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Minutes for the Woodburn City Council Meeting on August 15th, 2022:

The meeting began at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance was Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls, Chief Parker as well as Councilmen Voirol, Martin, Thompson, Gerig, and Watts. Sarah Jones and Pat from Allen County Planning Services were also present.

Chief's Report: The Chief went over details from the Board of Works meeting earlier this evening. Specifically, the purchase of a new vehicle in 2023 and the new body cameras that will be arriving in the near future. The vehicle will need to be considered within the 2023 calendar year budget, but after discussion with Council, it was determined that this would occur without any problems. A new policy will need to be presented and approved prior to the implementation of the body cameras.

Superintendent's Report: The Superintendent discussed a purchase of two sewage pumps that was approved at the Board of Works meeting earlier this evening.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor gave an update on the sewer lagoon clean closure project. The Mayor is awaiting a third quote for the planters on Main Street to be presented at the next meeting for final decision. A resident had submitted an email requesting that the City consider either replacing or beautifying a City sign on State Road 101 coming into the City from the south. It was determined that it would be taken down. The Mayor gave an update on the Main Street project.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the August 1st meeting. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to accept the minutes from the August 1st meeting as presented, second by Councilman Thompson, all in favor except Councilman Martin who abstains. The warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Thompson, all in favor. The Clerk-Treasurer presented Council with a budget priority survey based on expected items to be purchased within 2023. He asks that they are returned within a week for future implementation and consideration. The Clerk-Treasurer asked Council if there were any additional suggestions for implementation within the 2023 calendar year budget.

Councilmen's Report: Councilman Gerig wanted clarification on how a resident would have a trash can replaced if it were damaged. The Clerk-Treasurer explained that directions on trash related issues were located on the City website and that residents can contact Waste Management directly. Councilman Voirol thanked the Superintendent for assisting a neighbor of his with a trash issue. Councilman Watts suggested that a stone walk path be put down at the former American Legion location to allow for some type of interim community use space until a more permanent solution is determined.

Audience: A resident came in to discuss his golfcart-like vehicle and that he would like to drive it on the sidewalks and/or streets. It was determined that, given it wasn't an actual golfcart, that it was not legal to drive on the streets of Woodburn. Sarah and Pat went over details for the Council's consideration regarding land use and future growth expectation for the City of Woodburn. This will be considered in tandem with Allen County land use and other related matters currently being discussed through All In Allen. A resident asked permission to have a fundraiser for the Woodburn Clothing Bank at the former American Legion property on August 27th. The Council found this proposal favorable. A resident went

over some items to consider on the planters on Main Street. A resident reminded Council that on September 1st, Grabill will be having their Streetscape ribbon-cutting to reveal their new improvements and that Council is invited to this event. Another resident inquired as to when the City would have their streetscape ribbon-cutting to reveal Woodburn's recent downtown area improvements. This will more than likely occur within the next few months. A resident inquired as to whether or not a jake break ordinance would be possible due to loud noise that comes from traffic on State Road 101. After discussion, it was determined that regarding State Road 101, the City would not be able to enforce this request as it is a state highway and therefore regulated by INDOT.

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

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