

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2023

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: City Manager Elizabeth Chamberlain, Deputy City Manager Robert Francis, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Assistant City Attorney June Riley, Finance Director Liz Moeller, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Development Services Director Preston Frederickson, HR Director Pam Taylor, Planner Jon Maland, Police Chief Buttice, Police Captain Bayne, Records Supervisor Patty Blakely, and City Clerk Lisa Neissl.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Mayor Scribner read a proclamation declaring the month of October as Community Planning Month.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sybill Barrier spoke about her concerns with the expenditure of complete streets funding on projects in the city.

Barbara Knudson and Douglas DeMers expressed their ongoing concerns with the possible installation of a wireless communications facility at the Blue Mountain Community Church property on Sturm Avenue.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Staff introduced the Consent Agenda, Items A through D, as follows:

- A. Resolution 2023-097: Renews the Mutual Aid Agreement (Resolution 2018-108) that is expiring with the Washington State Department of Corrections.

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- B. Resolution 2023-098: Awards the bid for the 2023 2nd Avenue ADA Project to Nelson Construction Corp. in the amount of \$303,810.25.
- C. Ordinance 2023-16 Amending the 2023-24 Biennium Maintenance & Operations Budget and Ordinance 2023-17 Amending the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) budget.
- D. Approves the minutes of the 09/11/2023 Work Session and the 9/13/2023 Regular Meeting.

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

At request, staff provided some clarification on items A & B.

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

6. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Ordinance 2023-18: Adopts Landfill rates for 2024.
- B. Ordinance 2023-19: Adopts Sanitation rates for 2024.

Staff gave a brief presentation on active agenda items A and B as they are interrelated.

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

There was discussion on:

- Stability for the future.
- Enterprise funds cannot benefit each other as they are to be operated as "separate businesses".
- There was a thorough review by the Finance Committee.
- Operation expenditure has increased more than 3%.

**Councilmember Reyna moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-18
Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

Councilmember Moss moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-19

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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 work session, agenda setting, the Valley Transit meeting, the Finance Committee meeting, and the South Ward party.

Councilmember Casey reported attendance at the following:

The work session, the Pioneer Park playground open house, and the Cell Tower hearing.

Councilmember Reyna reported attendance at the following:

The work session, Downtown WW Foundation meeting, the Blue Mountain Action Council meeting, and the South Ward party.

Councilmember Nakonieczny reported attendance at the following:

The work session, the Valley Transit meeting, the 75th Anniversary celebration at the golf course, and the Cell Tower hearing.

Councilmember Eskil reported attendance at the following:

The work session, the Visit Walla Walla meeting, however there was no quorum; the South Ward party, spoke to a high school class, and the Cell Tower hearing.

Councilmember Koehler reported attendance at the following:

The work session.

Mayor Scribner reported attendance at the following:

The work session, agenda setting, the Finance Committee meeting, the Library Board meeting, the TIB meeting, and viewed the Cell Tower hearing via Zoom.

8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Chamberlain noted that at the TIB Board meeting, rather than give a power point presentation on projects, they did a walking tour of projects around the city.

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9. TRESPASS ORDER APPEAL

A. Kris Carver, KC Industries Construction

Mayor Scribner and City Attorney Donaldson an overview of the issue including the information that Mr. Carver had notified the city that he would not be appearing in person.

Assistant City Attorney Riley presented the case for the city.

Ms. Riley interviewed witnesses:

- Patty Blakely, Police Department Records Supervisor.
- Kevin Bayne, Police Captain. – The body worn camera video was presented at the end of Captain Bayne's testimony.
- Elizabeth Chamberlain, City Manager

There was discussion on the facts of the case as presented and provided in the packet.

**Councilmember Moss moved to confirm the order of trespass.
Councilmember Reyna seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

10. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Scribner announced the City Council would be recessing to a closed session per RCW 42.30.140(4)(a)
Closed Session Subject: (Topic not subject to the Open Public Meetings Act) Collective bargaining sessions with employee organizations, including contract negotiations, grievance meetings, and discussions relating to the interpretation or application of a labor agreement; or (b) that portion of a meeting during which the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress.

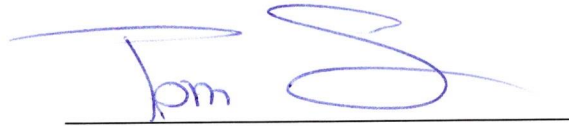
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The closed session will last no longer than 45 minutes, and no further business will come before the Council in open session. The meeting recessed at 8:10 p.m.

11. MEETING ENDS

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8:51 p.m.

Approved:



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk