

City of Grand Coulee
Regular Meeting of the City Council
January 17, 2023

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Townsend called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00pm.

ROLL CALL:

The following were:

Present: Mayor Townsend, Mayor Townsend, Council Members Anita Eylar, Tom Poplawski, Gary Carriere and Alan Cain

Also Present: Clerk Lorna Pearce, Ryan Fish, Fire Chief, Chief Tufts, Matthew Gilbert, Andrew Kline, Ruth Dalton, Mark Nash and Shannon Liniger. Attending via ZOOM: Scott Hunter, Star Newspaper, Kimberly Christensen and David Brown

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

2. VISITOR INPUT:

Shannon Liniger, 215 Roosevelt Dr., is interested in purchasing a city owned parcel of property that is next to her property. Asked if the parcel cannot be purchased that the tree on the parcel either be treated for the bug infestation or be taken down. Would also like the city to spray the goat heads that getting out of hand on the parcel. Kimberly Christensen, 500 Roosevelt Ave., would like council to budget for the fire chief to receive a monthly stipend.

3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Chief Tufts said that the department had responded to 45 calls for service since the December council meeting. Chief Fish reported that in 2022 the ambulance had responded to 559 calls for service and that the fire department had calls in 2022. To date in 2023 there have been 29 ambulance calls and 3 fire calls. He is working on getting the reporting software in working order and is hoping to go live in April. The reporting system can also be used for fire reporting. Ms. Pearce reported that the auditor had almost completed his on-site information collection, future communications would be via email or telephone.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ms. Eylar reported that the scholarship committee had received two applications for the AWC scholarship. Penelope Antoine's application was chosen and submitted along with letters of recommendation to AWC. Selection will take place in March. Ms. Eylar thanked all involved in the process.

5. AGENDA REVISIONS:

Mr. Poplawski asked to add discussion of council drafting a letter of support of the Washington State Sheriffs Association regarding the new restrictions on firearms ownership to the agenda as Item 8.3 and changing the executive session to Item 8.4. Ms. Eylar asked that Items 8.1 and 8.2 be moved before old business.

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6. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 6.1 Motion to approve Special Council Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2022
- 6.2 Motion to approve Budget Workshop Minutes of December 6, 2022
- 6.3 Motion to approve Budget Workshop Minutes of December 13, 2022
- 6.4 Motion to approve Budget Workshop Minutes of December 15, 2022
- 6.5 Motion to approve Council Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2022
- 6.6 Motion to approve for Payment Vouchers, dated December 31, 2022 (Open Period), certified by the City Clerk/Treasurer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and expense reimbursement claims, dated December 31, 2022, certified by the City Clerk/Treasurer as required by RCW 42.24.090, voucher numbers 42688 thru 42711 and EFT items in the amount of \$47,719.03.
- 6.7 Motion to approve for Payment Vouchers, dated January 17, 2023, certified by the City Clerk/Treasurer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and expense reimbursement claims, dated January 17, 2023, certified by the City Clerk/Treasurer as required by RCW 42.24.090, voucher numbers 42712 thru 42734 and EFT items in the amount of \$66,659.41.
- 6.8 Motion to approve Payroll Vouchers, dated December 30, 2022, certified by the City Clerk/Treasurer as required by RCW 42.24.080, vouchers numbered 42670 through 42687 and Direct Deposit and EFTs (no sequenced numbers) as listed on the Payroll register in the total amount of \$ 169,232.99

Mr. Carriere motioned to approve the consent agenda, Ms. Eylar second, motion carried.

Item 8.1 Consideration of Letters of Interest for Council Position #4: Ms. Pearce informed council that one of the interested parties was unable to attend due to illness. Mr. Poplawski motioned to postpone selection until February so that all interested parties could be in attendance, Ms. Eylar second, motion carried.

Item 8.2 Introduction of Mr. Brown, Mosquito District Position: Mr. Brown was asked to give council a little information about himself, he stated that he retired from the hospital in 2008, he is an Electric City resident and enjoys golf and hunting. He said that he was approached by one of the Mosquito Board members and asked if he would be interested in serving, he said yes and here we are. Mr. Carriere motioned to approve Mr. Browns appointment to the Mosquito Board, Mr. Cain second, motion carried.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

7.1 Resolution 22-11 Establishing Water Service Fees: Mr. Carriere motioned to approve Resolution 22-11, Mr. Cain second, motion carried.

7.2 Discussion of City Owned Parcels: Ms. Eylar noted that the planning commission had met and categorized the parcels into three categories; keep, sell and designate as ROW. Mr. Carriere motioned to move forward with the sale of the recommended parcels and to establish the recommended ROW's, Mr. Cain second, motion carried. Ms. Pearce asked if council would like to contact an appraiser, response was not at this time.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.3 Discussion of Letter of Support for Washington State Sheriffs Association: Mr. Poplawski gave council some background information, motioned that a letter of support be drafted and sent to Governor Inslee, Ms. Eylar second, motion carried.

8.4 Executive Session – Union Contract: Mayor Townsend informed the audience that council would be going into executive session to discuss the 2023-2025 Union Contract, he asked those present to adjourn to the hall.

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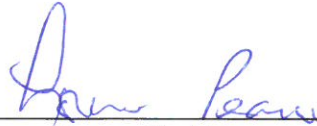
Executive session would be 30 minutes. Council went into executive session at 6:55pm. At 7:25pm Mayor Townsend extended the executive session 15 minutes. At 7:40pm Mayor Townsend extended the executive session for 15 minutes. At 7:55pm Mayor Townsend extended the executive session for an additional 15 minutes. The executive session was closed at 8:10pm. Those waiting were invited back in, and Mayor Townsend opened the regular session. Council set a special meeting for January 31, 2023 for further discussion of the union contract.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no objection, the mayor adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:18pm.



Paul A. Townsend, Mayor



Lorna Pearce, Clerk/Treasurer