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Minutes for the Woodburn City Council Meeting on January 4th, 2022:

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

Chief's Report: The Chief gave an update on the recent state program that Woodburn Officers participated in called Click It To Live It. The Chief was present to answer any questions relating to the lost retirement potential for Officer Evans into the 77 Fund as well.

Superintendent's Report: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor gave an update to the clean closure project.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from both the December 20<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> meetings. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to accept the minutes from the December 20<sup>th</sup> meeting as corrected, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to accept the minutes from the December 31<sup>st</sup> meeting as presented, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. The 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 described why Ordinance 22-1402 (Accept American Legal Codification Modification) was drafted for Council consideration this evening. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to read Ordinance 22-1402 by title only, second by Councilman Watts, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to accept the first reading of Ordinance 22-1402, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor.

Councilmen's Report: The Council were asked beforehand to consider who might lead council meetings for the 2022 calendar year, should the Mayor be absent for any meeting. After discussion, Councilman Thompson moved to nominate Councilman Watts for that honor, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Councilman Watts graciously accepts the recommendation. Discussion occurred regarding the potential for Officer Evans to obtain some portion of monies that were committed to his 77 Fund retirement for the 2021 calendar year that had become ineligible for contribution. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to allow the City to contribute a 10% match, rather than the typical 3% match, to Officer Evans' 457 plan through Nationwide that is offered by the City for the 2022 and 2023 calendar years, given that Officer Evans elects to contribute at least 3% to the plan and that it is confirmed through Nationwide that this is indeed allowable, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. Councilman Thompson shared that the Santa Toy Patrol went over well with several local families benefiting. Until further notice, the Woodburn Clothing Bank is not taking additional donations but will still be available to serve the public.

Audience: A resident had come in earlier to present an issue with her utility bill but was unable to attend the meeting tonight. She is asking for a sewer adjustment due to a water leak that resulted in water going into the ground. After discussion, Councilman Thompson moved to adjust the sewer portion of the utility bill to reflect the average sewer for all affected months, pending the Superintendent's review of the situation, as well as waive the late fees and allow until April 1<sup>st</sup> to get the account balance current, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor.

Councilman Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in

favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.

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