

**WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**August 24, 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, Dick Morgan, Steve Moss, Tom Scribner, and Mayor Allen Pomraning.

Absent: None.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Deputy City Manager Troy Bell, Parks & Recreation Director Jim Dumont, Fire Chief Bob Yancey, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, Finance Director Jean Teasdale, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, 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. PRESENTATIONS**

A. Recognition of life-saving efforts by Eric Wood and Bryan McIntire.

Fire Chief Yancey reported it is an honor to recognize the special efforts of two members of the Fire Department that saved a life while on vacation in northern Washington and read a commendation from Wayne Walker, General Manager/Paramedic with LifeLine Ambulance in Okanagon. Eric Wood and Bryan McIntire were presented with awards in recognition of their life-saving actions.

B. Fire Department brush truck.

Fire Captain Knowles described the need and process for building a brush truck versus purchasing one. Fire Chief Yancey reported this initiative reflects a good stewardship of City funds since the brush truck was built for less than half the cost of purchasing a new one.

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Mayor Pomraning and City Manager Shawa displayed the plaque that will be presented by City Manager Shawa to Walla Walla's sister-city, Cannara, Italy.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Bob Carson, 705 Boyer, Walla Walla, suggested the City expand its green waste operations year round, including the months December through February, at a minimum pick up of once per month. Mr. Carson also suggested the City discontinue its curbside leaf pickup and have residents put leaves in their green waste container.

Rod Huffman, 65 Wilshire, Walla Walla, asked the City for added emphasis patrols on distracted driving.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board: New liquor license application for Wells Family Wines, 1485 E. Rose Street.
- B. Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board: Added privilege liquor license application for Albertsons, 450 N. Wilbur.
- C. Resolution No. 2016-108 approving a contract with JDR Alpha, LLC, for the Park n Shop garbage enclosure project in the amount of \$22,369.65.
- D. Resolution No. 2016-109 awards bid for the Bryant Creek retaining wall at Catherine Street project to Accelerated Construction and Excavating in the amount of \$79,295.
- E. Resolution No. 2016-110 authorizing Amendment No. 2 with Environmental Information Logistics (EIL) for engineering services for the Sudbury Road Area 7, Cell 3 project in the amount of \$28,000; and authorizes additional change order authority to a maximum of \$50,000.

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- F. Resolution No. 2016-111 approves the purchase of a prefabricated concrete restroom for the Veterans Memorial Golf Course.
- G. Resolution No. 2016-112 authorizing a professional services contract with Stenkamp Architecture for design of a new golf course maintenance shop in an amount not to exceed \$28,000.
- H. Resolution No. 2016-114 approving the sale of \$5,960,000 limited tax general obligation bonds for the advanced metering infrastructure water meter replacement project.
- I. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held August 10, 2016.

There was brief discussion on Item H regarding the sale of the bonds at a 2.006 percent true interest cost versus the one-half of one percent interest rate from an anticipated loan from the Public Works Board. The State legislature has swept funds from the Public Works Fund so these low interest loans are no longer available to jurisdictions.

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 I. Councilmember Cummins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

**6. ACTIVE AGENDA**

- A. Resolution No. 2016-115 approving the issuance of a revenue bond by the Housing Authority of the City of Walla Walla in the principal amount of not to exceed \$7,000,000 to finance the rehabilitation and construction of three apartment complexes to provide housing for low-income persons.

City Manager Shawa reviewed the need for the City to approve the issuance of revenue bonds by the Housing Authority to renovate three apartment complexes for low-income persons.

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

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**Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-115.  
Councilmember Moss seconded the motion.**

Council had questions regarding the need for \$7,000,000 to renovate 80 apartment units. Renee Rooker, Executive Director of the Housing Authority, 501 Cayuse Street, Walla Walla, explained the financing rules for issuance of bonds to be eligible for a four percent tax credit. There was discussion on the actual costs for rehabilitating the apartment complexes.

**The motion to adopt Resolution No. 2016-115 unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- B. Public hearing and Ordinance No. 2016-24 annexing approximately 90 acres generally located south of State Route 125 and in the vicinity of Taumaron Road and Highland Road. (Valley Acres/Clearview Estates annexation)

Development Services Director Chamberlain reviewed the annexation process, modified boundaries, zoning, and City utilities within the area. The utility fees for properties connected to City utilities will decrease and there will be changes in the amount of property taxes. The boundaries of the school district do not change and some of this area is within the College Place School District.

There will be roughly 200 to 300 new City residents as a result of this annexation and they will be eligible for City library services.

Mayor Pomraning declared the public hearing open at 7:55 p.m.

