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Minutes for the Woodburn City Council Meeting on March 15th, 2021:

The meeting began at 7:00pm. In attendance was Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls, Chief Parker as well as Councilmen Martin, Thompson, Gerig, and Watts. Councilman Voirol was not present. The meeting was held remote and monitored by Kaleb from Reliance.

Chief's Report: Officer Evans has begun classes for the academy this week. The new squad is currently being outfitted, but certain supply chains have been interrupted which is ultimately causing the delay in the vehicle being ready for active duty. The Chief would like to send the two oldest squad cars to auction in the summer sometime after the new squad is ready for day-to-day use. The Mayor mentioned that a resident approached him about purchasing these vehicles. The Mayor will keep this resident informed as to the timetable of the auction. The Chief asked the Council to consider as to whether the golf cart registration process needed changed, or possibly even eliminated. After discussion, it was determined to maintain the current process but with more active oversight from the Woodburn Police Department. The Woodburn Police Department will work Operation Pull Over this year. The Chief presented monthly stats for December, January, and February.

Superintendent's Report: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: The Board of Works approved the inspection of the two City owned water towers earlier this evening. API was awarded the bid for the Community Crossings Grant work to be completed this summer in the amount of \$392,970.00. The old American Legion building was found to have several feet of water located in the basement. Given this issue as well as the lack of ADA compliance with this site, the City will indefinitely eliminate this site as a storm shelter. Christ Lutheran Church is still a valid location for community use during inclement weather. Going forward, meetings will take place in person April 5th onward unless otherwise stated. City Hall will also be open to the public on this date.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the March 1st meeting. After discussion, Councilman Martin moved to accept the minutes from the March 1st meeting as presented, second by Councilman Watts, all present in favor. The meeting minutes were presented from the third and final fire territory meeting public hearing that took place on March 1st. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to accept the minutes from the March 1st meeting as presented, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. Warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilman Thompson moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. The Clerk-Treasurer asked the Council to consider changing the format of the summer sewer discount. After discussion, it was determined that the amount of revenue lost over the summer months, per year, be approximated and brought to the next meeting in order to consider alternative options. The Clerk-Treasurer asked the Council if there were any issues with tearing down the old American Legion building, as it is not in the best condition and that, presumably, a pipe froze in the basement causing several feet of water to collect before being noticed. After discussion, it was determined by Council to proceed as described.

Councilmen's Report: Councilman Thompson explained with Carol Martin about what the community can do to provide input regarding the mural to be placed on the old pizza shop building. Councilman Martin inquired as to the flags on Main Street and the Superintendent described what was to occur regarding that matter.

Audience: Nothing to report.

Councilman Watts moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.

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