



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, October 12, 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 Mark Kulaas
Councilmember Linda Herald (via teleconference)
Councilmember Mike Poirier

Staff in attendance:

Executive Services Director Allison Williams
Assistant City Attorney Danielle Marchant
City Clerk Tammy Stanger
IS Support Jessie Saucedo
Economic Development Director Steve King
Public Works Director Matt Leonard
City Engineer Gary Owen
Finance Director Brad Posenjak
Public Information Officer Annagrisel Alvarez
Police Chief Steve Crown

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 Lyle Markhart led the Pledge of Allegiance. The excused absence of Councilmember Keith Huffaker was noted for the record. Councilmember Linda Herald participated in the meeting via teleconference.

2. Consent Items:

- Motion to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings.
- Resolution No. 2017-50, declaring certain personal property surplus to the needs of the City of Wenatchee and authorizing the Department of Information Systems to dispose of the personal property identified herein.

Motion to approve the consent items by Councilmember Mark Kulaas. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

3. Citizen Requests/Comments.

Manuel Valencia, on behalf of the United Neighbors Association, thanked the Council for the continuation of sidewalk projects in South Wenatchee. The neighbors are very happy. He also invited everyone to come to their event this Saturday from 1-6pm at Methow Park.

4. Presentations.

- Make a Difference Day Proclamation read by Councilmember Mark Kulaas and presented to Margie Kerr.
- United Way Month Proclamation read by Councilmember Lyle Markhart and presented to United Way Executive Director Alan Walker and 2018 campaign co-chair Jerrilea Crawford (and Linda Herald on the phone).

5. Action Items.

A. Arts, Recreation and Parks Commission Appointment (Patrick Farrar)

Executive Services Director Allison Williams presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza to approve Resolution No. 2017-49, appointing a member to the Wenatchee Arts, Recreation and Parks Commission (Patrick Farrar). Motion seconded by Councilmember Lyle Markhart. Motion carried (6-0).

B. Partner Application to Community Economic Revitalization Board

Economic Development Director Steve King presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier to approve Resolution No. 2017-33, in support of a committed partner application to Community Economic Revitalization Board for funding from the Department of Commerce to assist in the financing of constructing the McKittrick Street extension. Motion seconded by Councilmember Lyle Markhart. Motion carried (6-0).

C. Coleman Oil Sanitary Sewer Discharge Agreement #2

Public Works Director Matt Leonard presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for City Council to authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement for Temporary Discharge of Treated Groundwater to the City of Wenatchee Publicly Owned Treatment Works. Motion seconded by Councilmember Mike Poirier. Motion carried (6-0).

D. Bid Award for Lewis and Clark Elementary Sidewalk Improvements Project #1521

City Engineer Gary Owen presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza for City Council to award the contract for the construction of the Lewis and Clark Elementary Sidewalk Improvements, Project 1521, to J&K Earthworks, in the amount of \$767,732.16, and authorize the Mayor to approve the construction contract. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

6. Discussion Item.

a. 2018 Budget

Finance Director Brad Posenjak reviewed the preliminary budget summary with the Council. The Mayor went over the departmental requests. The capital projects still need to be added over the next month for the final budget. Reserves are at the recommended levels, and all property taxes for 2018 will go to the streets fund.

7. Reports.

a. Mayor's Report

The Mayor reported that Moody's has upgraded the city's credit rating four spots to A3, which is great news. The report is online. Staff continues to work hard on the INFRA grant and gathering letters of support.

He asked Steve King and Matt Leonard to provide a report on their trip to Washington D.C. They met with USDOT and staff people for our legislative delegation (Congressman Reichert, Senator Murray and Senator Cantwell), and felt that overall it was a productive trip. They feel they received good insight to keep working on the grant application, continue receiving the letters of support, and complete the application the first part of November for a determination mid-year 2018.

Executive Services Director Allison Williams reminded everyone of the AWC Regional Meeting next Tuesday, October 17. The director's meeting is scheduled for next Thursday at 1:30 p.m. Public Safety Committee meets next Thursday at 3:30 p.m. Work session topics next week will include traffic calming and potentially a homeless housing update.

Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Linda Herald reported that she attended this week's Rivercom meeting and they did not adopt their budget and will ratify it next month (as there were only four board members with two alternates present).

Councilmember Mark Kulaas announced that the WDA student designed banners are now on display downtown. He also said that the WDA is weighing its options for flower pots and care.

8. Announcements. None.

9. Adjournment. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk