

Waitsburg City Council Regular Meeting – November 16, 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, Orville Branson, Scott Nettles, Kevin House

Others: City Attorney Kris Hedine, Delores Nettles, Gwen Gobel, Joan Helm, Alan Schroeder with Anderson Perry and Assistant Public Works Director Jim Lynch

Agenda Approval

With no objections to the agenda, the agenda was approved and passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – October 19, 2011 Regular Meeting

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

New Business

a. Public Hearing

Public Hearing related to the granting of a non-exclusive right of way franchise to Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet). Discussion lead by the City Attorney with Council members asking questions related to the process and legal review of the proposed franchise.

b. Ordinance 2011-991

Ordinance granting NoaNet a franchise within the City of Waitsburg. With no more discussion, Council Member Dunn moved to approve with Council member House seconding. Motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

c. Public Hearing

Public hearing related to a potential 1% increase in property taxes and setting the tax levy for the 2012 tax collection year based on the current assessed valuation of the City of Waitsburg.

d. Resolution 2011-588

Resolution approving a property tax levy for the 2011 assessment year with no increase over the prior year. Council Member Nettles moved to approve with Council Member Branson seconding. Motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

e. Public Hearing

Public hearing related to the proposed 2012 City Budget.

f. Water and Sewer Rate Study

Alan Schroeder with Anderson Perry presented the results of a utility rate study done on the City's water and sewer utility. Council to review and decide on potential rate increase at the first meeting in January.

g. Prescription Drug Delivery

Item related to the city providing for the delivery of prescription drugs from Elk Drug to the Waitsburg Clinic via Columbia County Public Transportation. Council members discussed the program and costs associated with it along with correspondence between the City and the Columbia County Hospital District. Council determined that it this service was something the City of Waitsburg should not provide with City tax payer dollars and should be born by the Hospital District as it is a Hospital related expense. Council member Nettles moved to cancel the service effective December 31, 2011 with Council Member Dunn seconding the motion. Motion to approve the cancellation was approved and passed unanimously.

h. Flood Response Plan

Annual review of the City's Flood Response Plan in preparation for the upcoming flood season.

i. Resolution 2011-589

Resolution amending the City's personnel manual establishing a medical insurance cap on City paid employee medical premiums and changing paydays to the 15th and last business day of the

month. Council discussed both changes and the reasons for the amendments along with the potential cost savings to the City. Council Member Nettles moved to approve with Council Member House seconding. Motion to approve was approved and passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

a. Ordinance 2011-992

Ordinance updating the City municipal code related to the usage rules of the Fairgrounds as well as wording consistency updates related to water and sewer utility connections. Council member Branson moved to approve with Council Member Dunn seconding. Motion to approved and passed unanimously.

b. BMX Track

Item related to the current BMX track and an offer from the Waitsburg Lions Club to provide \$300 for on going maintenance to the track for 2012. Council discussed the offer from the Lions Club and felt the amount was sufficient to help offset some of the City's costs related to maintenance of the track. Council Member Branson moved to accept the monetary offer from the Lions Club, but died due to a lack of a second. Council Member Dunn then moved to accept the money and maintain the track for one more year and revisit the matter in fall of next year once usage has been determined to see if was worth it to keep the track or demolish it. Council Member Nettles moved to second and motion was approved and passed unanimously. Council Member Branson offered to monitor the track to gauge its usage.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Gobel informed the Council of the upcoming Audit entrance interview and requested a meeting date change to the 14th of December due to the original date being relatively close to Christmas.

Council Reports

Council Members had nothing to report

City Clerk Report

City Clerk Randy Hinchliffe informed the City Council on various day to day business matters of the City.

Approval of Bills

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

November Payroll Clearing (Warrants 7826 - 7844)	\$ 17,733.28
November Payroll Clearing (Warrants 7845 – 7862)	\$ 17,979.60
Treasurer's Checks (5015)	\$ 594.00
Claims Clearing Vouchers (Warrants 16893 - 16963)	\$ 51,131.84
Total	\$ 87,438.72

Adjournment of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was then adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Approved:

12/14/2011

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk