

Waitsburg City Council Regular Meeting – April 20, 2011

Mayor Gobel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Mayor Walt Gobel

Council Members: Marty Dunn, Scott Nettles, Karl Newell, Orville Branson and Kevin House

Others: Erin Jones, Delores Nettles, Gwen Gobel, Heather Hay-Baker, Fletcher Baker, Greg McVey and City Attorney Kris Hedine

Agenda Approval

Mayor Gobel informed the Council of changes to the agenda where item f would be moved to b and g to c and an addition of item h for discussion only related to maintenance of the current BMX track; remaining item would be shifted down in order. With no other changes or objections to the amended agenda, the agenda was approved and passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – March 16, 2011 Regular Meeting

With no changes, the minutes were approved and passed unanimously.

New Business

a. 2011 City Election Certification

City Clerk Randy Hinchliffe read the results of the 2011 Election. The following were the top vote getters for the 2011-2012 term.

Mayor: Walt Gobel	283 votes
City Council:	
Kevin House	303 votes
Marty Dunn	283 votes
Orville Branson	292 votes
Karl Newell	291 votes
Scott Nettles	255 votes

After the vote was read, Council Member Nettles moved to certify with Council Member Branson seconding. Motion to certify was approved and passed unanimously.

b. Resolution 2011-582

Resolution establishing a student delegate on the City Council and outlining the selection and procedure. Mayor Gobel led the discussion on the background of this item and selection of the candidate. After a short question and answer period, Council Member Branson moved to approve with Council Member Newell seconding. Motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

c. Oath of Office

The newly reelected Mayor and City Council and student delegate read their respective oaths of office for 2011-2012 terms.

d. Library Board Vacancy

Council appointment to fill a vacancy on the Library Board of Trustees. Council Members discussed the candidates and their respective qualification as well as the process for selecting one person to serve on the board. Council Member Branson moved to recommend the appointment of Larry Clinton to fill the vacancy on the board. Council Member Dunn seconded the motion. Motion to appoint Larry Clinton to the Library Board of Trustees was approved and passed unanimously.

e. 2011 City Pool Items

Discussion item related to the upcoming pool season. Staff members presented recommended changes to the pool operating structure to help minimize losses to the City. Council discussed the option and provided feedback to staff for inclusion in authorizing resolution to appear on the next Council agenda. Proposed changes included closing Saturday, instructing the Deputy Clerk to oversee operations of the pool, sale of passes to be conducted at City Hall, Aquasize and Lap Swim from 12-1 to be done on a trail basis, track night swim attendance, no change in daily fee structure but change extra family member from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per additional person.

f. Ordinance 2011-980

Ordinance amending the 2011 City Budget to address an interfund loan related to the purchase of a new backhoe as well as the receipt of two grants for Main Street beautification improvements. With no discussion, Council Member Branson moved to approve with Council Member Newell seconding. Motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

g. W. 7th Street Financing

Item related to the installation of a new waterline on W. 7th Street and the intended financing of the improvements via loan dollars. Discussion revolved around the need and purpose for the improvement as well as the City ability to repay the loan with limited impact to City rate payers as well as the City intention to move ahead to planned waterline improvements. Council Member Branson moved to proceed with the improvement and securing of loan dollars with one of the City Financial Institutions who offers the best loan packet. Council Member Nettles seconded the motion and the motion to proceed was approved and passed with four votes as Council Member Dunn abstained. Item note: at the time of the Council meeting, AmericanWest Bank was offering the lowest overall rate at 5.23% with a \$250 loan fee.

h. BMX Track Maintenance

Discussion item lead my Council Member Nettles related to the maintenance of the BMX track. Council members discussed the need for improved spraying and mowing of the area to help keep the puncture view at bay. Mayor Gobel informed the Council he would discuss it with the public works director.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Gobel updated the Council on the upcoming Waitsburg Parade and would be held in conjunction with Armed Forces Day and included market style activities at Preston Park. He also informed the Council of his attendance at the Walla Walla County Emergency Management Meeting as well as his planned attendance at the AWC annual conference in June. He concluded with informing the Council that May 18th would be this years spring clean up day and that the week of May 1st – 7th is Municipal Clerk week.

Council Reports

Council Member House commented on the Mayor's visit of the Fire Department

Council Member Newell informed the Council on the completion of bridge sidewalk repair work by the public works crew.

Council Member Dunn offered his congratulations to the Council on getting reelected to another term.

Student Delegate Baker briefed the Council on his current school activities.

City Clerk Report

City Clerk Randy Hinchliffe informed the City Council on various day to day business matters of the City including an update on the budget for the first quarter of 2011.

Approval of Bills

With no questions related to the City’s obligations, Council Member Dunn moved to approve with Council Member Nettles seconding. Motion to approve the bills was approved and passed unanimously.

March Payroll Clearing (Warrants 7480 - 7503)	\$ 17,671.68
April Payroll Clearing (Warrant 7504 – 7521)	\$ 16,800.46
Claims Clearing Vouchers (Warrants 16566 - 16625)	<u>\$ 80,437.45</u>
Total	\$114,909.59

Adjournment of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was then adjourned at 8:32 p.m..

Approved:

05/18/2011

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk