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Minutes for the Woodburn City Council Meeting on September 19th, 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.

The Mayor swore in Councilwoman Sarrazine to replace Councilman Voirol as the Woodburn Council-At-Large.

The Mayor opened the public hearing regarding the 2023 calendar year budget for the City of Woodburn at 7:46pm. A resident mentioned that Stenger Street needed repaired. There will be \$260,000 that will be available for consideration towards repairs on Stenger Street and/or Roemer Drive contingent on approval through INDOT's Community Crossing program. The Clerk-Treasurer explained that, among other things, the salary ordinances that will also be considered tonight assume a 3% cost-of-living adjustment to each employee as well as an additional \$1,500 annually to all full-time non-elected employees, based on previous conversations with Council, department heads, and the Mayor. After hearing no other public comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:54pm.

Chief's Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor went over the results of the bid letting for the Stellar Sidewalk project through INDOT. The Mayor explained a situation that was discussed earlier this evening at the Board of Works meeting involving a local business and ultimately what solution was determined. IDEM has signed off on the clean closure project and it should be finished in the near future.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the September 6th meeting. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to accept the minutes from the September 6th meeting as presented, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all in favor. The warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all in favor. The Clerk-Treasurer explained the reasons for considering Ordinance 22-1408 (2023 Budget), Ordinance 22-1409 (2023 Elected Salaries), and Ordinance 22-1410 (2023 Appointed Salaries). Councilwoman Thompson moved to read Ordinance 22-1408 in full, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor. Councilwoman Sarrazine moved to accept the first reading of Ordinance 22-1408, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all in favor. Councilwoman Thompson moved to read Ordinance 22-1409 in full, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all in favor. Councilwoman Thompson moved to accept the first reading of Ordinance 22-1409 with proposed changes, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all in favor. Councilman Gerig moved to read Ordinance 22-1410 in full, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all in favor. Councilwoman Thompson moved to accept the first reading of Ordinance 22-1410 with proposed changes, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor.

Councilmen's Report: Councilwoman Sarrazine will commence as Councilwoman-At-Large for the City of Woodburn effective immediately. Thank you Mike Voirol for your commitment to your community over the years and we wish you well in your retirement. Based on discussion during the public hearing,

Councilman Watts moved to provide a 3% cost-of-living adjustment to each employee and an additional \$1,500 annually to all full-time non-elected employees to take effect the first payroll of 2023 onward, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all in favor.

Audience: The Mainstreet Organization is encouraging community members to utilize the Citywide trash clean-up day this coming Saturday. A resident thanked the utility employee who assisted her with a new meter installation. She also mentioned that the streetlights that are now LED are too bright for her at her home. She would appreciate it if they could be replaced with a lesser intensity light. She also asked if there was a strategy to assist the community with homelessness. A resident presented a request for credit on his sewer account. His situation is more complicated than most, as he is billed by the Woodburn Mobile Home Park, not by the City directly. He has been in contact with both the City office as well as the WMHP to explain his situation. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to adjust the WMHP utility account in a not-to-exceed amount of \$2,671.24, pending confirmation from the resident that he indeed received this credit towards his outstanding bill from the WMHP first, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all in favor.

Councilwoman Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

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