

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Scribner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers Brian Casey, Rick Eskil, Ted Koehler, Steve Moss, Susan Nakonieczny, Gustavo Reyna, and Mayor Tom Scribner.

Absent: None.

City staff in attendance: Deputy City Manager Elizabeth Chamberlain, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Fire Chief Bob Yancy, Deputy Chief John Knowles, Deputy Chief Eric Wood, Fleet Services Supervisor Matt Edwards, Planner Jon Maland, and City Clerk Lisa Neissl.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PRESENTATIONS – None.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dorothy Knudson of 1336 Rancho Villa said thank you for working on the moratorium for the sale of the park.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Staff introduced the Consent Agenda; Item A as follows:

- A. Approves minutes of the October 10, 2022 work session and the October 12, 2022 regular meeting.

Mayor Scribner invited public input. No one in the audience chose to address the City Council on any of these items.

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

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6. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Resolution 2022-116 Authorizes the purchase of Revolveair Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Compressor System in the amount of \$76,348.18.

Staff reported on the request to purchase a new compressor system at Station No. 1. It was noted that due to the age of the current equipment, parts are no longer available to make repairs.

Mayor Scribner invited public input.

Dorothy Knudson 1336 Rancho Villa requested information on what the equipment is used for.

Deputy Chief Knowles explained the compressor is used to refill breathing air tanks at OSHA standards for use by the department. There are 52 tanks that are used and must be refilled after each use.

There was discussion on:

- The age of the current equipment (approximately 1974 as a best guess.)
- Parts availability for aging equipment

Councilmember Reyna moved to Resolution 2022-116 Authorizes the purchase of Revolveair Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Compressor System. Councilmember Nakonieczny seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- B. Public Hearing pertaining to the petition to vacate the westerly 11ft of the ROW of N 11th Ave.

Staff reported on the request to vacate the specified right of way. It was noted that this need was discovered during a survey by the property owner. Staff noted that the Planning Commission had a public meeting in which there was no concern voiced by the public and they recommend approval of the petition. If council approves of continuing the process, at which time the applicant can move forward with an appraisal to determine the value of the property to be vacated.

Mayor Scribner opened the public hearing at 6:43 p.m.

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No one in the audience chose to address the City Council on this item. Todd Beckman attempted to make a public statement; however, due to technical issues the audio did not come across in the chambers. Planner Maland explained that Mr. Beckman is a Regional Manager of CHS Primeland and would likely be in favor of the proposal.

With no other public testimony, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:46 p.m.

There was discussion on:

- The history of the property lines
- If the vacation will impact any of the existing roadway or sidewalks.
- If payment is made to the city for the property and how value is determined.

Councilmember Moss moved to proceed with the vacation process as discussed and presented. Councilmember Casey seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at the following:

The joint meeting with the County Commissioners, the agenda setting meetings, Civil Service meeting, Valley Transit meeting and the work session.

Councilmember Casey reported attendance at the following:

The joint meeting with the County Commissioners, Good Roads meeting, Water Wastewater Advisory meeting, and the work session.

Councilmember Reyna reported attendance at the following:

A community paramedic program meeting, attendance at the Festival de Cultura Viva, the joint meeting with the County Commissioners, a Blue Mountain Action Council meeting, and the work session.

Councilmember Nakonieczny reported attendance at the following:

A community paramedic program meeting, the joint meeting with the County Commissioners, Good Roads meeting, and the work session.

Councilmember Eskil reported attendance at the following:

A Legislative Committee meeting with the lobbyist, the joint meeting with the County Commissioners, KUJ radio program, Visit Walla Walla meeting, Valley Transit meeting, Blue Mountain Humane Society meeting, and the work session.

Councilmember Koehler reported attendance at the following:

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A community paramedic program meeting, the joint meeting with the County Commissioners, Lodging Tax Advisory Committee – 2 meetings, and the work session.

Mayor Scribner reported attendance at the following:

A meeting with representatives with Horizon Air, Legislative Committee meeting with the lobbyist, the joint meeting with the County Commissioners, agenda setting meetings, meeting with Ms. Chamberlain and the new Whitman President, and the work session.

8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

There was additional discussion on inclusion of the body cameras in the budget. There was discussion on:

- The quoted pricing that will increase if not included in this budget.
- The importance of the records position along with the implementation of the cameras.
- Staff work loads
- Funding options to implement the program in this budget

After discussion it was requested that staff provide options to be able to fund the body cameras by the November 14th work session.

Staff gave an update of upcoming meetings.

Mayor Scribner reviewed the process for the meeting on Thursday to narrow the candidate's for City Manager.

9. MEETING ENDS

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 7:22 p.m.

Approved:

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk