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Minutes for the Woodburn City Council Meeting on May 2nd, 2022:

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 Voirol, Martin, Thompson, and Gerig. Chief Parker and Councilman Watts were not present.

The Mayor opened up the public hearing for consideration of the current annexation proposal at 7:10 pm. After hearing no comments from the audience, with general comments provided to the Council by the Clerk-Treasurer, the public hearing was closed at 7:16pm.

Chief's Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: Stellar Sidewalk project bids are to be revealed to the Mayor on or about May 5th. INDOT representatives have requested direction on how to proceed within 48 hours of notification to the Mayor. Given that short timeframe to respond, the Mayor is asking for Council to grant him authority to act in capacity of the City regarding the project award. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to allow the Mayor to award the bid for the Stellar Sidewalk project on behalf of the City, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. The Mayor attended a County Council meeting in which he spoke about what the City of Woodburn had planned to use with the \$375,000 that was asked of the Allen County Commissioners. They had discussed giving the City this amount for upgrades to the sewer lift station at the high school. The Mayor is waiting for an updated contract to sign in order to proceed.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the April 18th meeting. After discussion, Councilman Thompson moved to accept the minutes from the April 18th 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 Thompson, all present in favor. A second invoice to be paid to API Construction for the Mainstreet Streetscape Phase II project was presented in the amount of \$89,247.75 to API with another \$4,697.25 to be paid to the City escrow account as retainage for this project. After discussion, Councilman Thompson moved to proceed as proposed, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. The Clerk-Treasurer explained the reason for Ordinance 22-1406 (Annexation East of Becker Road) and Resolution 22-261 (Acceptance of Annexation Fiscal Plan). Councilman Thompson moved to read Ordinance 22-1406 by title only, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Councilman Voirol moved to accept the first reading of Ordinance 22-1406, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. The adoption of Ordinance 22-1406 will presumably take place at the next Council meeting. Councilman Thompson moved to read Resolution 22-261 by title only, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Councilman Voirol moved to accept the first reading of Resolution 22-261, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. Councilman Thompson moved to adopt Resolution 22-261, second by Councilman Voirol, all present in favor. Resolution 22-261 is ratified as presented.

Councilmen's Report: Councilman Martin asked about what should be done about damages at the corner of Lynnwood and Ash. Councilman Thompson mentioned that the clothing bank fundraiser went well earlier this week. Councilman Voirol mentioned that there are two particular properties that need

addressed.

Audience: A resident came in to discuss unusual water consumption. She discovered that her water softener was discharging improperly and that the excess water was not treated by the sewer system. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to adjust the sewer portion of her utility bill to reflect the average usage for all affected months, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. A resident asked about the clock tower area and asked what can be done to keep the space looking nice. She also asked if there would be pavers at the construction site on the south side of the road. It was determined that this area would remain grass.

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

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