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**MINUTES**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Eylar called the regular meeting to order at approximately 6:01pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

The following were:

Present: Mayor Eylar, Council Members Anita Eylar, Tom Poplawski, Gary Carriere, Ruth Dalton and Mark Nash.

Also Present: Deputy Clerk Chantel Crowe, Fire Chief Ryan Fish, City Superintendent Dennis Francis, Officer Blake Martin, Renata Rollins - Star Newspaper, Chuck Crowe, Diane Kohout and Wayne Fowler - Ridge Riders, Karen Wright, Becky Billups, Sage Hachey and Melissa Little - Grand Coulee Public Library.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Lead by Mayor Eylar.

**2. VISITOR /PUBLIC INPUT:**

Becky Billups spoke regarding her disappointment with the police department and concerns with the Council saying, "let's go for it", on hiring of the new chief and overlooking the lost opportunities for current city officers. Mayor Eylar offered a meeting, later, to discuss these concerns and Ms. Billups agreed.

**3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Public Works Department: Dennis Francis reported the sewer line collapse on Spokane Way prompting emergency work. Contractors are scheduled to begin emergency work April 17<sup>th</sup>. There is a small leak the O'Sullivan tank line due to Grant County PUD hitting the line. The City was unable to mark the line as the exact location is unknown. The department will follow up on this. Spring cleanup starts this week, and the department is working on street sweeping.

Fire Department: Chief Fish reported approximately 176 ambulance calls so far this year. The department is working on pricing for the new truck, and they will be helping the Tribe with a mock vehicle crash demonstration for the school.

Police Department: Officer Martin reported they have had an increase in calls, staffing levels are at two, and they recently updated the public records system to be able to send the records online. Also reported the Grant County Sherrif's office is willing to respond to high level emergencies, the prosecutor's office and MACC are aware of the staffing situation.

**4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Planning Committee: Update on City Parcels: Councilwoman Dalton reported herself and Deputy Clerk Crowe have been working directly with the Grant County Assessor and the right-of-way parcels should not have district assessments and will be moved out of those categories and there are two parcels which do not appear to have the correct assessed values The committee is working with the assessor's office to have them reviewed potentially causing their removal from the categories and/or less cost to the City.

**5. AGENDA REVISIONS:**

Councilwoman Eylar requested agenda Item 8.4 be moved to agenda Item 8.1.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA:**

6.1 Motion to approve Council Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2024.

6.2 Motion to approve Special Council Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2024.

- 6.3 Motion to approve Special Council Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2024
- 6.4 Motion to approve for Payment Vouchers, dated April 16, 2024, certified by the City Clerk/Treasurer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and expense reimbursement claims, dated April 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 \$
- 6.5 Motion to approve Payroll Vouchers, dated March 29, 2024, certified by the City Clerk/Treasurer as required by RCW 42.24.080, vouchers numbered 43611 through 43617 and Direct Deposit and EFTs (no sequenced numbers) as listed on the Payroll register in the total amount of \$ 174,359.55.

Councilman Nash motioned to approve the consent agenda items 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 and 6.5 be approved, Councilman Carrier seconded, motion carried. Councilwoman Eylar motioned to approve item 6.4 for the expenses reviewed, approved for payment, and payment vouchers to be created at a later date and certified by the Deputy Clerk, seconded by Councilman Poplawski, motion carried.

## 7 UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 7.1 Recommendation on Chamber Membership:** Councilwoman Eylar motioned to use LTAC funds to pay for the Spillway level membership to Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce, Councilman Carriere seconded, four in favor, one negative, motion carried.
- 7.2 Council Guidelines Policy:** Councilwoman Eylar motioned to set a special meeting to review the Council Guidelines Policy, Councilwoman Dalton seconded, motion carried.
- 7.3 Reduction of Speed Limit on Section of Federal Ave.:** Councilwoman Eylar motioned to increase the speed limit to 25 MPH on Spokane Wy. And 25 MPH on Federal Ave. from Midway to Spokane Ave., Councilwoman Dalton seconded, motion carried.
- 7.4 Interlocal Agreement for Street Project:** Councilman Poplawski motioned to approve the Interlocal Agreement for the street project, Councilwoman Eylar seconded, motion carried.
- 7.5 DOJ Grant – Update on Scope of Work:** Councilman Poplawski motioned to accept the DOJ Grant with an updated scope contingent on no use of City funds, Councilman Carriere seconded, motion carried.
- 7.6 Review of LTAC Funds Application and Supporting Documents:** Councilwoman Eylar motioned to approve forms and process as submitted for the application for the LTAC funds, Councilwoman Dalton seconded, motion carried.

## 8 NEW BUSINESS:

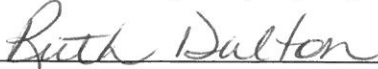
- 8.1 Request by Ridge Riders for Unexpended 2023 Lodging Tax Funds:** Mayor Eylar and Councilwoman Eylar recused themselves because they are members of Ridge Riders. Discussion of the President of Ridge Riders' passing at the end of 2023 leading to the missed deadline for submission. Councilman Carriere motioned to approve the payment of the prior approved unexpended 2023 LTAC funds to the Ridge Riders, Councilman Nash seconded, motion carried.
- 8.2 National Library Worker Week Proclamation:** Mayor Eylar proclaimed April 7-13, 2024, to be National Library worker week.
- 8.3 MPH Hi-Dam Request to Close Main St. May 10 – May 12, 2024:** Councilwoman Dalton motioned to authorize MPH Hi-Dam Bar & Grill to close a portion of Main St. May 10-May12, 2024, per submitted documents, Councilman Carrier seconded, motion carried.
- 8.4 Request for Reduction in Sewer Charge on Acct. 1961.0:** Councilman Poplawski motioned to approve the reduction of March and April sewer costs on account 1961.0 to the average cost over the prior year, Councilwoman Eylar seconded, motion carried.
- 8.5 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Budget Review:** Councilwoman Eylar motioned to move Agenda Item 8.5, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Budget Review, to the next regular meeting, Councilwoman Dalton seconded, motion carried.

**END OF MEETING VISITOR/PUBLIC INPUT:**


**Mayor Eylar again welcomed public comment at this time:** Karen Wright expressed concern of the increased speed limit on Spokane Wy. and Federal Ave., Officer Martin stated the point of clarification that the Grant County Sherrif's response is out of Ephrata and Officer Hopper and himself are expected to respond on-call, Ms. Billups asked how many police officers are there now, Mayor Eylar stated the City has 6 officers currently employed and a chief in process.

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no objection, Mayor Eylar adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:26pm.



Ruth Dalton, Mayor Pro Tempore



Chantel Crowe, Deputy Clerk