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Minutes for the Woodburn City Council Meeting on November 7th, 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, Thompson, and Gerig. Chief Parker and Council Members Martin and Watts were not present. Elyssa McGauley with Allen County Department of Planning Services was also present.

Chief's Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: Leaf pickup has been nonstop this week and the utility workers will get to every location as time allows. Due to the amount of leaves to pick up, the City asks residents to be patient as they move around the City.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor mentioned that new banners have arrived and that new wreaths and bows should be ready to be picked up within the week. These are all to be placed on Main Street. The Mayor explained that the annual hydrant fees are being questioned by both the Townships and the Fire Territory but that he will look further into this and determine a future course of action.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the October 17th meeting. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to accept the minutes from the October 17th meeting as presented, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all present in favor. The warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilwoman Thompson moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor. The Clerk-Treasurer asked for the Council's permission to zero out previous customer balances on closed accounts that have not been known to maintain a current balance to collect. For those accounts with a known balance remaining, the office will continue to monitor should those individuals attempt to resume service at either the address in question or a different address within the service area of the City of Woodburn. After discussion, Councilwoman Thompson moved as proposed, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor.

Councilmen's Report: A rezoning request was submitted through Allen County and has come for final approval at tonight's meeting in the form of Ordinance 22-1412 (Rezoning Request RE: 21801 Woodburn Road). After discussion, Councilwoman Thompson moved to read Ordinance 22-1412 in full, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor. Councilman Gerig moved to accept the first reading of Ordinance 22-1412, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor. Baker Tilly has provided information for the City's consideration regarding water rates via Ordinance 22-1411 (Amend Water Rates). After discussion, Councilwoman Thompson moved to read Ordinance 22-1411 by title only, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Councilwoman Thompson moved to accept the first reading of Ordinance 22-1411, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. The Santa Toy Patrol event will take place on December 4th. Interested parties are encouraged to contact Tonya Thompson at 260-255-0075 with questions.

Audience: Elyssa described the reasons to introduce and pass Resolution 22-268 (Authorize Allen County Economic Development Commission to Act on Behalf of City). After discussion, Councilwoman Thompson moved to read Resolution 22-268 by title only, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor. Councilwoman Thompson moved to accept the first reading of Resolution 22-268,

second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Councilwoman Thompson moved to adopt Resolution 22-268 as presented, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all in favor. Resolution 22-268 is ratified as presented. A resident came in to discuss the lights that are out on Main Street. The fixtures that are out currently have been on backorder for over 6 months at this point and because they are more complex, there is no reasonable replacement to the City's knowledge. The Mayor will attempt to reach out to the company again later this week.

Councilwoman Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine all present in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm.

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