WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Present: Councilmembers Yazmin Bahena, Riley Clubb, Jerry Cummins, Myron Huie, Steve Moss, Tom Scribner, and Mayor Barbara Clark.

Absent: None.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabiel Shawa, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Deputy City Manager Byron Olson, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Police Chief Scott Bieber, Fleet Services Manager Matt Edwards, CDBG Coordinator Jennifer Beckmeyer, Civil Engineer Johnny McMasters, Civil Engineer Doug Eaton, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

3. PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation of Anderson-Perry Scholarship Award to Lauren Ruthven.

Councilmember Clubb reported that Lauren Ruthven has been awarded the Anderson Perry Scholarship and will be studying engineering. Accepting on Lauren's behalf is her father, Steve Ruthven. Jake Hollopeter, Anderson Perry & Associates, commented on their partnership with the City.

B. Presentation of Police Department accreditation.

Police Chief Bieber reviewed the number of accredited police agencies, the process for accreditation, and recognized his staff members for their work in obtaining this accreditation.

C. Proclamation declaring the month of June 2019 as "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Pride Month."

Mayor Clark read and presented the proclamation to Everett Maroon of the Walla Walla Valley LGBTQ Pride Steering Committee. Mr. Maroon had comments on the recognition.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Colleen Myrick had questions and comments regarding the population and operation of the sleep center.

Sharon Schiller commented on the general attitude toward politics and a lack of debate on a philosophical level.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Resolution No. 2019-66 authorizing the purchase of a new all-terrain utility task vehicle from Don Johnson Sales for the water intake facility in an amount not to exceed $30,000.

B. Resolution No. 2019-67 awarding a bid to Core and Main for the replacement of a water main tapping machine for the water distribution division in the amount of $63,017.41.

C. Resolution No. 2019-68 authorizing the surplus of items no longer needed by the City.

D. Resolution No. 2019-64 rejecting all bids for the Spokane Street bridge project.

E. Resolution No. 2019-69 authorizing the purchase of a new mobile vehicle/equipment lift system for Fleet Services mechanics in an amount not to exceed $43,000.

F. Resolution No. 2019-70 awarding a contract to Ironsides Custom Grinding for green waste grinding services at the landfill for $103,041.18.

G. Resolution No. 2019-71 authorizing a construction contract with Apollo, Inc. for the installation of leachate system clean-outs in an amount not to exceed $39,787.20.

H. Acceptance of resignation from Jason Selwitz from the Sustainability Committee.

I. Acceptance of resignation from BJ Harris from the Sustainability Committee.

J. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held May 20, 2019.

K. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held May 22, 2019.

Staff provided brief reports on Items A and D.

Mayor Clark invited public input.

R.L. McFarland suggested naming the new all-terrain vehicle after Curley Sue, the retired mule used to patrol the watershed.

Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Consent Agenda Items A through K with an amendment to name the new all-terrain vehicle after Curley Sue. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

6. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. Resolution No. 2019-72 approving the surplus of police department guns.

Staff reported this issue has been reviewed by the City Council several times and has been brought back for a decision.

There was discussion on:

- The variance in policy on destroying guns that have been seized or surrendered to the Police Department versus guns that have been purchased by the Police Department that are then traded into a licensed firearms dealer for credit.
- The local gun club inspected the shotguns proposed for surplus and determined they are not interested in them.

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

Council expressed their individual opinions on whether the guns should be traded into a licensed firearms dealer or destroyed.

Councilmember Cummins moved to take from the table the motion to authorize the guns to be declared surplus and traded into a federally licensed firearms dealer (memorialized by Resolution No. 2019-72). Councilmember Scribner seconded the motion. The motion carried with 6 yes votes and 1 no vote by Mayor Clark.

The motion to authorize the guns to be declared surplus and traded into a federally licensed firearms dealer as memorialized by Resolution No. 2019-72 carried with 5 yes votes and 2 no votes by Councilmember Scribner and Mayor Clark.

Councilmember Moss moved to direct staff to prepare action to codify the existing policy to destroy any guns that were not purchased and owned by the Police Department. Councilmember Huie seconded the motion. The motion carried with 5 yes votes and 2 no votes by Councilmember Scribner and Mayor Clark.

B. Resolution No. 2019-73 adopting an updated Title VI Implementation Plan.

Deputy City Manager Olson reported this item was discussed with the City Council at their June 10 Work Session and staff is available to answer any questions.

Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Resolution No. 2019-73. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion.

Council thanked staff for updating the policies to the current standards.

