



**WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, February 23, 2017**

Wenatchee City Hall
129 South Chelan
Wenatchee, WA 98801

MINUTES

In attendance:

Mayor Frank Kuntz
Councilmember Jim Bailey
Councilmember Ruth Esparza
Councilmember Lyle Markhart
Councilmember Keith Huffaker
Councilmember Mark Kulaas
Councilmember Linda Herald
Councilmember Mike Poirier

Staff in attendance:

Executive Services Director Allison Williams
City Attorney Steve Smith
City Clerk Tammy Stanger
IS Support Tim McCord
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson
Public Works Director Matt Leonard
Community & Economic Development Director Steve King
Police Chief Steve Crown
Finance Director Brad Posenjak

5:15 p.m. Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call.

Mayor Frank J. Kuntz called the regular meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Councilmember Jim Bailey led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Councilmembers were present.

2. Consent Items:

- Motion to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings.

Motion to approve the consent items by Councilmember Mark Kulaas. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

3. Citizen Requests/Comments.

Bryan Campbell, 1837 Jefferson Street, Wenatchee, on behalf of the Misawa Sister City Associated, said they are seeking more participants for the August 18-27 Misawa cultural exchange (7th – 12th grade students and adults, cost is \$2,500).

4. Presentations.

- World Spay Day Proclamation – The proclamation was read by Councilmember Mark Kulaas. The Mayor presented the proclamation to National Humane Society member and animal activist Peri Galluci.
- St. Patrick’s Day Parade Request – Dave Herald and Tom Irvin were both present in their Irish attire to ask once again for permission to hold the annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade on St. Patrick’s Day, March 17, to begin at 7:00ish.

5. Action Items.

A. City of Wenatchee Continuity of Government and Operations Plan (COG/COOP)

Chelan County Emergency Management Representative Stan Smoke presented plan.

Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council approval of the City of Wenatchee Continuity of Government and Operations Plan (COG/COOP) as a supporting planning and preparedness document to complement the existing 2014 Chelan County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP). Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

B. Kiwanis Methow Park Project Agreement

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson presented the staff report.

Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza for City Council to approve the revised Kiwanis Methow Park Project Agreement with the Trust for Public Land and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. Motion seconded by Councilmember Lyle Markhart. Motion carried (7-0).

C. Lease Between City of Wenatchee and North Central Washington Behavioral Health for Parkside Place

Executive Services Director Allison Williams presented the staff reports for Items, C, D, and E. Steve Clem, attorney for Douglas County, was also present.

Councilmember Mark Kulaas disclosed that he was an employee of Douglas County; however, he has had no involvement whatsoever in this issue as part of his employment, and does not feel it would impair his ability to participate in the discussion or vote on the matter. There was no objection raised.

Council asked questions of Ms. Williams and Douglas County Attorney Steve Clem.

Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to authorize the Mayor's signature on the lease between the City of Wenatchee and North Central Washington Behavioral Health for Parkside Place. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

D. Termination and Release of Lease for Parkside Place

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for City Council to authorize the Mayor's signature on the Termination and Release of Lease with the Chelan-Douglas Regional Support Network/Douglas County for Parkside Place. Motion seconded by Councilmember Lyle Markhart. Motion carried (7-0).

E. Lease Amendment No. 3 with the Women's Resource Center for Parkside Place

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to authorize the Mayor's signature on Lease Amendment No. 3 with the Women's Resource Center of North Central Washington for Parkside Place. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jim Bailey. Motion carried (7-0).

6. Reports.

- a. Mayor's Report – The Mayor reported on the following:
- The Finance Committee reviewed the end of the year budget reports and the directors have done a great job of keeping within their budgets for the year.
 - Next Tuesday a joint meeting with the Wenatchee City Council, East Wenatchee City Council, Wenatchee Planning Commission and East Wenatchee Planning Commission will be held at 5:30 p.m. at East Wenatchee City Hall. (A concern was raised by Councilmember Kulaas that the agenda be refined to keep the structure and intent of the meeting on task).
 - The Mayor has been keeping a close eye on activities in Olympia.
 - The Public Works Committee met this week.
 - At this week's Transportation Council meeting the board authorized the director to send a letter to the Douglas County Commissioners and Chelan County Commissioners to consider a regional five cent gas tax for road improvements.

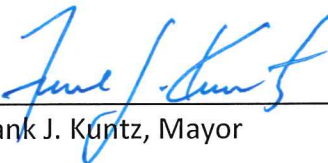
b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

- Councilmember Linda Herald reported that she attended the AWC City Days in Olympia last week and listed the priorities for cities and the need to keep the pressure on our legislators.

7. Announcements.

- Executive Services Director Allison Williams announced that a CPAW public meeting is scheduled for March 7 at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall.
- A neighborhood public meeting has been scheduled for March 2nd at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall for the proposed 2nd Street Canal Crossing.

8. Adjournment. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk