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Minutes for the Woodburn City Council Meeting on July 5th, 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 Martin, Thompson, Watts, and Gerig. Chief Parker and Councilman Voirol were not present. Chris McKenna and his associates with Gov Grant were also present.

Chief's Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor received an estimate to maintain the streetscape on Main Street for \$3,890 annually, with a three year commitment, from JP Landscaping. After discussion, Councilman Thompson moved to proceed with the estimate from JP Landscaping, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to accept the minutes from the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting as presented, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. The warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. A change order related to the Mainstreet Project was presented for consideration. After discussion, Councilman Thompson moved to approve Change Order # 1 to API, which results in the additional payment of \$30,387.55, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. A third and final invoice to be paid to API Construction for the Mainstreet Streetscape Phase II project was presented in the amount of \$258,734.50 to API with another \$13,617.20 to be paid to the City escrow account as retainage as well as an additional \$9.00 for fees associated with the escrow account. After discussion, Councilman Thompson moved to proceed as proposed, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. If the work is accomplished to the Council's liking, the Clerk-Treasurer then asked if they would approve the release of retained funds for the project to API in the amount of \$32,156.33. This may take a few more days as the last retainage amount will need to be deposited first, with the full amount paid as a check to API, and then the escrow account will be closed. After discussion, Councilman Thompson moved to release the retained funds for the Mainstreet Streetscape Phase II Project in the amount of \$32,156.33, second by Councilman Watts, all present in favor.

Councilmen's Report: Councilman Thompson reminded Council about the benefit on July 17<sup>th</sup> for the Jackson family.

Audience: Chris and his associates provided information about potential services of grant writing that they can facilitate on behalf of the City. A resident came to discuss an issue with his utility bill. It was determined that the resident was having issues with his water softener, and that this water was not treated, but had generated a massive utility bill. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to modify all affected utility bills to reflect the average sewer consumption on the account, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. A resident inquired as to the status of the sign on the City Hall building and wanted to know if it were possible to relocate it to the other side of the building and use it for events at the Community Center. The Council seemed receptive to this proposal. A resident asked questions about

how access to fiber internet would be beneficial to businesses within the City limits.

Councilman Watts moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm.

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