

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2021

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: Deputy City Manager Elizabeth Chamberlain, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Development Services Director Preston Frederickson, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, City Engineer Neal Chavre, Senior Planner Jon Maland, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Scribner read the proclamation declaring the week of February 21 through February 27, 2021 as "National Engineers Week." City Engineer Chavre described the various projects reflecting the work of engineers. There were comments on the importance of engineers throughout the nation.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Resolution No. 2021-16 authorizing the purchase of crack sealant in the amount of \$64,363.56 including freight and sales tax.

Staff described the use of crack sealant to preserve streets.

There was no public input.

Councilmember Moss moved to adopt Consent Agenda Item A. Councilmember Nakonieczny seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

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5. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Ordinance No. 2021-02 amending Chapter 15.04 of the Municipal Code pertaining to adoption of the 2018 International Building Codes.

Staff explained how the State reviews and updates the building codes every three years. This adoption coincides with the State's adoption of the 2018 International Building Codes and includes some minor amendments to the Municipal Code.

No one from the public chose to address the City Council on this item.

There was discussion on:

- The code updates are always three years behind due to the State process for review.
- Extra costs on new residential construction for energy efficiency.
- There are no changes to the City's current fees for building and planning.
- Definition of a design professional for commercial buildings.
- Effect of the new codes on average costs for residential housing.

Councilmember Moss moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-02. Councilmember Huie seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- B. Resolution No. 2021-17 approving a preliminary plat for Avery Estates at 239 Avery Street. File No. PPL-20-0003. (Quasi-judicial closed record)

Mayor Scribner polled the City Council for any conflicts of interest or appearance of fairness issues.

Councilmember Koehler reported he has been working with a non-profit organization through Hayden Homes that may create an appearance of fairness issue, although he feels he can remain impartial. There was no objection from any member of the public to Councilmember Koehler's participation. No other Councilmember had any conflicts of interest or appearance of fairness issues to declare.

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Senior Planner Maland reviewed the application, record, and hearing examiner recommendation of approval with conditions.

There was discussion on:

- 25-year/24-hour stormwater improvements are the standard for new developments.
- Traffic impact analysis and mitigation measures.
- Infrastructure and housing build out are anticipated to occur in 2021 and potential impacts on the current configuration of Rose Street.
- Connectivity for future development.
- The amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code will allow for the construction of duplexes on the site.
- Mitigation measures include sidewalks and improvements to the railroad crossings.
- Stormwater improvements will not require rain swales.
- Use of cul-de-sacs in the plat instead of a loop road.
- Utilities will be provided by the City.

Councilmember Moss moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-17.

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

- C. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held January 25, 2021.
- D. Approval of minutes of the special meeting held January 26, 2021.
- E. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held January 27, 2021.

Councilmember Moss moved to approve Items C, D, and E.

Councilmember Clubb seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Huie.

- F. Approval of the January 2021 accounts payable register containing check numbers 12907 through 13048, 13050 through 13208, and 122 through 136 totaling \$4,618,566.45.

Councilmember Moss moved to approve payment of the January 2021 accounts payable register containing check numbers 12907 through 13048, 13050 through 13208, and 122 through 136 totaling \$4,618,566.45

except for the checks to the Blue Mountain Action Council. Councilmember Clubb 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 the 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.

6. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at the Parks, Recreation & Urban Forestry Advisory Board meeting; the Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee meeting; the agenda setting meeting; the differential call task force meeting; the Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting; and the Work Session.

Councilmember Huie reported attendance at the Work Session and the Fort Walla Walla Board meeting.

Councilmember Bahena reported attendance at the Civil Service Commission meeting and the Work Session.

Councilmember Nakonieczny reported attendance at the Work Session.

Councilmember Clubb reported attendance at a Regional Housing Action meeting; the Blue Mountain Action Council Board meeting; a meeting with Representative Klicker; a meeting with the Association of Washington Cities staff and state representatives regarding housing; the Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board meeting; the Work Session; and a meeting with Councilmembers Moss and Koehler regarding affordable housing.

Councilmember Koehler reported he volunteered at five COVID-19 vaccination clinics and attended the Work Session and the meeting regarding affordable housing with Councilmembers Clubb and Moss.

Mayor Scribner reported attendance at the Jim Bock radio show; a meeting with Councilmember Moss, City Manager Shawa, and Professor Pat Henry; meetings with City Manager Shawa and City Attorney Donaldson regarding the Council's performance evaluation of their

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positions; the Water Management Partnership Board meeting; the agenda setting meeting; a meeting with Parks & Recreation Director Coleman regarding additional pickleball courts; the Work Session; the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting; and the Public Library Board meeting.

7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Bahena commented on volunteering for a COVID-19 vaccination clinic.

Councilmember Koehler indicated his desire to resume meeting in person instead of virtually.

Public Works Director Bealey reported the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) opened bids for the State Route 125/Plaza Way intersection improvements. The bids for the roadway improvements came in as projected but the bids for the City's sewer reconstruction work were significantly higher. According to the agreements with WSDOT, the City, through the City Manager, must give its consent to award the bids and must respond within two days. Council is being notified of the increases for the sewer work in accordance with Resolution No. 2020-134 but does not need to take any action. There was discussion on potential reasons why this sewer work came in significantly higher than the engineer's estimate.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.