

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Scribner called the virtual 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. PUBLIC COMMENTS

All comments had been submitted in writing and distributed to all members of the City Council prior to the Council meeting.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Resolution No. 2020-39 awarding the bid for the Cottonwood Sewer Pump station upgrade project to Double J Excavation in the amount of \$243,173.70.
- B. Resolution No. 2020-43 declaring items surplus and authorizing their disposal.
- C. Resolution No. 2020-44 awarding the bid for the Sudbury Road landfill septic system to C&E Trenching in the amount of \$35,881.46.
- D. Resolution No. 2020-45 accepting the grant for the Mountain View Cemetery from the Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation in the amount of \$50,000.

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- E. Resolution No. 2020-46 accepting the community forestry grant from the Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$20,000.
- F. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held March 25, 2020.

Staff provided brief reports on Items D and E. Mayor Scribner explained the revision to Resolution No. 2020-43 to remove a shotgun from the list since the City Council had taken previous action regarding the disposal of surplus firearms.

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

4. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Ordinance No. 2020-14 prohibiting residential and commercial evictions due to the COVID-19 emergency.

Staff reported this item had been brought forward at the request of the City Council and briefly reviewed the provisions.

There was discussion on the provisions within the proposed ordinance and whether it was necessary for the City Council to enact a moratorium on residential and commercial evictions.

Council expressed their individual opinions on whether the proposed ordinance should be adopted.

City Clerk Hill reported one additional email had been received during the meeting from Thomas Palumbo asking City Councilmembers to disclose whether they own any rental properties. No rental property ownership was reported.

Councilmember Clubb moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-14. Councilmember Bahena seconded the motion. The motion failed with 2 yes votes by Councilmembers Bahena and Clubb, and 5 no votes by Councilmembers Huie, Koehler, Moss, Nakonieczny, and Mayor Scribner.

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- B. Resolution No. 2020-47 extending the emergency provisions contained in Sections 2 and 3 of Resolution No. 2020-38 to August 26, 2020.

Staff explained this resolution will extend the previous authority granted by Resolution No. 2020-38 to August 26, 2020. The Council may remove this authority sooner or extend it to a later date if deemed appropriate.

Councilmember Moss moved to adopt Resolution No. 2020-47. Councilmember Koehler seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

5. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at the agenda setting meeting held April 1.

Councilmember Huie reported attendance on the Jim Bock radio show on March 27; the Fort Walla Walla Museum Board meeting held April 2; and on the Jim Bock radio show on April 3.

Councilmember Bahena had no meetings to report.

Councilmember Nakonieczny reported attending a Chamber of Commerce Zoom meeting on April 1 regarding business assistance.

Councilmember Clubb reported attendance at a virtual meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Board; and a test of Zoom meetings on April 6.

Councilmember Koehler reported attendance at a test of Zoom meetings on April 6.

Mayor Scribner reported attendance at virtual meetings of the Water Management Partnership on March 31 and April 7; the agenda setting meeting held April 1; a meeting with City Manager Shawa and representatives of the Chamber of Commerce held April 3; and a test of Zoom meetings held April 6.

6. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion on landfill passes.

Staff reported the Municipal Code gives the City Manager authority to issue up to two landfill passes per year and to authorize community clean up events. The landfill has been re-opened to the public from its current one-day per week to six days per week. Even though the Municipal Code authorizes the City Manager to issue passes, staff recommends a motion by the City Council since the issue had been raised by the Council.

Councilmember Nakonieczny moved to authorize an additional landfill pass for residential utility customers. Councilmember Huie seconded the motion.

There was discussion on the process for reissuing lost landfill passes and total number of passes.

The motion to authorize an additional landfill pass for residential utility customers unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.