

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 26, 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, Police Chief Scott Bieber, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Fleet Services Manager Curt Shaw, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Pomraning welcomed the fifth grade officers of Berney Elementary school, their principal, and advisor who led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Pomraning invited public comments on any issues not on the agenda. No one in the audience chose to address the City Council at this time.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Resolution No. 2016-139 declares certain City computer property as surplus and authorizes the City Manager to sell or otherwise dispose of it.
- B. Resolution No. 2016-140 authorizing a professional services contract to EA Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc. for the aquifer storage recharge permit reporting project in the amount of \$120,880.

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- C. Resolution No. 2016-141 authorizing a maintenance agreement with CenturyLink for the emergency dispatch telephone system in the amount of \$33,590.21.
- D. Resolution No. 2016-142 awarding the bid to Leone & Keeble Inc. for the wastewater treatment plant laboratory upgrade project in the amount of \$146,895.

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

There was brief discussion on how the computer equipment declared surplus will be disposed.

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

5. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Resolution No. 2016-143 authorizing a memorandum of understanding with Whitman College and Walla Walla Community College regarding each party's responsibilities related to the prevention and response to sexual assault.

Police Chief Bieber reviewed the changes in State legislation that requires colleges and universities to seek a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with local police agencies to clearly outline the responsibilities of each agency in handling sexual assault allegations. This does not add any additional work for the police department.

There was discussion by Council and staff on:

- Colleges/universities are required to report sexual assaults to the police for investigation rather than handling internally.
- There have been criminal complaints investigated in Walla Walla.
- The City's domestic violence coordinator will work closely with the colleges to raise awareness and education among students.
- The purpose of the MOU is to raise awareness and require colleges to report sexual assault to the authorities.
- The police department currently responds to criminal complaints so this will not have an impact on staffing or the budget.

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

Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-143. Councilmember Morgan seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- B. Resolution No. 2016-144 approves the purchase of a landfill compactor from Western States Caterpillar and rescinds Resolution No. 2016-63.

Public Works Director Bealey and Fleet Services Manager Shaw reported that the purchase of a new landfill compactor had initially been awarded to Al-Jon. Al-Jon had contacted the City indicating they were unsure they could be able to deliver the machine. After a review of the situation, staff determined it would not be wise to purchase from a company that may not be around to provide any warranty support.

There was discussion on:

- The difference in cost for the compactor is approximately \$200,000 more.
- The City is not contractually bound to purchase from Al-Jon and the proposed resolution would rescind the prior authorization.
- Al-Jon is looking for a parent company and is in a tenuous financial position.
- Re-bidding the compactor is unlikely to provide any benefit. This is a crucial piece of equipment at the landfill and the current compactor has had mechanical issues. It has been rebuilt once and cannot be rebuilt a second time.
- Staff is still evaluating whether to surplus the existing landfill compactor or use it as a back-up.
- A purchase from Western States Caterpillar will also be beneficial because the dealership is located much closer to Walla Walla.
- It is unlikely that negotiating with Western States Caterpillar would result in a lower bid amount due to the limited number of equipment manufacturers.

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

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Councilmember Barrow moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-144. Councilmember Cummins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

C. Approval of the minutes of the Work Session held October 10, 2016.

Councilmember Clark moved to approve the minutes of the Work Session held October 10, 2016. Councilmember Scribner seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Morgan.

6. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at the Work Session held October 24; and a meeting of the ad hoc committee studying downtown social issues held October 26.

Councilmember Morgan had no meetings to report.

Councilmember Barrow reported attendance at the Finance Committee meeting held October 13; the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation Board meeting held October 18; a meeting with representatives from the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indians and the Water Management Partnership Board held October 18; the Blue Mountain Action Council Annual Board meeting; the agenda preparation meeting held October 19; the Finance Committee meeting held October 21; and the Work Session held October 24.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at meetings in Washington D.C. on October 18 through October 20; the Valley Transit Board meeting held October 21; the Finance Committee meeting held October 21; the Housing Authority Board meeting held October 24; and the Work Session held October 24.

Councilmember Clark reported attendance at the Finance Committee meetings held October 13 and October 21; the Sustainability Committee meeting held October 18; the Civil Service Commission meeting held October 19; and the Work Session held October 24.

Councilmember Scribner reported the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee will be meeting on October 20 to review the applications for funding.

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Mayor Pomraning reported attendance at the Balloon Stampede launch held October 13; the City employee barbecue held October 13; the Emergency Management Committee meeting held October 18; the grand opening of the Cherry Creek Mortgage Company held October 20; the Work Session held October 24; the agenda preparation meeting held October 19; and a tour of the homeless encampment on October 19.

7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Council suggested that the City hold a community discussion on the continued operation of Jefferson pool. It was the consensus of a majority of Council to wait until the Veterans Memorial Pool has opened and operated for a season.

Mayor Pomraning re-opened the opportunity for audience members to address the City Council.

Name indecipherable, school bus driver, suggested the City help create better jobs and employment opportunities rather than low income housing. Staff and Council reviewed current efforts for additional employment opportunities and the need for affordable housing.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.