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Minutes for the Woodburn City Council Meeting on March 7th, 2022:

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

Chief's Report: Officer Cowan was present to answer any questions on behalf of the police department.

Superintendent's Report: The Superintendent reported that almost immediately after the last Common Council meeting, 60 water meters that were ordered previously had arrived for future use and the City should not be short on meters any time soon.

Mayor's Report: API will begin work on the Stellar Streetscape project this week. The Indiana Governor has rescinded the public health emergency for the state as of March 3rd. The Mayor discussed the updated state-wide policy for remote meetings that was passed last year. The Mayor reached out to the Allen County Department of Planning Services regarding the potential of a housing TIF district for each of the two new home developments that are in process. Landis and Sons Tree Service took down approximately 18 trees that were to be removed for various projects forthcoming this year. New trees will be planted in the near future.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the February 21st meeting. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to accept the minutes from the February 21st meeting as presented, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. The warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilman Voirol moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Watts, all present in favor. The Clerk-Treasurer was asked by a resident if she could be on a payment plan in order to resolve her outstanding balance. She proposed paying \$100 each Monday, starting Monday March 14th, and continuing until paid in full. This would result in payment in full within about 6 weeks. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved as proposed without adding late fees to the account, second by Councilman Watts, all present in favor. The Allen County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan is in need of being updated by the end of the year and the Allen County Office of Homeland Security has asked the City of Woodburn to produce a representative to assist in updating this plan. After discussion, it was determined that Mayor Kelsey will tentatively take this responsibility on and may later pass this along to an officer if that becomes appropriate to do so.

Councilmen's Report: Councilman Martin asked about how the construction on Main Street would impact the post office as well as other local businesses in the area. The Mayor explained that API should be aware of the needs of the local businesses but he will reach out to impacted businesses to make sure that concerns are addressed appropriately.

Audience: A resident went over details for a proposed community food pantry and wanted to know what the City Council thought about the idea. After discussion, it was determined that the City would not be opposed to this idea and offered suggestions for community contacts that may help get this project started.

Councilman Voirol moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm.

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