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Minutes for the Woodburn City Council Meeting on June 21st, 2021:

The meeting began at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance was Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins as well as Councilmen Voirol, Thompson, Gerig, and Watts. Superintendent Walls, Chief Parker, and Councilman Martin were not present. Kaleb Dienelt with Reliance and Rachel Black with Allen County Planning were also present.

The Mayor opened a public hearing for comment regarding the City's desire for additional appropriations within the 2021 calendar year at 7:10pm. After hearing no comments from the audience, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:15pm.

Chief's Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor recapped the Board of Works meeting from earlier this evening. The Mayor wanted to confirm the City appointed position for the seat on the fire territory board. After discussion, Councilman Voirol moved that Mayor Kelsey be the City of Woodburn's representative for the first term of two years to the East Central Fire and EMS aka the Woodburn-New Haven Fire Territory executive board, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. The Mayor discussed options for the Mainstreet Stellar project with Council for their input. Regarding a request from a resident, the Mayor initiated Mudrack Tree Service to determine the state of a tree that the resident wishes to keep. This tree is in the City easement. After discussion, it was determined to wait until the upcoming sidewalk projects are completed as a more thorough evaluation of tree varieties and locations for planting will be determined. Regarding streetlights on Hickory Street, AEP has provided the Mayor with a list of different styles of light. Discussion occurred about Council preference with the Mayor to check with his AEP representative to determine next steps of implementation.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the June 7th meeting. After discussion, Councilman Thompson moved to accept the minutes from the June 7th meeting as presented, second by Councilman Voirol, all present in favor. The warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. The Clerk-Treasurer explained that there are approximately 3 homes remaining that have not resolved their illegal sump pump connections. Fees have now begun to accumulate to the owners of said property as described in the notice provided on April 1st which began June 1st. The Clerk-Treasurer described a situation involving a backorder of meters for the summer and that there are approximately 25 residents waiting for these meters. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to adjust the sewer portion of the utility bill to reflect the average usage for the list of those individuals currently waiting for a meter, for the billing cycle of 6/15/21 to 7/15/21 service, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. Meters will then be handed out 7/15/21 or later as supply is available.

Councilmen's Report: Councilman Thompson moved to read Resolution 21-257 (Transfers w/in Funds and Additional Appropriations) by title only, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Councilman Voirol moved to accept the first reading of Resolution 21-257, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to adopt Resolution 21-257, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. Councilman Thompson gave an update on the clothing bank and a recent clothing bank event that had occurred.

Audience: Rachel went over details regarding annual compliance of businesses within the Woodburn City limits regarding tax abatements. Councilman Watts moved to read Resolution 21-258 (Approve 2021 pay 2022 Compliance w/Statement of Benefits) by title only, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to accept the first reading of Resolution 21-258, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. Councilman Voirol moved to adopt Resolution 21-258, second by Councilman Watts, all present in favor.

Councilman Voirol moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Watts, all present in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm.

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