

City of Grand Coulee
Special Meeting of the City Council
December 27, 2023

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

ROLL CALL:

The following were:

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

Also Present: Clerk Pearce, Chief Fish, Chief Tufts, Officer Martin, Officer Gilbert, Rick Paris, Chuck and Chantel Crowe, Robin Boyce, Mike Eylar, Travis Irwin, Andrea Schumaker, Mark Nash, attending via ZOOM Scott Hunter, Star Newspaper

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:

2. VISITOR INPUT:

3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Chief Fish reported there have been 95 fire calls for the year and the ambulance will be between 625 and 630 calls for the year. The ambulance numbers are higher than the City of Ephrata's calls for service.

Mayor Townsend informed council that he had made an offer of employment to Matthew Struve for the WWTF position.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Committee: Council was given the information from Foisey and Kennedy regarding their assessment of the parcels council is considering disposing of. Mr. Carriere will talk to the realtor and report back to council in January.

5. AGENDA REVISIONS: Mr. Poplawski asked that a presentation of service awards for the outgoing Mayor and Councilperson be added as to the agenda as Item 8.10.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

6.1 Motion to approve Council Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2023.

6.2 Motion to approve Special Council Meeting minutes of December 27, 2023.

6.3 Motion to approve for Payment Vouchers, dated January 16, 2024, certified by the City Clerk/Treasurer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and expense reimbursement claims, dated January 16, 2024, certified by the City Clerk/Treasurer as required by RCW 42.24.090, voucher numbers 43 thru 43 and EFT items in the amount of

6.4 Motion to approve Payroll Vouchers, dated December 27, 2023, certified by the City Clerk/Treasurer as required by RCW 42.24.080, vouchers numbered 43through 43 and Direct Deposit and EFTs (no sequenced numbers) as listed on the Payroll register in the total amount of \$.

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

7. OLD BUSINESS:

7.1 Resolution 23-06 Approving RBOM 2024 Budget: Mr. Carriere motioned to approve Resolution 23-06, Mr. Carriere second, motion carried.

7.2 2024 Budget Discussion: Ms. Pearce informed council that the amount budgeted from the Stadium Fund was increased to \$48,000 per council discussion during the budget workshop.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Ordinance 1094 Setting the 2024 Budget: Mr. Poplawski motioned to approve Ordinance 1094, Mr. Cain second, motion carried.

8.2 Resolution 23-07 Setting Appointed Officials 2024 Wages and Benefits: Mr. Carriere motioned to approve Resolution 23-07, Mr. Cain second, motion carried.

8.3 Resolution 23-08 Increasing the Constant Cost Factor for Sewer Service: Mr. Poplawski motioned to approve Resolution 23-08, Mr. Carriere second, motion carried.

8.4 Resolution 23-09 Establishing Fees Related to Sewer Service: Ms. Eylar motioned to approve Resolution 23-09, Ms. Dalton second, motion carried.

8.5 Resolution 23-10 Increasing the Schedule of Charges for Water Service: Mr. Carriere motioned to approve Resolution 23-10, Ms. Dalton second, motion carried.

8.6 Resolution 23-11 Establishing Fees Related to Water Service: Ms. Eylar motioned to approve Resolution 23-11, Mr. Poplawski second, motion carried.

8.7 Resolution 23-12 Increasing the Schedule of Charges for Solid Waste: Mr. Poplawski motioned to approve Resolution 23-12, Mr. Cain second, motion carried.


8.8 MOU for Light Replacement at the Library: Council had questions about some of the verbiage in the MOU and asked that it be placed in committee for review and brought back to council in January. Mayor Townsend assigned this to the Library Committee.

8.9 Ordinance 1095 Budget Amendment: Mr. Poplawski motioned to approve Ordinance 1095, Mr. Carriere second, motion carried.

8.10 Recognizing Mayor Townsend and Councilperson Cain for their years of service to the city: Mr. Poplawski presented both gentlemen with a certificate of appreciation.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no objection, the mayor adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:00pm.



Paul A. Townsend, Mayor



Lorna Pearce, Clerk/Treasurer