

**WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**January 22, 2020**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Scribner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers Yazmin Bahena, Riley Clubb, Myron Huie, Ted Koehler, Steve Moss, Susan 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, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Police Chief Scott Bieber, Parks & Recreation Director Andy Coleman, Human Resources Director Pam Taylor, Fleet Services Manager Matt Edwards, Utilities Engineer Frank Nicholson, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

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

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

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

Deputy City Manager Olson reported the second cohort of the Micro Business Assistance Program graduated and presented an award from the Commission on Hispanic Affairs in recognition of the partnerships that have been established.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Scribner invited public comments on issues not on the agenda. 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 K, as follows:

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- A. Resolution No. 2020-11 authorizing the purchase of a new model SUV police vehicle from Columbia Ford of Longview, Washington, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.
- B. Resolution No. 2020-12 authorizing the purchase of a half-ton pickup truck for code enforcement from Columbia Ford of Longview, Washington, in an amount not to exceed \$33,000.
- C. Resolution No. 2020-08 approving a service contract with David Mumm for communications print services in 2020 for \$28,700.
- D. Second reading and Ordinance No. 2020-01 adopting a franchise agreement with Verizon Wireless.
- E. Resolution No. 2020-13 authorizing utility bill round-up program funds be dedicated to the Vista Terrace Park playground project.
- F. Resolution No. 2020-09 authorizing the assignment of the lease for the wellness facility at Jefferson Park to Many Waters Wellness Center, LLC.
- G. Ordinance No. 2020-03 approving the 2019-2021 labor agreement with the Walla Walla Professional Firefighters Association Local 404 International Association of Firefighters.
- H. Acceptance of resignation of Linda Newcomb from the Historic Preservation Commission.
- I. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held January 6, 2020.
- J. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held January 8, 2020.
- K. Approval of minutes of the Council retreat held January 11, 2020.

Staff provided brief reports on Items A, B, and E.

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

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

**6. ACTIVE AGENDA**

- A. Public hearing and Ordinance No. 2020-04 extending the interim zoning ordinance designating camping areas in the heavy industrial zone.

Staff reported this ordinance extends interim zoning Ordinance No. 2018-28 by another six months to allow staff to process the comprehensive plan amendment and permanent zoning changes to the City-owned property for the sleep center. The proposed zoning will be changed from heavy industrial to public reserve.

There was brief discussion on:

- Whether this action allows camping in areas outside of the sleep center site.
- Concerns with unauthorized camping in the area, refuse, and drug use/paraphernalia.
- This ordinance will keep the City in compliance with its own regulations until permanent amendments can be processed.

Mayor Scribner declared the public hearing open at 6:52 p.m. There being no public testimony, the hearing was declared closed.

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

- B. Resolution No. 2020-10 awarding the bid for the ultraviolet light disinfection equipment for the wastewater treatment plant from Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc in the amount of \$1,085,189.

Staff reported this is the purchase of equipment for the primary disinfection system at the wastewater treatment plant. The improvements will then be designed around this component. The total project cost will be approximately \$2,000,000. These improvements are necessary to maintain compliance with the City's permit. Life expectancy of the improvements is between fifteen to twenty years.

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

**Councilmember Koehler moved to adopt Resolution No. 2020-10. Councilmember Huie seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

**7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS**

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at the retreat held January 11; the agenda setting meeting held January 15; and the micro business assistance program cohort graduation held January 16.

Councilmember Huie reported attendance on the Jim Bock radio show held January 10; the retreat on January 11; and a lunch meeting with City Manager Shawa on January 17. The Executive Director of the Fort Walla Walla Museum has offered a personal tour of the museum for individual Councilmembers.

Councilmember Bahena reported attendance at the retreat held January 11.

Councilmember Nakonieczny reported attendance at the retreat held January 11; and the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation annual meeting held January 21.

Councilmember Clubb reported attendance at the retreat held January 11; the Community Land Trust task force meeting held January 14; and the Blue Mountain Action Council Board meeting held January 16.

