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Minutes for the Woodburn City Council Meeting on October 3rd, 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 Council Members Sarrazine, Martin, Thompson, Gerig, and Watts. Chief Parker was not present.

Chief's Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: The Superintendent went over details regarding the sanitary sewer inflow issues at City Hall that have recently been considered and even now are still being addressed through the Board of Works.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor confirmed with Council that the EDC would not be reinstated at the City level and that the County, given that they are willing and able to facilitate this function for the City of Woodburn, will continue to assist the City in that capacity. The Mayor went over details for the upcoming Stellar Sidewalk and Trail project and explained the reasoning behind the invoice that was submitted to the City for their portion of payment that INDOT will hold in escrow. All future invoices will be paid as work is accomplished on this project through INDOT, but the City's portion is required beforehand. The check amount totals \$334,229.41 and the Clerk-Treasurer has prepared a check tonight for the Council's consideration. The Clerk-Treasurer asks that if damages occur, neither he nor his office are held responsible as a result of 'prepayment' that goes awry in the future. He did confirm with the SBOA that this method will not result in an audit exception. The Mayor has some questions to clarify with INDOT as well, as he was under the impression that INDOT was to provide an amount of \$900,000 for this project, but received in writing a total of \$554,000. He would like to clarify this prior to the submission of the check to INDOT. After discussion, it was determined to allow the Mayor time to clarify the conditions of the arrangement between the City of Woodburn and INDOT. Decisions will be made at the next Council meeting. Councilman Watts moved to table discussion until next meeting, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all in favor. The Mayor went over details regarding a conversation with Baker Tilly involving water rates that occurred earlier today.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the September 19th meeting. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to accept the minutes from the September 19th meeting as presented, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all in favor. The warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilwoman Thompson moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all in favor. Councilman Watts moved to read Ordinance 22-1408 (2023 Budget) after explained changes were implemented since the first reading occurred, but by title only, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor. Councilman Watts moved to accept the second reading of Ordinance 22-1408, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all in favor. Councilwoman Sarrazine moved to adopt Ordinance 22-1408 as presented, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all in favor except Councilman Watts, who abstains. Ordinance 22-1408 is ratified as presented. Councilwoman Thompson moved to read Ordinance 22-1409 (2023 Elected Salaries) by title only, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor. Councilman Watts moved to accept the second reading of Ordinance 22-1409, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all in favor. Councilman Watts moved to adopt Ordinance 22-1409 as presented, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all in favor. Ordinance 22-1409 is ratified as presented. Councilman Watts moved to read Ordinance 22-1410 (2023 Appointed Salaries) by title only, second by

Councilwoman Thompson, all in favor. Councilman Gerig moved to accept the second reading of Ordinance 22-1410, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all in favor. Councilman Watts moved to adopt Ordinance 22-1410 as presented, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all in favor. Ordinance 22-1410 is ratified as presented. Councilman Watts moved to read Resolution 22-267 (Transfers w/in Funds) in full, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all in favor. Councilman Watts moved to accept the first reading of Resolution 22-267, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all in favor. Councilwoman Sarrazine moved to adopt Resolution 22-267 as presented, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all in favor. Resolution 22-267 is ratified as presented.

Councilmen's Report: Councilwoman Thompson reminded everyone that on December 4th the Santa Toy Patrol will take place at the Woodburn Community Center. Interested individuals should contact Tonya Thompson at 260-255-0075. Councilman Gerig asked the Superintendent about the fire hydrant that was recently replaced and the dirt that was displaced in that process. The Superintendent mentioned that after the ground settles, they will repair the area. He also mentioned issues with heavy equipment going over the parking lot close to the church where the new Ashler Point addition is located. The Mayor mentioned that he will begin a conversation with Granite Ridge in an effort to coordinate an alternative. Councilwoman Sarrazine inquired as to when the new restaurant will open up for business. The Mayor believes that they should be open again in approximately a month, or as soon as possible after that date.

Audience: A resident had submitted a letter prior to the meeting and had requested that the Clerk-Treasurer read this letter on her behalf. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to adjust the sewer portion of her utility bill to reflect the average for all affected months, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all in favor. A resident came in to discuss his large utility bill and asked for any relief that the City could provide as the water was not treated. After discussion, Councilwoman Thompson moved to adjust the sewer portion of the utility bill for all affected months, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all in favor. A resident asked for permission to sell barbeque on October 15th at the old American Legion property with proceeds to go to the upcoming Santa Toy Patrol event. After discussion, it was determined that this would be okay. A resident asked if the downed telephone line on Bull Rapids could be taken care of soon. This should be resolved as soon as the appropriate company takes care of the line. A resident asked if the electric lines on Main Street, on the east side of Bull Rapids, that are going through the trees could be removed if they were not longer in use. It was determined that these are phone lines not electric lines and that they will need to remain until the appropriate company takes care of them.

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

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