



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, October 27, 2022
Wenatchee City Hall Council Chambers
301 Yakima Street, 2nd Floor
Wenatchee, WA 98801
MINUTES

*"To create community through responsive leadership and services for the citizens and visitors of the
Apple Capital of the World."*

Present: Mayor Frank Kuntz; Councilmember Position 1 Jose Cuevas; Councilmember Position 2 Mike Poirier; Councilmember Position 3 Top Rojanasthien; 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; Assistant City Attorney Danielle Marchant; City Clerk Tammy Stanger; IS Support Jessi Saucedo; Finance Director Brad Posenjak; Deputy Public Works Director-Utilities Jessica Shaw; Community Development Director Glen DeVries; Public Works Director Rob Jammerman; Police Chief Steve Crown; Senior Planner Matt Parsons

5:15 p.m. Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call. The Mayor called the regular meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Local Girl Scouts led the Pledge of Allegiance. Sheli Funderburk, volunteer Service Unit 480 Manager, said a few words about Girl Scouts of Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho and that they have now visited all local City Council meetings to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. All Councilmembers were present.

2. Citizen Requests/Comments

Ellen Karren, 4755 Squilchuck Road, Wenatchee, thanked the Mayor and Council for passing the ordinance regarding RV parking. She also addressed the Mayor and Council with her concerns about the Safe Park RV site on South Wenatchee Avenue.

Chris Wilder, 314 South Western, Wenatchee, addressed the Mayor and Council concerning the speed limit on Western Avenue. The Mayor stated he will forward his concerns to the City Engineer.

3. Consent Items

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

Vouchers:

Claim checks #205015 through #205146 in the amount of \$1,965,652.79 for October 13, 2022

Payroll distribution in the amount of \$1,088.49 for October 13, 2022

Payroll distribution in the amount of \$422,885.00 for October 20, 2022

Claim checks #205147 through #205191 in the amount of \$346,820.33 for October 20, 2022

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings. Councilmember Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

4. Presentations

- Veterans Day Proclamation read by Councilmember Linda Herald and presented by Mayor Frank J. Kuntz to American Legion Post 10 Commander Skip Atkerson and 1st Vice Commander Dan Heimbecker who invited everyone to attend the Veterans Day Parade on November 11 at 11:00am.

5. Action Items

- A. Motion to authorize the Mayor Pro Tem to negotiate a lease agreement, purchase and sale agreement, and purchase option, with Jimmy and Paula Properties LLC for 3420 US Highway 97A, Wenatchee, WA 98801.

A second Safe Park RV site has been located and site improvements are underway. The City Attorney will be drafting a 90-day lease agreement for use of the property and then negotiations for the purchase of the property will occur.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to authorize the Mayor Pro Tem to negotiate a lease agreement, purchase and sale agreement, and purchase option, with Jimmy and Paula Properties LLC for 3420 US Highway 97A, Wenatchee, WA 98801. Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- B. 2023-2025 Contract for Legal Services between the City of Wenatchee and Davis Arneil Law Firm, LLP

Executive Services Director Laura Gloria presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to approve a three-year Contract for Legal Services between the City of Wenatchee and Davis Arneil Law Firm, LLP, and authorize the Mayor's signature. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- C. Amendment to Stormwater Rates for Olds Station

Deputy Public Works Director-Utilities Jessica Shaw presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-24 amending Wenatchee City Code Section 9.16.120 "Service charge rates for Olds Station annexation area." Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

D. Contract with Tyler Technologies, Inc. for Finance Software

Finance Director Brad Posenjak presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Top Rojanasthien for City Council to approve the agreement between the City of Wenatchee and Tyler Technologies, Inc. for financial software and authorize the Mayor's signature. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

E. Interim Zoning Ordinance

Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City of Wenatchee to adopt Ordinance 2022-26, adopting a twelve (12) month interim zoning ordinance within the City of Wenatchee authorizing safe parking areas and temporary emergency low barrier shelter units as a Permitted Use within the City. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

6. **Public Hearing Item.** The Mayor explained the public hearing process.

F. River Academy Annexation

Senior Planner Matt Parsons presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

The Mayor asked for public comment. There was no one who wished to comment.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to pass Resolution No. 2022-26, providing for the Notice of Intent to the Chelan County Boundary Review Board to annex certain property to the City of Wenatchee. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

7. **Reports**

- a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported on the following:
- Saddlerock was reopened today. He attended the grand re-opening ceremony and hiked to the top after. The trail is amazing and it was a great partnership between the City and Ecology.

- The Rivercom Board is looking to increase the members by 3. In reviewing the bylaws, it will need to be approved by 4 partners. It will come before the City Council and he recommends not approving it. Councilmember Hornby added it has been considered before and was not recommended.
- The Mayor asked the Council to start thinking about what committees they would like to serve for next year. They will discuss at the 12/1 meeting and adopt on 12/8.
- The move to the new City Hall space has been going well, and the PSC will be closed tomorrow for their move. All staff will be at the new space starting Monday, October 31.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Keith Huffaker reported on the Chamber meeting and that some in the car industry are starting to recover and there are concerns about electric vehicles. Apples are down about 100k bushels. The local healthcare system is looking to cut expenses. The airport is down to one flight a day.

Councilmember Linda Herald attended the Chelan-Douglas Regional Port District luncheon yesterday and was impressed by all of the projects they have.

Councilmember Mark Kulaas reported that at a long LTAC/TPA meeting yesterday they approved \$18,000 for the Rails & Ales event. There was a lot of discussion and the board agreed that the funding is not for continuing event support (such as Fourth of July) but rather incubation assistance so the planners can look at ways to expand the event in the future.

Councilmember Travis Hornby reported that the Revitalize Washington conference was a success and that Linda Haglund did a great job with it.

Councilmember Linda Herald added that there are plans for a sister-city delegation to visit Misawa next August. Both the Mayor and Councilmember Kulaas would like to go.

8. Announcements. None.

9. Close of Meeting. With no further business the meeting ended at 6:26 p.m.

Attest:


 Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk


 Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor