

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 11, 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: Deputy City Manager Robert Francis, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Parks and Recreation Director Andy Coleman, and City Clerk Lisa Neissl.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Walla Walla Girl Scouts in celebration of the Day of the Girl.

3. PRESENTATIONS - Proclamation - Indigenous Peoples' Day - October 12, 2023

Mayor Scribner read a proclamation to proclaim October 12, 2023, as Indigenous People's Day in Walla Walla.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Paula Nichols and Katie Donovan expressed their concerns regarding the social media sharing of police activity by a County Commissioner after a ride along.

Barbara Knudson and Mary Gipson expressed their ongoing concerns with the possible installation of a wireless communications facility at the Blue Mountain Community Church property on Sturm Avenue, and the development of a regulating ordinance.

Sybill Barrier expressed her concerns with the plans for the Whitman/Division intersection.

Councilmembers expressed their opinions and gave direction to staff.

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5. CONSENT AGENDA

Staff introduced the Consent Agenda item A as follows:

- A. Approves the minutes of the 09/25/2023 Work Session, the 09/27/2023 Regular Meeting, and the 09/29/2023 Special Work Session.

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

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

6. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Resolution 2023-099: Authorizes a grant application to the Washington Recreation and Conservation Office for improvements at Fort Walla Walla Park.

Staff reported on the application process and plans for repairs to roadways and walking paths at Fort Walla Walla Park.

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

There was discussion on:

- Match requirements, which are zero.
- How much of needed repairs could be done if awarded a \$100,000 grant.
- How long would it take to do the work if awarded. It was noted that it would be complete by the end of 2024.

Councilmember Nakonieczny moved to adopt Resolution No. 2023-099 Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- B. Approves September 2023 Accounts Payable Register checks #24210-24564; 608-609; and 611-620 totaling \$5,227,137.14

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Councilmember Moss moved to approve the September 30, 2023 Accounts Payable Register containing check numbers 24210 through 24564; 608, 609, and 611 through 620 totaling \$5,227,137.14, except for the checks to Blue Mountain Action Council. Councilmember Koehler 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 totaling \$29,305.15. Councilmember Nakonieczny seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with 5 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 2 abstentions by Councilmembers Reyna and Koehler.

C. Approves September 2023 City Payroll.

Councilmember Moss moved to approve the payroll register for the pay period ending September 30, 2023. Councilmember Nakonieczny seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at the following:

The OPMA training work session, the agenda setting, the Finance Committee meeting, the Parks & Recreation Committee, the retirement party for Pete Erb, the Pickle plex ribbon cutting, and a meeting with staff on recycling issues.

Councilmember Casey reported attendance at the following:

The OPMA training work session, and the Walla Walla Valley MPO meeting.

Councilmember Reyna reported attendance at the following:

The OPMA training work session and the Legislative committee meeting.

Councilmember Nakonieczny reported attendance at the following:

The OPMA training work session, the Fort Walla Walla meeting, and the AAUW forum.

Councilmember Eskil reported attendance at the following:

The OPMA training work session, the Rotary candidate forum, the Legislative Committee meeting, the Pickle plex ribbon cutting, and the KUJ radio show with City Manager Chamberlian.

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Councilmember Koehler reported attendance at the following:
The OPMA training work session, and the Finance Committee meeting.

Mayor Scribner reported attendance at the following:
The OPMA training work session, the agenda setting, the Finance Committee meeting, the Arts Commission, the Legislative Committee meeting, the Rotary and the AAUW candidate forums, the Pickle plex ribbon cutting, the Mill Creek Coalition meeting, a meeting with Meghan DeBolt of Blue Zones, a meeting with staff regarding recycling issues, and a meeting with Mr. Frederickson.

8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS – None.

9. MEETING ENDS

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 7:24 p.m.

Approved:



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk