



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, May 13, 2021

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

MINUTES

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

Staff Present: Executive Services Director Laura Merrill, City Attorney Steve Smith, City Clerk Tammy Stanger, IS Support Tim McCord, Neighborhood & Community Services Coordinator Brooklyn Holton, Public Works Deputy Director Jessica Shaw, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor Mike Hodgson, Facilities Manager Elisa Schafer, Operations Manager Aaron Kelly, Engineering Services Manager Jacob Huylar, Planning Manager Stephen Neuenschwander, Public Works Director Rob Jammerman, Police Chief Steve Crown, Finance Director Brad Posenjak, Senior Engineer Jeremy Hoover, Community Development Director Glen DeVries

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 Travis Hornby led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Councilmembers were present.

2. Consent Items

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings, and for City Council to accept the work performed by the contractor, FloHawks, for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester No. 2 Cleaning, City Project SW20-09, and further authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Contract Voucher Certification on behalf of the City of Wenatchee. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

3. Presentations

- Apple Blossom Royalty Proclamation read by Councilmember Linda Herald and presented to Festival Queen Brooke Perez, and Princesses Kody Richards and Kamryn Fowler who invited everyone to enjoy this year's festival and sang their "official" song for all to enjoy.
- Foster Care and Kinship Care Month Proclamation read by Mayor Frank Kuntz and presented to Aaron Crockett who spoke about the foster care program.

- Public Works Week Proclamation read by Councilmember Jose Cuevas and presented to Public Works staff and Public Works Director Rob Jammerman said a few words.

4. Citizen Requests/Comments

Jim Snyder, 34 Jennings Street, Wenatchee, addressed the Council with his concerns about the graffiti on Ferry Street and offered his ideas for clean-up. The Mayor referred Mr. Snyder to Chief Crown to further discuss.

5. Action Items

- A. Rhinehart Sixty Percent (60%) Annexation Resolution 2021-10 setting a date for Public Hearing to adopt an Ordinance

Neighborhood and Community Services Coordinator Brooklyn Holton presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to approve Resolution 2021-10 establishing a date of May 27, 2021 for a public hearing to consider final action on the Rhinehart Annexation. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- B. Martinez Sixty Percent (60%) Annexation Resolution 2021-22 setting a date for Public Hearing to adopt an Ordinance

Neighborhood and Community Services Coordinator Brooklyn Holton presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2021-22 establishing a date of May 27, 2021 for a public hearing to consider final action on the Martinez Annexation. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- C. Wastewater Treatment Plant Belt Filter Press Rebuild, Project No. 2108

Public Works Deputy Director Jessica Shaw and Wastewater Supervisor Mike Hodgson presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza for City Council to approve the project budget and the contract with Alfa Laval, Inc. and authorize the Mayor's signature for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Belt Filter Press Rebuild, Project No. 2108. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- D. North Wenatchee Avenue Building Demolition – Project No. 1712a

Facilities Manager Elisa Schafer and Operations Manager Aaron Kelly presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for City Council to approve the project budget, authorize the Mayor to award Project No. 1712 and sign the construction contract with Ascendent, LLC for the amount of \$931,108.00 plus WSST. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

E. Wenatchee City Hall Redevelopment – Project No. 1716 Construction Award

Facilities Manager Elisa Schafer and Operations Manager Aaron Kelly presented the staff report. Council asked questions and commented. Finance Director Brad Posenjak also provided information.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve the project budget, authorize the Mayor to award Project No. 1716 and sign the construction contract with TW Clark Construction, LLC for the amount of \$8,634,000 plus WSST. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-1) (Huffaker nay).

F. City Project SW20-10 – 2021 Damaged Luminaire Replacements - Authorization to Award Construction Contract

Engineering Services Manager Jacob Huylar presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for the City Council to award the construction contract for the 2021 Damaged Luminaire Replacements, Project No. SW20-10, to Midland Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$168,902.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract documents. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

6. Public Hearing Items

G. Adoption of the periodic update to the City of Wenatchee Shoreline Master Program

Planning Manager Stephen Neuenschwander requested the public hearing be continued to June 10, 2021, as staff is waiting for a response from the Department of Ecology for a determination of consistency. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to continue the public hearing to June 10, 2021. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

7. Reports

- a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported on the following:
- (1) A lot of time was spent this past week determining a location for the Apple Blossom carnival, and decided it will be at Lincoln Park.

- (2) He and Finance Director Posenjak are reviewing the guidance for the American Rescue Plan dollars the city received. There are a lot of regulation to read through.
- (3) The Saddle Rock remediation project may be delayed as it appears a portion of the trail may be on private property.
- (4) The sewer bond closed this week at an interest rate of 1.7%, which amounts to a savings of \$1.6 million in interest over 10 years.
- (5) He participated in the monthly call with the County Commissioners where they discussed a property item, an annexation, homeless funds administration, and a revenue sharing agreement.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Linda Herald reported that interviews for the Housing Task Force RFP process are next week. She will be participating in that.

Councilmember Jim Bailey said the Community Action Council has applied for a \$2 million grant for the food bank storage facility.

Councilmember Mark Kulaas announced that the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meets next week.

Councilmember Travis Hornby will be participating in the Riverfront Park advisory committee meeting with the PUD tomorrow.

Councilmembers Jim Bailey, Linda Herald and Mark Kulaas will be the voting delegates for the AWC Annual Business Meeting.

8. Announcements

Next Thursday the City Council will tour the Wenatchee Cemetery at 3pm and the new Chelan County Fire District No. 1 station at 4pm.

9. Adjournment. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk