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Minutes for the Woodburn City Council Meeting on December 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 Council Members Sarrazine, Thompson, Gerig, and Watts. Chief Parker and Councilman Martin were not present.

Chief's Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: The wreaths and banners have been placed on Main Street. The lights hanging off of the water tower need replaced and consequently are not turned on at the moment.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor gave an update on the lights that are to be replaced on Main Street. He also gave an update on issues that are occurring with light pole locations on Main Street. The Mayor also described the potential need for Council to consider an Ordinance at the subsequent meeting confirming that there are no changes to implement regarding Council District boundaries. The Mayor gave an update on the INDOT Stellar Project. He also asked Council members to sign the plat for the Ashlar Pointe addition provided to the City. These signatures do not constitute approval to connect to City water and until additional testing is approved by the Superintendent, this will remain the case. The Mayor went over details describing the potential of broadband internet in the new housing additions.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the November 21st meeting. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to accept the minutes from the November 21st meeting as presented, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all present in favor. The warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all present in favor. The Clerk-Treasurer presented end-of-year paperwork for the Council's consideration. This included certification that City employees, on behalf of the City, did not award contracts that would benefit them financially. The nepotism form and the handbook acknowledgement form were also distributed to each employee present. Times and dates for 2023 meetings were presented for consideration with suggested changes noted. The Clerk-Treasurer explained that the Board of Works approved payment for the final invoice to Fox Contractors for the lagoon clean closure project, less final retention. This resulted in the SRF draw down loan to be utilized in full with the remainder invoice balance to be approved by Council at their meeting on December 19th.

Councilmen's Report: Councilman Watts moved to read Ordinance 22-1411 (Amend Water Rates) by title only, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all present in favor. Councilman Gerig moved to approve the third reading of Ordinance 22-1411, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to adopt Ordinance 22-1411 as presented, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all present in favor. Ordinance 22-1411 is ratified as presented. Councilwoman Thompson moved to read Ordinance 22-1413 (Designating EDTA #1 as Ashlar Pointe and EDTA #2 as Homestead Place) by title only, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Councilwoman Thompson moved to accept the second reading of Ordinance 22-1413 as presented, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to adopt Ordinance 22-1413 as presented, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor. Ordinance 22-1413 is ratified as presented. Councilman Gerig moved to read Resolution 22-269 (Transfers w/In Funds) by title only, second by Councilwoman

Thompson, all present in favor. Councilwoman Thompson moved to accept the first reading of Resolution 22-269, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to adopt Resolution 22-269 as presented, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor. Resolution 22-269 is ratified as presented.

Audience: A pair of residents came in to discuss the property at the old PNC building and mentioned that several other residents have also complained. They asked if there is anything that the City can do to assist with this issue. The Mayor and Council went over the City's position and that a particular nuisance violation would be necessary in order to force action on part of the owner. It was suggested that if signatures were collected, the Mayor would send a letter alongside those signatures asking the owner to consider his impact within the community.

Councilwoman Sarrazine moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all present in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.

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