Councilmember Koehler reported attendance at the retreat held January 11; and the Community Land Trust task force meeting held January 14.

Mayor Scribner reported attendance at a meeting with Public Works Director Bealey and Technology Services Director Owens regarding asset management on January 10; a lunch meeting with City Manager Shawa held January 10; the retreat held January 11; and the Blue Mountain Humane Society Board meeting held January 21.

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8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Moss moved to confirm the appointment of the following City Council representatives; and provide declaration of remote interests pursuant to RCW 42.23.040 for any contracts entered into with the associated organizations:

<b>Voting Membership:</b>	
Blue Mountain Action Council	Riley Clubb
Borleske Stadium Association	Elizabeth Chamberlain Andy Coleman
Firemen's Pension Board	Tom Scribner Riley Clubb
Good Roads Transportation Assoc; Dist. 5 (3 counties).	Myron Huie Susan Nakonieczny
Infrastructure Improvement Committee (IRRP)	Myron Huie
LEOFF Board	Tom Scribner Riley Clubb
Lodging Tax Advisory Committee	Ted Koehler
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)	Riley Clubb
Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)	Steve Moss
Valley Transit	Steve Moss Susan Nakonieczny Ted Koehler
Volunteer Firemen's Board	Tom Scribner Riley Clubb
Walla Walla Water Partnership Management Board	Tom Scribner
Walla Walla County Emergency Management Board	Ted Koehler

<b>External liaison:</b>	
Blue Mountain Humane Society	Steve Moss
Downtown WW Foundation	Yazmin Bahena Susan Nakonieczny
Sasayama Sister City Affiliation	Myron Huie
Cannara Sister City Affiliation	Yazmin Bahena
Mill Creek Coalition	Tom Scribner

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Fort Walla Walla Museum	Myron Huie
<b>Ex Officio/No vote liaison:</b>	
Arts Commission	Tom Scribner
Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee	Tom Scribner
Civil Service Commission	Yazmin Bahena
CDBG Citizen Advisory Group	Steve Moss
Hearings Examiner	Susan Nakonieczny
Historic Preservation Commission	Yazmin Bahena
Hotel & Motel Commission	Ted Koehler
Library Board	Tom Scribner
Parks, Recreation & Urban Forestry Advisory Board	Steve Moss
Planning Commission	Susan Nakonieczny
Sustainability Committee	Ted Koehler
Transportation Benefit District Advisory Committee	Ted Koehler
Visit Walla Walla (Tourism Board)	Riley Clubb
Water & Wastewater Advisory Committee	Ted Koehler
<b>Council Committees:</b>	
Boards and Commissions	Susan Nakonieczny, Chair Yazmin Bahena Myron Huie
Finance Committee	Riley Clubb, Chair Steve Moss Tom Scribner
Legislative Committee	Myron Huie, Chair Riley Clubb Yazmin Bahena

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

Resolution No. 2020-14 supporting the US Highway 12, Phase 7 project (Nine Mile Hill to Frenchtown vicinity) and requesting that the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) move forward on the project.

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Staff reported this action will mirror action taken by the City of College Place and to be taken by the Port of Walla Walla. This project has been listed on the deferral list of projects by the Governor as a result of the passage of Initiative 976. Representative Jenkins pushed to get the project on the active list, and it is critical to continue the momentum of this project.

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. 2020-14.  
Councilmember Bahena seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

There was discussion on the formation of an ad hoc recycling task force for a more focused discussion on the specific issue of recycling including:

- Identifying the scope of work of the task force.
- Determining the number of members.

This ad hoc task force is to have a report back to Council in August.

It was the consensus of Council to have the details worked out for the task force for the first Council meeting in February.

There was discussion on the recommendation from the Sustainability Committee to immediately hire an energy manager and measuring green house gas emissions. Staff explained there is no budget authority for this position and asked for time to identify the necessary resources. It was suggested this issue be included for discussion in April as part of the strategic plan process or a Work Session prior to April on options, resource allocation, Tausick Way landfill project, and best way to measure and track greenhouse gas emissions; along with where the City fits in with State goals.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.**