



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, October 24, 2024

Wenatchee City Hall Council Chambers
301 Yakima Street
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 Mike Poirier; Councilmember District 1 Jose Cuevas; Councilmember District 2 Chelsea Ewer; Councilmember District 3 Top Rojanasthien; Councilmember District 5 Charlie Atkinson; Councilmember A-Large A Linda Herald

Staff Present: City Administrator Laura Gloria; City Attorney Danielle Marchant; City Clerk Tammy McCord; IT Support Zach Steele; Finance Director Brad Posenjak; Public Works Director Tom Wachholder; Deputy Public Works Director Jessica Shaw; Assistant Community Development Director Stephen Neuenschwander; IT Director Elizabeth Rossiter; Operations Manager Aaron Kelly; Utilities Planner Darci Ronning; Associate Planner Mia Bretz; Senior Planner Matt Parsons

5:15 p.m. Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call. Mayor Mike Poirier called the regular meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember Travis Hornby and Councilmember Keith Huffaker were absent.

Motion by Councilmember Chelsea Ewer to excuse the absences of Councilmembers Travis Hornby and Keith Huffaker. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

2. Presentation

- 2024 Sister City Delegation Visit to Misawa – Annaleah Castro shared a presentation to the Mayor and Council about her recent trip with the Wenatchee Sister-City delegation to Misawa, and shared treats from Misawa for everyone.

3. Citizen Requests/Comments

Lois Ferguson thanked the city staff and volunteers, Mayor and Council, for the city pool renovations.

Dorothy Ferguson provided a letter addressing her concerns about the proposed aquatic/sports complex.

Joshua James, 614 Okanogan, Wenatchee, addressed his concerns regarding Planned Parenthood in his neighborhood.

Constance Zahaur, 614 Okanogan, Wenatchee, addressed her concerns regarding Planned Parenthood in her neighborhood.

Glen Wilson voiced his concerns about the tiny home rules.

Jeff Tontini, 1014 Canyonside, Wenatchee, addressed the Council with his concerns about the increased costs he has cleaning up trash around his property left by transients.

4. Consent Items

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

Vouchers:

Vouchers/Accounts Payable in the amount of \$2,189,421.46 dated 9/28/2024-10/4/2024

Payroll in the amount of \$15,073.95 dated 10/4/2024

Vouchers/Accounts Payable in the amount of \$839,955.05 dated 10/10/2024

Payroll in the amount of \$467,335.00 for 10/18/2024

- *Motion for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2024-24, appointing Laura Jaecks to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.*
- *Motion for City Council to accept the work performed by the contractor, Rudnick and Sons, LLC, for the Parkside Renovation Project, City Project No. 2206, in the amount of \$1,845,105.10, and authorize the City Administrator's signature.*

Motion by Councilmember Top Rojanasthien to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings; to approve Resolution No. 2024-24, appointing Laura Jaecks to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners; and to accept the work performed by the contractor, Rudnick and Sons, LLC, for the Parkside Renovation Project, City Project No. 2206, in the amount of \$1,845,105.10, and authorize the City Administrator's signature. Councilmember Charlie Atkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

The Mayor then asked Laura Jaecks to say a few words. She has been very involved in the community over the years and was pleased to be appointed to the Housing Authority Board.

5. Action Items

- A. City Project No. 2404 – 4MG Tank Replacement Project
Professional Services Agreement with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.

Utility Planner Darci Ronning presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. to start design efforts for replacement of the city's 4-million gallon water reservoir, and authorize the City Administrator to sign the agreement. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

**B. City Project No. 2307 – Critical Water Infrastructure Resiliency Project
Professional Services Agreement with RH2 Engineering**

Utility Planner Darci Ronning presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Chelsea Ewer for City Council to approve the Professional Services Agreement for RH2 to assist with electrical engineering and support the Hazard Mitigation Grant for Generators for Critical Water Infrastructure Resiliency, and authorize the City Administrator to sign the agreement. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

C. Water and Sewer Code Revisions

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

Motion by Councilmember Top Rojanasthien for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-24, amending Chapter 9.12 WCC relating to water – rules and regulations, and Ordinance No. 2024-25, amending Chapter 4.08 WCC relating to sewers – rates and charges. Councilmember Charlie Atkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

**D. City Project No. SW24-04 – Unit-Priced Concrete Flatwork
Authorization to Award Construction Contract**

Public Works Operations Manager Aaron Kelly presented the staff report. The Mayor asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Charlie Atkinson for City Council to award the construction contract for the Unit-Priced Concrete Flatwork, Project No. SW24-04, to Black Forest Foundation, Inc. in the amount of \$144,250.00, and authorize the City Administrator to sign the contract documents. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

6. Work Session

- Legislative Changes to Accessory Dwelling Unit and Middle Housing Regulations and Proposed Amendments to the Wenatchee City Code – Assistant Community Development Director Stephen Neuenschwander introduced Associate Planner Mia Bretz and Senior Planner Matt Parsons who presented a Power Point Presentation on the Wenatchee housing code update. The code updates are expected to come before the City Council on December 5 for adoption.

7. Reports

- a. Mayor’s Report. The Mayor reported on the following:

- (1) He attended an event yesterday at the Housing Authority office where USDA Rural Development's Rural Housing Service Administrator Joaquin Altoro visited Wenatchee from Washington DC to highlight the significant local investments being made in off-farm worker housing. The event was attended by Congresswoman Kim Schrier and other elected leaders.
- (2) The Council is invited to participate in the downtown Trick or Treat event next Thursday.
- (3) The Police Department is hiring and going through the recruitment process.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Linda Herald reported that the trip to Misawa was really great. She encouraged everyone to think about going, it really is a trip of a lifetime.

Councilmember Jose Cuevas reported that he attended the Wenatchee Police Department promotional ceremony last. He also attended CAFÉ's leadership academy yesterday to speak and answer questions about local government.

Councilmember Chelsea Ewer reported that she also attended the Wenatchee Police Department promotional ceremony last week.

Councilmember Charlie Atkinson reported that he attended the Chelan Douglas Homeless Housing Task Force meeting yesterday and the strategic subcommittee has started on the 5-year plan.

8. Announcements

The Mayor asked everyone to consider their board/committee assignments for next year. They will discuss those at the next meeting.

9. Close of Meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Jose Cuevas to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Charlie Atkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).



Mike Poirier, Mayor



Tammy L. McCord, City Clerk