

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Work Session Minutes
August 9, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Scribner called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Councilmember Riley Clubb.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, Deputy City Manager Elizabeth Chamberlain, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Utility Engineer Nathan Black, Utility Engineer Frank Nicholson, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor Tom Krebs, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

Also present: Joe Foote and Heather Pina (virtually) from Murray Smith Consultants.

2. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. Wells master plan.

Staff and consultants reviewed a diagram of the water system. The City essentially operates two water systems: a surface water system and a groundwater system with seven wells. This master plan is to ensure the wells are operated and maintained to meet the needs of the entire water system.

There was discussion on:

- Number of wells.
- Testing of Well #7 and associated power costs.
- Aquifer storage and recovery and impacts on the restoration of water in the deep basalt aquifer.
- The plan will enable the City to move from a crisis response mode to routine operations and maintenance.
- Addressing security at the wells.
- Investment in the system to ensure adequate resources for future needs.
- The financial plan will be brought back to the City Council this fall.

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3. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.