



MINUTES
Weston City Council

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

By Mayor Thul @ 6:00PM Present: Mayor Duane Thul. Councilors: Lois Phillips, Shannon Hoehna, Mike Dowd and Shawn Monaco. City Recorder Sheila Jasperson.

Location: 114 East Main Street, Weston, OR

1a) Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1b) Mayor Thul welcomed everyone.

Meeting paused for council to convene in Executive Session-ORS 192.660(2)(a) at 6:02pm.

Meeting resumed at 6:28pm.

1c) Approve Minutes for: November 10, 2021. Councilor Phillips motioned, Councilor Hoehna second to approve council minutes of November 10, 2021. All in favor, none opposed.

2) Correspondence: City Recorder shared information on an Emergency Operation-ICS for Senior/Elected Officials Training on 1/18/21 and Portland State University population estimate for 2021. Discussion of a thank you token to the Food Pantry staff, with consensus that Councilor Hoehna drafting a letter of thanks and the city providing pizza to the staff after a Saturday distribution.

3) New Business: Council to schedule a work session within the month regarding the need for an increase in water/sewer rates, and a plan moving forward. Councilors to email City Recorder of available dates.

4) Old Business Items:

4a) Prioritization of Projects ARPA (Covid-19) Funds: City Recorder provided a break-down of actual funds spent to date:

*Speed Signs \$5,978

*Website \$6,900

*Premium Pay to Employees \$7,394

TOTAL spent to date \$20,272

Public Works informed council that there is still one outstanding bid (Walla Walla Electric) for the security cameras, and would like to wait for that to come in before making a decision with a vendor. Council in agreement.



5) Action Items:

5a) Grants: No action taken.

5b) Approve Holiday/Children's Events Donation: Mayor Thul made the motion to approve Holiday/Children's Events Donation in the amount of \$600, with an additional amount of \$300, totaling \$900. Councilor Phillips second. All in favor, none opposed.

5c) Approval of Hold Harmless & Indemnification Agreement w/Pioneer Assoc: Councilor Dowd made the motion to Approve Hold Harmless & Indemnification Agreement w/Pioneer Assoc. Councilor Hoehna second. All in favor, none opposed.

5d) Approve Public Works Purchase of Snow Tires/Rims for F550: Mayor Thul made the motion to Approve Public Works Purchase of Snow Tires/Rims for F550 in the amount of \$4,350. Councilor Phillips second. All in favor none opposed.

5e) Pre-Approve Purchase of Generator 200HP Well Site: No action taken.

Added Action Items:

5f) Hiring of Municipal Court Judge: Councilor Hoehna made the motion to hire Monte Ludington for the Municipal Court Judge position, effective December 8, 2021, with \$500 per month. Councilor Phillips second. All in favor, none opposed.

5g) Approve Scott Spendlove (PW) to assist the City of Adams with duties required from a certified water operator, with formal agreement to be put into place in the near future. Councilor Dowd made the motion Approve Scott Spendlove (PW) to assist the City of Adams with duties required from a certified water operator, with formal agreement to be put into place in the near future. Councilor Phillips second. All in favor, none opposed

5h) Approve City Attorney to draft a letter to EOT regarding lack of payment for franchise fees: Mayor Thul made the motion to Approve City Attorney to draft a letter to EOT regarding lack of payment for franchise fees. Councilor Hoehna second. All in favor, none opposed.

6) Approve Financials and Pay Bills:

Councilor Phillips made the motion to approve the monthly financials and bills. Councilor Monaco second. All in favor, none opposed.

Adjournment @ 7:17pm