backups.

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

**Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-38.  
Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- C. Resolution No. 2016-39 authorizing the purchase of a regenerative air sweeper from Solid Waste Systems of Spokane for \$215,218.00.

City Manager Shawa reported this purchase was included in the budget modification in December when the City Council authorized acceptance of a grant. The grant will fund seventy-five percent of the cost of the sweeper and sweeper operation for three years. This street sweeper will enable the City to sweep all City streets more frequently for better stormwater protection. The stormwater fee increase approved last December also provided for an increase of three additional full-time equivalent employees for the stormwater program.

There was discussion regarding challenges to getting parked vehicles off City streets on when the street is being swept. The lifespan of this street sweeper is ten to fifteen years.

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

**Councilmember Barrow moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-39.  
Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- D. Resolution No. 2016-40 authorizing an amendment to the contract with Environmental Information Logistics, LLC (EIL) for the landfill master plan.

City Manager Shawa reported the City has been working with EIL to develop a landfill master plan. Staff is seeking an amendment to the contract to explore other opportunities, such as: implementing a bio-reactor approach to speed up decomposition to enable a better use for methane gas; or upon filling Area 7 (the current area), close the landfill and build/operate a transfer station. These are significant operational decisions for the long-term approach to managing solid waste in the county. The additional amount for these consulting services is not to exceed \$44,000.

There was discussion on:

- Allocation of time among the different tasks.
- The plan is to look at the long-term management of the landfill, including composting, and will be brought to Council for policy decisions.
- Staff hopes to have the report for discussion at a Council Work Session in the near future.

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

**Councilmember Scribner moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-40.  
Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- E. Ordinance No. 2016-03 amending Titles 2, 3, 8, 19, 20 and 21 and repealing Chapter 18.04 of the Municipal Code relating to the re-establishment of the Development Services Department and Code Enforcement within the Police Department.

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Development Services Director Chamberlain reported this ordinance will establish the “permanent” regulations to re-establish the City’s Development Services Department and the Code Enforcement program within the Police Department. Staff has worked these code amendments through the formal process and the ordinance has now met all procedural requirements. The amendments are primarily administrative and not substantive. The amendments are identified in red text throughout the ordinance.

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

**Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-03. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

**7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS**

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at the Healthy Youth Committee meeting held February 26; the Parks, Recreation & Urban Forestry Advisory Board meeting held March 7; and the Planning Commission meeting held March 7.

Councilmember Barrow reported attendance at the Water Management Partnership Board meeting held March 1; the Legislative Committee debriefing held March 7; the Blue Mountain Action Council Board meeting held March 9; and the Mill Creek Coalition meeting held March 9.

Councilmember Cummins reported traveling to Washington D.C. for lobbying on February 28 through March 2; and the Legislative Committee debriefing held March 7.

Councilmember Clark reported attendance at the Senior Center Board meeting held February 25; the Sustainability Committee meeting held March 1; the Community Development Block Grant Advisory Group meeting held March 3; and the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting held March 8.

Councilmember Scribner reported attendance at the Public Library Board of Trustees meeting held March 9.

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Mayor Pomraning reported attendance at the Sasayama Sister City Committee meet and greet held February 29; the Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting held March 2; a meeting with City Manager Shawa held March 4; the Carnegie Picture Lab presentation held March 6; and the Legislative Committee meeting held March 7.

Councilmember Clark had comments on the value of the Public Library to residents in the unincorporated area when considering annexation; and suggested inviting questions from Councilmembers after each meeting report.

**8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

City Manager Shawa reported on a motion for dismissal of action by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation regarding the City's aquifer storage and recovery permit. There will be a meeting with the Department of Ecology and Tribal Council members on March 25 at 1:30 p.m.

There was discussion on having the County Community Health Department provide an update on their homelessness programs, including the relationship between the City and County; the Youth Center; and shelters.

Council asked staff to take care of the leaf piles near Howard and Park Streets.

Council inquired whether there have been any problems or citizen concerns with the water flushing program. Staff explained the reasons why the water flushing is done at night to avoid any associated problems to residents.

Mayor Pomraning reported that Councilmember Morgan had been temporarily assigned the position of Acting Secretary of the Department of Corrections by Governor Inslee. Councilmember Morgan believes he will be able to effectively serve on the City Council but requested that his committee assignments be temporarily reassigned.

**Councilmember Cummins moved to approve the following temporary appointments, along with a declaration of remote interests for these temporary appointments. Councilmember Scribner seconded the motion.**

- **Valley Transit – Allen Pomraning;**

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- **Blue Mountain Humane Society – Jerry Cummins;**
- **Criminal Justice Committee – Tom Scribner;**
- **Walla Walla Valley Pioneer & Historical Society – Tom Scribner;**
- **Historic Preservation Commission – Allen Pomraning;**
- **Visit Walla Walla – Jim Barrow;**
- **Boards & Commissions – Barbara Clark, temporary chair, and Steve Moss; and**
- **Finance Committee – Barbara Clark.**

**The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

Mayor Pomraning announced that Anderson Perry & Associates is providing two scholarships to graduating high school seniors this year and asked for volunteers to serve on an ad hoc scholarship committee.

**Councilmember Barrow moved to appoint Councilmembers Moss, Scribner and Mayor Pomraning to the ad-hoc scholarship committee. Councilmember Scribner seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.**