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Minutes for the Woodburn City Council Meeting on November 1st, 2021:

The meeting began at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance was Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls as well as Councilmen Martin, Thompson (via phone), Gerig, Watts, and Voirol. Chief Parker was not present.

Chief's Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: The Superintendent gave an update on the lagoon ponds.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Kelsey began the meeting with a moment of silence to honor the late retired Fire Chief of New Haven, John Bennett, and Barb Smith, who spent many years serving both Leo-Cederville and NewAllen Alliance. The Mayor offers his condolences to the families on behalf of the community. State Road 101 is closed at the railroad tracks at Tile Mile Road for approximately 3 days, starting today. Bull Rapids is going to be closed for approximately 30 days between the new US24 and old US24. The Mayor explained that he reached out to the Allen County Commissioners on October 18<sup>th</sup> via email asking for consideration in partially funding sewer upgrades that are needed outside of the City limits in rural Allen County and is still awaiting a reply.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. After discussion, Councilman Voirol moved to accept the minutes from the October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting as presented, second by Councilman Watts, all in favor. The warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilman Thompson moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. The Clerk-Treasurer explained that there is one home remaining that has not resolved their illegal sump pump connection. Fees are still accumulating to the owner of the property as described in the notice provided on April 1<sup>st</sup> which began to accrue on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The Clerk-Treasurer presented 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter financials for the Board's consideration. This included, among other things, fund balances, revenue guidelines, and expenditure guidelines as of the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. The Clerk-Treasurer was prepared to answer any questions accordingly. Summer meters have been returned and after calculation, approximately \$10,000 less was given back to customers in total this year as compared to the summer sewer discount method that was offered last year. This also considers the costs of purchasing the meters. The Clerk-Treasurer presented a quote from American Legal Publishing, the company that codifies the City's ordinances, for online hosting on their database. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to proceed as proposed, second by Councilman Thompson, all in favor.

Councilmen's Report: Nothing to report.

Audience: A resident reminded elected officials to take the NewAllen Alliance survey if they have not already. Councilman Thompson mentioned that on Saturday November 13<sup>th</sup>, the Woodburn Clothing Bank will host a Chili Cook-Off from 4:00PM - 8:00PM at the Woodburn Community Center.

Councilman Watts moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Voirol all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

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