

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Scribner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers Yazmin Bahena, Riley Clubb, Myron Huie, Ted Koehler, Steve Moss, Susan Smiley-Nakonieczny, and Mayor Tom Scribner.

Absent: None.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Deputy City Manager Byron Olson, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, Assistant City Attorney Preston Frederickson, Transportation Engineer Mike Laughery, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

3. SELECTION OF MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM

Mayor Pro Tem Scribner declared nominations open for the selection of Mayor.

Councilmember Huie nominated Mayor Pro Tem Scribner as Mayor. There being no further nominations, Mayor Pro Tem Scribner was selected as Mayor by unanimous vote.

Mayor Scribner declared nominations open for the selection of Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Nakonieczny nominated Councilmember Huie.

Councilmember Bahena nominated Councilmember Moss.

Councilmember Huie received 2 votes by Councilmembers Huie and Nakonieczny. Councilmember Moss received 5 votes by Councilmembers

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Bahena, Clubb, Koehler, Moss and Mayor Scribner. Councilmember Moss was selected as Mayor Pro Tem by a majority vote.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Scribner invited public comment. No one in the audience chose to address the City Council at this time.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Resolution No. 2020-01 authorizing an Interlocal agreement with Walla Walla County for chip sealing services in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.
- B. Resolution No. 2020-02 declaring items surplus and authorizing their disposal.
- C. Resolution No. 2020-03 awarding the bid for the Oak/Colville sidewalk-storm-ADA project to Eastern Oregon Contracting, LLC, in the amount of \$46,670.09.

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

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

6. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Resolution No. 2020-04 awarding the bid for the Plaza Way water main abandonment project to Premier Excavation, Inc. in the amount of \$232,443.51.

Staff described the project. It is in the capital facilities plan and has been budgeted, along with other utility improvements in the area.

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

Councilmember Moss moved to adopt Resolution No. 2020-04. Councilmember Huie seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- B. Public hearing and first reading of Ordinance No. 2020-01 granting a non-exclusive franchise with Verizon Wireless.

Staff reported this ten-year franchise agreement is for the deployment of small cell technology throughout the community and reviewed the boundaries.

There was discussion on:

- Fees for franchise review.
- Verizon will be responsible for maintenance, removal of technology, and any damage to the poles.
- The process for obtaining permits to attach the small cell technology to existing utility poles.
- Preparation of franchise documents.

Mayor Scribner declared the public hearing open.

Alan Barr, representing Verizon Wireless, outlined the consumer demands for wireless technology and expressed appreciation for the work by staff on the franchise agreement and Municipal Code update. There was brief discussion on the rise in demand in college towns and cyber security.

David Dahlke, Walla Walla, asked if there are any privacy concerns residents should be aware of. Assurances were provided that deployment of small cell technology does not lead to privacy issues.

Ordinance No. 2020-01 was introduced for first reading. No further action was taken.

- C. Resolution No. 2020-05 accepting an annexation petition for land adjacent to Hatch Street.

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Staff provided an overview of the annexation process and proposed annexation boundaries. Staff recommends the annexation petition be accepted as submitted.

Mayor Scribner invited public input.

Donald Wyatt, property owner immediately south of the proposed annexation, asked about the impact of annexation on his property. Staff responded that no development applications have been submitted but annexation is generally a prelude to development.

Mark Jensen questioned whether the parcel could be subdivided into four lots and whether property to the east is already in the City limits. Staff responded that the zoning is neighborhood residential, but no development application has been submitted. The property to the east is currently within the City limits.

Donald Wyatt reported that Hatch Street is currently a one-lane roadway and asked if there are any plans to improve the street. Staff explained utility extensions and the roadway adjacent to the property would have to be improved at the developer's cost.

Councilmember Moss moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-05. Councilmember Clubb seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- E. Resolution No. 2020-06 accepting an annexation petition for land south of Abbott Road.

Staff reviewed the steps in the annexation process and proposed boundary for this annexation.

There was discussion on:

- Subdividing this narrow parcel and emergency vehicle access.
- Development would likely occur along a private roadway due to the lot size.
- The development process is subject to a separate application and review.

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

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Councilmember Koehler moved to adopt Resolution No. 2020-06. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- F. Resolution No. 2020-07 accepting and geographically modifying a proposed annexation at Berney Drive and Delmont Street to include the right-of-way of Delmont Street.

Staff reviewed the annexation steps, proposed boundaries, and modification to include the remaining right-of-way of Delmont Street. This will bring the entire right-of-way of Delmont Street into the City and eliminates a County island.

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

Councilmember Huie moved to adopt Resolution No. 2020-07. Councilmember Koehler seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- G. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held December 16, 2019.

Councilmember Moss moved to approve the minutes of the Work Session held December 16, 2019. Councilmember Huie seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 2 abstentions by Councilmembers Koehler and Nakonieczny.

- H. Approval of minutes of the special meeting held December 16, 2019.

Councilmember Huie moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting held December 16, 2019. Councilmember Clubb seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 2 abstentions by Councilmembers Koehler and Nakonieczny.

- I. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held December 18, 2019.

Councilmember Moss moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 18, 2019. Councilmember Bahena seconded the

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motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 2 abstentions by Councilmembers Koehler and Nakonieczny.

- J. Approval of the December 31, 2019 accounts payable register containing check numbers 205431 through 205863; 990967 through 990976; and 9619 through 9625 totaling \$7,319,418.92.

Councilmember Moss moved to approve the December 31, 2019 accounts payable register containing check numbers 205431 through 205863; 990967 through 990976; and 9619 through 9625 totaling \$7,319,418.92 except for the checks to the Blue Mountain Action Council. Councilmember Huie seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Councilmember Huie moved to approve payment of the checks to the Blue Mountain Action Council. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Koehler.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at the exit conference with representatives of the State Auditor's office held December 23; and the Work Session held January 6.

Councilmember Huie reported attendance at the Fort Walla Walla Museum Board meeting held December 29; and the Work Session held January 6.

Councilmember Bahena reported attendance at the Valley Transit Board meeting held December 19; a lunch with City Manager Shawa on December 23; and the Work Session held January 6.

Councilmember Nakonieczny reported attendance at the Work Session held January 6.

Councilmember Clubb reported attendance at the Work Session held January 6; the Planning Commission meeting held January 6; and the Metropolitan Planning Organization Board meeting held January 8.

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Councilmember Koehler reported attendance at the Work Session held January 6.

Mayor Scribner reported attendance at the exit conference with representatives of the State Auditor's office held December 23; the agenda setting meeting held December 31; the Work Session held January 6; a meeting with representatives of Providence St. Mary Medical Center held January 7; the Arts Commission meeting held January 7; the Water Management Partnership held January 7; a meeting with representatives of the Port of Walla Walla, Walla Walla County, and City of College Place held January 8; the Mill Creek Coalition meeting held January 8; and the Public Library Board meeting held January 8.

8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 2020-02 establishing the times for regular City Council meetings at 6:30 p.m. and amending Section 2.05.010 of the Municipal Code.

This ordinance will change the start time of City Council meetings from 7:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and establishes 9:30 p.m. as the end time excluding Executive Sessions. Council may extend the end time of the meeting by majority vote.

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

Councilmember Koehler moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-02. Councilmember Nakonieczny seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Updated Council photos will be taken on January 22.

The Council retreat will be held on January 11 in the Fulton Room at 8:30 a.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.