



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, April 9, 2020

Wenatchee City Hall Council Chambers
301 Yakima Street, 2nd Floor
Wenatchee, WA 98801

MINUTES

5:15 p.m. Regular Meeting

Present: Mayor Frank J. Kuntz, Councilmember Position 1 Jose Cuevas, Councilmember Position 2 Jim Bailey, Councilmember Position 3 Ruth Esparza (via phone), Councilmember Position 4 Travis Hornby, Councilmember Position 5 Mark Kulaas, Councilmember At-Large "A" Linda Herald, Councilmember At-Large "B" Keith Huffaker (via phone)

Staff Present: Executive Services Director Laura Merrill, City Attorney Steve Smith (via phone), City Clerk Tammy Stanger, IS Support Jessi Saucedo, Finance Director Brad Posenjak, Operations Manager Aaron Kelly, Community Development Director Glen DeVries, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson

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. He led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Councilmembers were present with Councilmembers Esparza and Huffaker participating via phone conference.

2. Consent Items:

- Motion to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings.
- Motion for City Council to authorize the Mayor to negotiate and sign a Lease Termination and Water Right Conveyance Agreement with Lineage Logistics, LLC; the agreement will be substantial in form to the attached.

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

3. Action Items.

- A. Adoption of Resolution No. 2020-09 to ratify actions related to COVID-19

Executive Services Director Laura Merrill presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to adopt Resolution No. 2020-09 to ratify the following actions that have occurred under the Mayor's authority under the Emergency Proclamation for COVID-19 including reducing the utility customer service hours, providing only essential services, holding modified council meetings, approving the early opening of the Sage Hills Trail System and not filing utility liens, shutting off water, or charging late fees, interest or penalties on delinquent accounts. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

B. DNR Tree Planting Grant

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

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby to accept the project funding agreement #93-100730 with the State of Washington for the Park Tree Planting Project and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

C. Council authorization for the Mayor to sign the final mylar for the Northwest Addition Plat Alteration, P-ALT-20-01

Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for the City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign the final mylar for the Northwest Addition Plat Alteration, P-ALT-20-01. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

D. City of Wenatchee Project No. 1809 – SSA/OHO Wenatchee Remodel construction contract between the City and TW Clark Construction, Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$31,302.46

Operations Manager Aaron Kelly presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for City Council to approve the contract change order with T.W. Clark Construction and authorize the Mayor's signature. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

4. Reports.


- a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported on the following:
1. He will be signing the pit property land sale documents tomorrow.
 2. The final items for Winco are coming along and it is anticipated that a building permit will be issued tomorrow.
 3. Douglas County Commissioners are allowing residential building to proceed in Douglas County. The Mayor communicated with the Governor's office and the city will stay put with what they are doing at this time.
 4. He and staff met with the Chamber. With less hotel/motel taxes coming in, the contract will be reduced by close to \$100,000. The convention center remodel work is also being put on hold for the time being.
 5. The Mayor met with the managers at Home Depot and Lowes after many complaints. The Health Department is the lead agency and authority for the pandemic.
 6. There will be no work session next week.
 7. He reported that the city received a little extra money from CDBG to assist with the impacts of COVID-19 in the community.
 8. With the current slow down/recession due to COVID-19, revenues are projected to be 15% less. With the rainy day fund and current budget reserves, among other things, he is hopeful that the city will not have to take any extreme measures like it did in the last recession.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees:

1. Councilmember Jim Bailey reported that LINK Transit held a special meeting this week via Zoon. LINK will be receiving \$7 million from the CARES Act.
2. Councilmember Ruth Esparza reported that Rivercom met this week via Zoon.

5. Adjournment.

Adjournment. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk