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

The meeting began at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance was Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls, Chief Parker as well as Councilmen Martin, Thompson, Gerig, Watts, and Voirol. Duane Heckley with the Woodburn Mainstreet Organization was also present.

Chief's Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor did get a follow-up from the Allen County Commissioners regarding his previous email. Based on the correspondence of all involved, it looks like the beginning of the year is the most appropriate time to have the discussion of potential ARP money opportunities. Fox Contractors is ready to have IDEM inspect the lagoons but the Mayor would like additional work to be done before signing off on the project. The Mayor was sent an email from an elderly couple describing a favorable incident between Officer Evans and themselves as they were passing through the City. The Mayor mentioned that 2022 is a re-districting year and wanted input from Council regarding this process. Council discussed their thoughts on the matter.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. After discussion, Councilman Thompson moved to accept the minutes from the November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting as presented, second by Councilman Watts, all in favor. The warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilman Watts 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>.

Councilmen's Report: Councilman Martin asked about an update on the demolition of the old American Legion meeting. The City is waiting for state approval at this point.

Audience: A resident came tonight to discuss the potential to adjust her utility bill as she discovered her outdoor spicket had been running overnight. After discussion, Councilman Voirol moved to credit her utility bill to reflect the average sewer usage for all affected months, second by Councilman Thompson, all in favor. Duane inquired as to the willingness of the City to partner with the Woodburn Mainstreet Organization in the creation of brochures that would be produced for distribution within the community. After discussion, Councilman Martin moved to pay for up to \$1,000 associated with costs involved with the creation of a publication to help promote Woodburn, second by Councilman Thompson, all in favor.

Councilman Watts moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Thompson, all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm.

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