

Waitsburg City Council Regular Meeting – May 21, 2008

Mayor Markeeta Little Wolf called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

City Clerk/Treasurer Randy Hinchliffe called the roll. The following were present:

Mayor: Markeeta Little Wolf

Council Members: Larry Clinton, Larry Johnson, Leroy Cunningham, Jeff Broom and Ken Lenhart

Others: City Attorney Janelle Carman, Mike Myers and Erik Walery with Walla Walla Electric , Delores Nettles, Mike Hubbard and Jean Miller

Agenda Approval:

Council Member Johnson asks that addition items be placed on the agenda related to an animal control update, establishment of a work session, and re-visitation of the Committee assignments. Mayor Little Wolf provided Council Member Johnson with an update on the animal control item with the other two items put to a vote. Council Member Clinton moved to approve the amended agenda with new business item b under new business and item c under unfinished business. Council Member Johns seconded the motion. The motion approve the agenda as amended was approved and passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes May 7, 2008 Regular Meeting:

Council Member Cunningham moved to approve with Council member Clinton seconding. Motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Delores Nettles inquired about the possibility of getting the streets sweep sooner after the days of real sports parade.

New Business

a. Walla Walla Electric Security Camera Demonstration

Mike Myers and Erik Walery gave a demonstration of their proposed security camera system. They took questions including the possibility of expansion, remote storage and costs. A group visit for further review was planned for a later date.

b. Establishment of a regular work session

Council Member Johnson proposed changing the City Council meeting process by having the first meeting in the month be a work session with a consent agenda for the bills and other minor miscellaneous items with the second meeting being a regular meeting where the Council would take action on the items from the previous meeting. Council members discussed the possibility of having a third meeting during the month strictly as a work session and keep the current format for regular meetings as well as notification expansion and hybrid options. Council was informed that it would take an amendment to the Municipal Code via an ordinance to change the process. Council Member Johnson moved have an ordinance drafted changing the first Council Meeting during the month to an work session with a consent agenda for minor items and keep the second meeting as a regular working meeting of the City Council. Council Member Clinton seconded and the motion was approved and passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

a. Ordinance 2008 – 934 Waitsburg Municipal Code Updates

Ordinance enacting various updates to the City Municipal Code. Council members discussed the fire arm exemptions, government entity utility due dates, planning commission inclusion in alley/street vacation as well as naming and renaming and Cemetery and park hours. Council Member Lenhart moved to approve with ordinance with changes. Council Member Cunningham seconded and the motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

b. Ordinance 2008 – 935 Critical Areas Ordinance Update

Ordinance updating specific items of the City's Critical Areas Ordinance. Council Members discussed the particular items for consideration and voiced their concerns regarding other items of the ordinance not limited to notification and permit processes. Council Member Cunningham moved to approve with Council member Clinton seconding. Motion to approve failed two votes to three with Council Members Lenhart, Broom and Johnson voting against the motion until better notification could be put out and another meeting could be scheduled. After approval, City Clerk Randy Hinchliffe informed the Council that the purpose of the update was to approve specific items, which were not related to any of the Council present concerns and an additional meeting was not necessary. Council Member Ken Lenhart moved to reconsider the motion with Council Member Cunningham seconding. Motion to reconsider was approved and passed four votes to one with Council member Johnson voting against. Council Member Cunningham moved to approve Ordinance 2008-935 with Council Member Lenhart seconding. Motion to approve was approved and passed four votes to one with Council Member Johnson voting against.

c. Committee Assignment re-visitation

Council Member Johnson asked that Committee assignments be reconsidered based on the particular skills and ability of each Council Member. Majority of Council felt that they would work on whatever project and or committee they were placed on to the best of their ability. Council Member Johnson moved to suspend the rules of Ordinance 908 regarding Council Committee appointments and use a process similar to the Mayor Pro Tem appointment process. Council member Clinton seconded the motion. City Attorney Janelle Carmen urged the council to be cautious with this as there are legal and problematic issues associated with the motion and suggest that the motion be withdrawn to allow her time to consider the motion before the Council acts on it. With a motion on the table, Council Members Lenhart, Broom and Cunningham voted against the motion. Motion to suspend was defeated three votes to two.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Little Wolf informed the Council about ongoing flood control issues associated with flood mitigation on the Coppei Creek. Grant writer Wanda Brooks submitted the Heritage grant on May 14. Council will see a new policy related to Council Member ethics at the next council meeting. Assistant Public Works Director/Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator Bryan St. Clair has resigned from the City, will be meeting with the Public Works Director to formulate a plan for his replacement. She concluded her report by informing the Council that she had participated in the Days of Real Sports Parade and felt that the event garnered a good turn out this year.

Committee Reports

Mayor Little Wolf asked for an update on projects assigned to the various committees starting with the Water/Sewer/Streets committee chaired by Council Member Johnson. Council Member Johnson indicated his refusal to do his committee assignment after which that the Mayor

cautioned him that it is in the WMC and therefore law. Unsatisfied with Council Member Johnson actions, Council Member Cunningham questioned Council Member Johnson actions. Council Member Johnson abruptly left the meeting at 9:54 pm. Council Member Clinton was asked by the Mayor if he is unwilling to complete his assignment as directed. Council Member Clinton informed the Mayor he will review the ordinance and report back at the next meeting. In light of the Council Member Johnson's actions, Mayor Little Wolf decided to hold off on committee reports until the next meeting.

Approval of Bills

Council Member Cunningham moved to approve with Council Member Lenhart seconding. Motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

Claims Clearing Vouchers (Warrants 14752 - 14785)	<u>\$51,950.38</u>
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Adjournment of Meeting

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

06/11/2008

Markeeta Little Wolf, Mayor

Attest:

Randy Hinchliffe, City Clerk