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Minutes for the Woodburn City Council Meeting on January 17th, 2022:

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

Chief's Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: City staff met with the Allen County Commissioners to discuss the potential of financial assistance from the Commissioners to upsize the lift station at Woodlan High School. This meeting went over very positively and the City appreciates the Commissioner's time and consideration regarding this request. The Mayor discussed another meeting with the builders involved in the Homestead Addition to determine the potential of future fiber installation to those upcoming homes. Stellar Streetscape work will begin around the end of February with a groundbreaking to occur February 17th, weather pending. An invitation to bid for the Stellar Sidewalk/Trail project will take place in the near future. The Mayor met with Landis and Sons Tree Service to determine what trees need to be removed for these projects. The Mayor mentioned an initiative called 260 which celebrates and educates the community on what makes the 260 area code great. There will be a 260 weekend the first weekend of February and the Mayor can be reached for businesses who wish to participate in future events.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the January 4th meeting. After discussion, Councilman Voirol moved to accept the minutes from the January 4th meeting as presented, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor except Councilman Martin who abstains. The warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Martin, all present in favor. Ordinance 22-1402 (Accept American Legal Codification Modification) was listed as old business on the agenda and was discussed. After discussion, Councilman Voirol moved to read Ordinance 22-1402 by title only, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. Councilman Voirol moved to accept the second reading of Ordinance 22-1402, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Councilman Voirol moved to adopt Ordinance 22-1402, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Ordinance 22-1402 is ratified as presented.

Councilmen's Report: Councilman Martin mentioned that the brochures being created under the direction of the Main Street Organization are almost complete. New Allen is discussing the results of the recent survey that was administered to elected officials and is considering next steps.

Audience: Mike Loveless went over details about what his company can offer regarding liability and casualty insurance as well as worker's compensation coverage. He let the Council know that he would be available to further discuss options for the City at the City's discretion. There was a request from an individual who lives in Havenwood for the City to consider the potential of leaf pickup in their addition. After discussion, it was determined that the City did not have the resources to entertain this request, even if direct payment were involved. It was suggested that the farmer who owns the adjacent land be contacted for a potential solution.

Councilman Gerig moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.

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