

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

Due to Proclamation 20-28 issued by Governor Inslee on March 24, 2020 restricting in-person meetings, Mayor Scribner called the telephonic 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, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Resolution No. 2020-40 authorizing a contract with GeoProfessional Innovation Corporation for on-call materials density testing services in an amount not to exceed \$23,000.
- B. Resolution No. 2020-41 authorizing the annual purchase of crack sealant from Arrow Construction Supply for roadway repairs in the amount of \$63,506.30.
- C. Resolution No. 2020-42 setting May 13, 2020 as the date to consider a ten percent annexation petition for property adjacent to Walla Walla Community College.

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

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3. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Ordinance No. 2020-12 temporarily amending Municipal Code Section 2.05.010 adopting electronic meeting protocols and taking other related action.

Staff described the provisions of the Ordinance.

Councilmember Moss moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-12. Councilmember Huie seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- B. Ordinance 2020-10 amending the Municipal Code to allow the City Manager to waive delinquency fees on City utility accounts and to delay disconnection for those customers negatively impacted by emergency situations.

Staff described the provisions of the ordinance. There was discussion on the process for utility customers to request waivers.

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

- C. Ordinance No. 2020-13 incorporating RCW 43.06.220 by reference to allow the City to enforce gubernatorial emergency proclamations.

Staff described the provisions of the ordinance. It was clarified that the penalties in the ordinance are the maximum and are established by State law. Judges have discretion when assessing penalties.

Councilmember Huie moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-13. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- D. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held March 11, 2020.

Councilmember Moss moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 11. Councilmember Bahena seconded the motion.

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

E. Approval of minutes of the special meeting held March 16, 2020.

Councilmember Huie moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting held March 16, 2020. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Nakonieczny.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at Leadership Team meetings regarding the COVID-19 pandemic; and tours of three facilities for potentially quarantining infected members of the homeless population.

Councilmember Huie submitted a written report of meetings including: the Jim Bock radio show interview held February 28; attendance at the National League of Cities Conference in Washington D.C. and associated meetings with national representatives; the Jim Bock radio show interview held March 13; and the special meeting held March 16.

Councilmember Bahena reported attendance at the special meeting held March 16; and the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation Board meeting held March 17.

Councilmember Nakonieczny reported attendance at the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation Board meeting held March 17.

Councilmember Clubb reported attendance at the National League of Cities Conference in Washington D.C. and associated meetings with national representatives.

Councilmember Koehler reported attendance at the Census kick-off campaign meeting held March 12; a webinar on Community Land Trusts held March 12; the Valley Transit Board meeting held March 19; and an emergency meeting of the Valley Transit Board held March 23.

Mayor Scribner reported attendance at a KTEL radio interview held March 13; the special meeting held March 16; Leadership Team meetings

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regarding the COVID-19 pandemic; the agenda setting meeting held March 18; and daily phone calls with City Manager Shawa.

8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Councilmember Moss moved to approve payment of check number 206644 in the amount of \$582.82 to the Walla Walla School District #140 for the mother-son superhero bash. Councilmember Clubb seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 2 abstentions by Councilmembers Bahena and Nakonieczny.**

Council discussed whether to consider a moratorium on commercial evictions to protect small businesses that are suffering hardships during this Coronavirus pandemic. It was the consensus of a majority of Council to put this issue on the April 8 regular meeting agenda for discussion.

There was discussion on issuing another landfill pass to residents. It was the consensus of a majority of Council to put this issue on the April 8 regular meeting agenda for discussion.

There were comments on addressing continued essential services to the community.

The Council retreat scheduled for April 4 will be postponed to a later date.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.