

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 27, 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, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, Finance Director Jean Teasdale, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Scribner reported that several comments had been received regarding the Herbert Estates Subdivision. This will be a quasi-judicial matter heard before the City Council at a later date so no correspondence will be read or responded to regarding this matter.

City Clerk Hill read the written comments submitted by RL McFarland and Sharon Kay Schiller/

Staff was asked to provide a response to Ms. Schiller. City Attorney Donaldson responded to the comments submitted by Mr. McFarland.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Resolution No. 2020-57 authorizing execution of an additional \$15,000 funding from the Crime Victims Advocate grant.
- B. Resolution No. 2020-58 authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional services contract with H2E Inc. for the Wastewater Treatment Plant SCADA upgrade project in the amount of \$79,283.56.

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C. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held May 13, 2020.

No correspondence had been received on these issues.

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.

4. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. Resolution No. 2020-59 authorizing a water intertie agreement with Artesia Irrigation District No. 8.

Staff reported on the extensive attempts to get representatives from the Artesia Irrigation District to negotiate a new agreement. There was discussion on the lack of response from the Artesia Irrigation District No. 8 to the proposed agreement.

No correspondence had been received on this issue.

Councilmember Moss moved to adopt Resolution No. 2020-59. Councilmember Huie seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

B. Ordinance No. 2020-17 authorizing certain activities, including closure of City streets, to help revitalize business activities damaged by COVID-19.

Correspondence has been received from Gary Mabley, John Bauer, and Christopher Liese.

Staff reviewed the following proposals to assist business activities in recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic:

- Expanding sidewalk dining.
- Allowing up to four pilot "parklet dining spaces." Materials will be purchased by the City and businesses will provide the labor.
- Closure of First Avenue from Main Street to Alder with vehicle access remaining on the southeast side of the street adjacent to Banner Bank business offices.
- Café street lighting on First Avenue and Colville Avenue.
- Evening closure of Main Street on Friday and Saturday nights (still under discussion) from July to October.

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- Purchase of tables, chairs and umbrellas. These will be given to the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation to provide to businesses.
- Total estimated budget for items is \$250,000 utilizing the CARES Act funding allocated to the City.

Staff reviewed the provisions of the ordinance. The business revitalization activities are not restricted to only the downtown area by the ordinance.

There were comments by individual Councilmembers in support of the proposals as outlined by staff.

Councilmember Koehler moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-17. Councilmember Nakonieczny seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- C. Approval of the April 30, 2020 accounts payable register covering check numbers 207082 through 207401; 990992; and 990994 through 990999 totaling \$3,245,419.87.

Councilmember Moss moved to approve payment of the April 30, 2020 accounts payable register covering check numbers 207082 through 207401; 990992; and 990994 through 990999 totaling \$3,245,419.87 except for the checks to Blue Mountain Action Council, Riley Clubb, and Myron Huie. Councilmember Nakonieczny seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

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

Councilmember Moss moved to approve payment of the check to Riley Clubb. Councilmember Nakonieczny seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Clubb.

Councilmember Moss moved to approve payment of the check to Myron Huie. Councilmember Koehler seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Huie.

5. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at the agenda setting meeting; a Community Council meeting regarding affordable housing; a Finance Committee meeting; and the Port of Walla Walla Economic Development Committee meeting.

Councilmember Huie reported attendance at two Legislative Committee meetings; and a meeting of the Committee on Boards, Commissions, and Committees.

Councilmember Bahena reported attendance at the Legislative Committee meetings; and meetings of the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation and downtown businesses.

Councilmember Nakonieczny reported attendance at meetings with the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation and downtown businesses; the Valley Transit Board meeting; the Port of Walla Walla Economic Development Committee meeting; and a meeting of the Committee on Boards, Commissions, and Committees.

Councilmember Clubb reported attendance at a meeting regarding land trusts; two meetings of the Legislative Committees; a risk assessment questionnaire from a representative of the State Auditor's office; and the Finance Committee meeting.

Councilmember Koehler reported attendance at a meeting regarding land trust housing needs; the Health Center Board; the Port of Walla Walla Economic Development Committee meeting; the Helpline Board meeting; and the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meeting.

Mayor Scribner reported attendance during the making of the Monday, Wednesday & Friday COVID-19 update videos; an interview on KUJ radio; the agenda setting meeting; the Walla Walla Watershed Partnership Board meeting; and the Finance Committee meeting.

6. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Nakonieczny moved to make the following reappointments/appointments:

- **Emily Tillotson to the Housing Authority Board for a term expiring June 30, 2025.**

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- **Fred Miller to the Sustainability Committee for a term expiring June 30, 2023.**
- **David Haire and Paul Wemhoener to the Water & Wastewater Advisory Committee for terms to expire June 30, 2023.**
- **Robert Hansen to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2020.**

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

Mayor Scribner reported on a draft letter to the Joint Legislative Audit and Report Committee regarding the Walla Walla Watershed Partnership. It was the consensus of Council to authorize the Mayor to sign the draft letter.

City Manager Shawa reported on a letter submitted by the Legislative Committee seeking assistance for local businesses.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.