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

The motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-73 unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

C. Public hearing and Resolution No. 2019-74 adopting the 2020-2025 Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

Civil Engineer Eaton reviewed the proposed changes for the six-year Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

There was discussion on:

- Removal of the Spokane Street bridge project from the plan because the City has already received commitment for construction funding.
- The amount spent on transportation projects varies from year to year depending on the level of State and Federal grant funds. The City has a high level of commitment for transportation funding. Funding had previously been in the $175,000 to $200,000 range and is now approximately $6.5 million in infrastructure improvements per year. Council asked for a graphic showing the money spent towards street projects over the last six to ten years.
- Pavement management study and having a plan for residential street repairs.
- Updating the citizen ranking on highest priority streets for repairs and providing a breakdown on the street classifications by lineal mile.

Mayor Clark declared the public hearing open at 8:37 p.m.

R.L. McFarland commented on the County and Port funding support for the Spokane Street bridge project and whether the project should remain in the plan due to these funding commitments.

Mayor Clark declared the public hearing closed at 8:39 p.m.

Staff reported that the County tied their funding support to the Penrose Hotel construction and bridge project. The County and Port will be advised of the construction delay and the City will not request the funding until the project begins.

Councilmember Moss moved to adopt Resolution No. 2019-74. Councilmember Bahena seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

D. Approval of the May 31, 2019 accounts payable register containing check numbers 202540 through 202924; 990932 through 990935; and 9465 through 9490 totaling $4,282,211.65.

Councilmember Cummins moved to approve the May 31, 2019 accounts payable register containing check numbers 202540 through 202924; 990932 through 990935; and 9465 through 9490 totaling $4,282,211.65 with the exception of the checks to Alliance for the Homeless and Walla Walla Public Schools. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Councilmember Cummins moved to approve payment of the checks to Alliance for the Homeless and Walla Walla Public Schools. Councilmember Clubb seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 2 abstentions by Councilmember Bahena and Mayor Clark.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at the Parks, Recreation and Urban Forestry Advisory Board meeting held June 3; the ad hoc affordable housing task force meeting held June 4; the Council candidate orientation held June 5; the Work Session held June 10; and the presentation by the Community Council on affordable housing held June 11.

Councilmember Huie reported attendance at the Mill Creek general investigative study meeting held May 30; the Council candidate orientation held June 5; the Work Session held June 10; and the presentation of the Sherwood Trust grant for Fort Walla Walla Museum held June 11.

Councilmember Bahena reported attendance at the ad hoc affordable housing task force meeting held June 4; the Council candidate orientation held June 5; and the Work Session held June 10.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the Valley Transit general manager selection committee meeting held May 22; the entrance conference with representatives of the State Auditor's office held May 23; interviews for Valley Transit general manager held May 24 and June 6; the Housing Authority Board meeting held May 28; the tour of Mountain View Cemetery held June 1; the Council candidate orientation held June 5; a meeting with City Manager Shawa held June 7; the Work Session held June 10; and the presentation by the Community Council on affordable housing held June 11.

Councilmember Clubb reported attendance at a meeting with Fort Walla Walla Executive Director James Payne held May 24; a meeting of the early learning coalition held May 28; an Association of Washington Cities webinar held May 20; the ad hoc affordable housing task force meeting held June 4; the Council candidate orientation held June 5; the Work Session held June 10; and the presentation by the Community Council on affordable housing held June 11.

Councilmember Scribner reported attendance at the interviews for Valley Transit general manager held May 24 and June 6; the Mill Creek general investigative study meeting held May 30; the Water Management Partnership Board meeting held June 4; the agenda preparation meeting held June 5; the Council candidate orientation held June 5; the Work Session held June 10; the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting held June 11; and the Public Library Board meeting held June 12.

Mayor Clark reported attendance at the Mill Creek general investigative study meeting held May 30; the agenda preparation meeting held June 5; the Council candidate orientation held June 5; and the Work Session held June 10.

8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Scribner reported that the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee is having difficulty establishing a quorum and has asked for a by-laws amendment to allow two members to constitute a quorum for approving the minutes.

It was moved by Councilmember Scribner to allow the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee to amend their by-laws to allow two members to constitute a quorum for approval of minutes but no other action. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

There was discussion on the City's plan for increased fireworks enforcement. Staff reported the plan is to pair a police officer and firefighter to patrol on July 4. Enforcement may include issuance of citations and confiscation of illegal fireworks.

Staff reported on the operation of the sleep center site. There have not been any heat-related issues reported. There was additional discussion on dogs at the sleep center. Clients have ten days to bring their dog current with shots. There has been one reported dog bite incident.

City Manager Shawa recognized Parks & Recreation Director Coleman and his staff for the care of downtown trees and flower baskets; and reminded Council of the Willow Street block party on June 13 and the special Council meeting on June 14.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Clark announced the City Council would be recessing to Executive Session for:

A. To consider the price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(c); and
B. To discuss with legal counsel representing the City, litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

The Executive Session will last no more than two hours and no further business will come before Council in open session. The meeting was recessed at 9:07 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:57 p.m.