

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Present: Councilmembers Myron Huie, Ted Koehler, Steve Moss, Susan Nakonieczny, and Mayor Tom Scribner.

Absent: Councilmembers Yazmin Bahena and Riley Clubb.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Deputy City Manager Byron Olson, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Fire Chief Bob Yancey, Finance Director Jean Teasdale, Assistant City Attorney Preston Frederickson, City Engineer Neal Chavre, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

3. PRESENTATIONS

City Manager Shawa introduced Kathryn Witherington, new Executive Director for the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Scribner invited public comments on any issue not on the agenda. No one in the audience chose to address the City Council.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Ordinance No. 2020-06 updating the investment policy.

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- B. Resolution No. 2020-26 accepting a \$95,000 stormwater capacity grant from the Washington State Department of Ecology.
- C. Resolution No. 2020-27 approving a contract renewal with Matrix Absence Management to administer the City's self-insured workers' compensation program.
- D. Resolution No. 2020-28 awarding the bid for gravel and spoils hauling and disposal to Koncrete Industries in the amount of \$80,983.49.
- E. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held February 10, 2020.
- F. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held February 12, 2020.

Staff provided brief reports and there was discussion on Items A, C, and D.

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 F. Councilmember Nakonieczny seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

6. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Resolution No. 2020-29 authorizing an Interlocal agreement with Walla Walla County for distribution of emergency medical service levy funds for 2020.

Staff reported voters recently reauthorized the six-year emergency medical services levy with an 80.6 percent approval. This agreement will distribute these emergency medical service levy funds on the same formula as the previous agreements. This agreement does not impact how future emergency medical services will be provided.

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. 2020-29.
Councilmember Huie seconded the motion. The motion unanimously
carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- B. Resolution No. 2020-25 authorizing a lease agreement with Pacific Power for electric vehicle charging facilities in the City's Sumach Street parking lot.

Staff reported the City is very supportive of more energy efficient vehicles. Pacific Power is considering applying for a grant for the installation of public electric vehicle recharging stations and is seeking the City's approval to enter into a long-term lease of four parking spaces in the City-owned Sumach Street parking lot.

Bill Clemens, Pacific Power, outlined their plans to install four fast-charge vehicle charging stations if they are successful in obtaining grant funding. Pacific Power will own and operate these charging stations.

There was discussion on expanding the charging station services if the need arises, partnership with Pacific Power, and the logistics of enforcing parking restrictions so that the spaces are not used for longer than the charging of vehicles.

Mayor Scribner invited public input. The following had questions on the operation of the charging stations and were invited to speak with Mr. Clemens after the meeting:

- R.L. McFarland, Walla Walla.
- Jordan Michaels, Walla Walla.

There was additional discussion on the terms of a lease. Staff reported this action will allow Pacific Power to apply for the grant and if the application is successful a lease agreement will be negotiated and brought back to Council for approval.

**Councilmember Koehler moved to adopt Resolution No. 2020-25.
Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously
carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

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7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at the agenda setting meeting held February 19; the Finance Committee meeting held February 19; a meeting with Public Works Director Bealey held February 20; the Valley Transit Board meeting held February 20; a meeting with the music initiative promoters held February 21; a call with Councilmember Clubb and City of Seattle staff regarding community land trusts on February 24; and the Work Session held February 24.

Councilmember Huie reported attendance on the Jim Bock radio show held February 14; a meeting regarding formation of a music committee held February 19; the Good Roads Committee meeting held February 19; and a meeting with the music initiative promoters held February 21. The trip planned to lobby in Olympia for the Highway 12, Phase 7 project was cancelled because the project was moved from the deferred project list to the active list.

Councilmember Nakonieczny reported attendance at a meeting with City Manager Shawa held February 14; the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation Board meeting held February 18; the Good Roads Committee meeting held February 19; the Valley Transit Board meeting held February 20; a meeting with City Manager Shawa held February 20; and the Work Session held February 24.

Councilmember Koehler reported attendance at the Walla Walla County meeting on the flooding situation held February 13; the Water & Wastewater Advisory Committee meeting held February 18; the County Traffic Safety Coalition meeting held February 20; the Sustainability Committee meeting held February 20; the Valley Transit Board meeting held February 20; a meeting with the music initiative promoters held February 21; the Work Session held February 24; the Helpline Board meeting held February 25; and the Vista Terrace playground meeting held February 25.

Mayor Scribner reported attendance on the Grapevine radio interview held February 14; a meeting held February 14 with Fire Chief Yancey regarding the regional fire authority study; the agenda setting meeting held February 19; the Finance Committee meeting held February 19; a meeting with the music initiative promoters held February 21; and the Work Session held February 24.

8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

City Manager Shawa reported the City has a pandemic response plan and the Leadership Team will be working through planning for the COVID-19 virus.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.