The following spoke in support of the annexation:

- Jim Peitersen, 96 Sedgwick Court, Walla Walla.
- Gene Funk, 209 Chapelwood, Walla Walla.
- Galen McQuarrie, 40 Wilshire, Walla Walla.

Hal Thomas, 1695 Highland Road, Walla Walla, asked how the stormwater charge would be assessed and expressed concerns with the cost, based on front footage, to connect to City sewer if his septic system fails.

Bill Bialozor, 2580 Chisholm Court, Walla Walla, expressed concerns with the City's stormwater fee and road maintenance on Highland Road.

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There being no further public testimony, Mayor Pomraning declared the public hearing closed at 8:03 p.m.

Staff reported that if a property's well or septic system fails they are required to connect to the City's utilities if they are within 300 feet; stormwater charges are billed monthly; and green waste collection is available on a subscription basis. The utility connection charge is now a flat rate and is not based on front footage. Basin Disposal should be contacted for green waste pickup availability. Highland Road needs to be rebuilt.

**Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-24.  
Councilmember Barrow seconded the motion.**

Council thanked staff for reaching out and working with the residents in this area.

Councilmember Scribner commented he was supportive of the annexation of the properties on the original ten percent annexation petition but is opposed to the modified annexation boundaries so he will be voting no.

**The motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-24 carried with 6 yes votes and 1 no vote by Councilmember Scribner.**

- C. Public hearing and first reading of Ordinance No. 2016-25 approving a franchise with Columbia Energy, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Columbia Rural Electric Association. (CELLC)

City Attorney Donaldson reported the City was approached by a wholly-owned subsidiary of Columbia Rural Electric Association for a telecommunications franchise. This franchise is non-exclusive and requires the co-location on existing utility poles. If there are no utility poles, the lines must be placed underground. State law requires an introduction of the ordinance with approval of the franchise occurring at least five days after its introduction.

Mayor Pomraning declared the public hearing open at 8:14 p.m. There being no public testimony, the public hearing was closed.

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**Councilmember Cummins moved for first reading of Ordinance No. 2016-25. Councilmember Morgan seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

D. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held August 8, 2016.

**Councilmember Clark moved to approve the minutes of the Work Session held August 8, 2016. Councilmember Scribner seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 2 abstentions by Councilmembers Barrow and Morgan.**

**7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS**

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at the special joint meeting held August 22.

Councilmember Morgan had no meetings to report.

Councilmember Barrow reported attendance at the agenda review meeting held August 17; the Blue Mountain Action Council board meeting held August 18; the Valley Transit board meeting held August 18; an interview with an intern from the Ruckelshaus Center regarding the water management partnership held August 19; and the special joint meeting held August 22.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the Public Works Trust board meeting held August 12; the Valley Transit board meeting held August 18; the Housing Authority board meeting held August 22; and the special joint meeting held August 22.

Councilmember Clark reported attendance at the Sustainability Committee meeting held August 16; the special joint meeting held August 22; and the Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee meeting held August 23.

Councilmember Scribner reported attendance at the Fort Walla Walla Museum ice cream social held August 21; and the special joint meeting held August 22. The ad hoc committee on increasing City Council diversity is continuing their work.

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Mayor Pomraning reported attendance at the agenda review meeting held August 17; the Good Roads Committee meeting held August 17; and the special joint meeting held August 22.

**8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

City Manager Shawa reported the Berney neighborhood block party is scheduled for August 25 at 6:00 p.m.; and staff has taken the precaution to close down Main Street between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenues for the Macklemore concert on August 25.

Council discussed an email request from Ted Blaszak, City of Tekoa, for a resolution of support for the John Wayne trail.

**Councilmember Scribner moved to ask the City Attorney to draft a resolution of support for the John Wayne trail project. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion.**

There was discussion on the intent of the motion and whether it is appropriate for the Council to support initiatives that do not directly impact the City.

**Councilmember Cummins moved to table this item for discussion as an agenda item at the next City Council meeting. Councilmember Barrow seconded the motion. The motion failed with 1 yes vote by Councilmember Cummins and 6 no votes.**

**The motion to ask the City Attorney to draft a resolution of support for the John Wayne trail project carried with 6 yes votes and 1 no vote by Councilmember Cummins.**

There was discussion on the request by Mr. Carson for year-round green waste pickup. It was the consensus of a majority of Council to defer any further discussion until it is reviewed as part of sanitation service programming.

There was Council discussion on the universal problem of distracted driving and traffic safety. Council asked that a future Work Session topic be scheduled with the Police Chief.

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9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.