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Minutes for the Woodburn City Council Meeting on February 20th, 2023:

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, Gerig, and Watts. Chief Parker, Councilman Martin, and Councilwoman Thompson were not present. Mike Fruchey with the Allen County Surveyor's office and Herb Anderson with New Allen Alliance were also present.

Chief's Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: The Superintendent went over details regarding options for the inflow problems at City Hall.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor discussed police policy for body and car cameras and that a final policy will be presented at the next meeting for the Council's consideration.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the January 16th meeting. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to accept the minutes from the January 16th meeting as presented, second by Councilman Watts, all present in favor. The warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilwoman Sarrazine moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Watts, all present in favor. The Clerk-Treasurer informed Council of a correction in December of 2022 totaling \$176.93. The Clerk-Treasurer also presented a letter for Council's consideration regarding certain utility accounts that have been billed in error. Suggestions were noted for future implementation. The Clerk-Treasurer submitted a letter to the Board of Works and Common Council describing an issue with fire hydrant maintenance invoices. When submitted in 2022 to the respective townships, there were issues with who should pay: the townships or the fire territory. The 2022 invoices are paid at this point, and going forward, all future invoices for this purpose will be billed to the townships and not the fire territory per previous conversations with Council. This letter explains the Clerk-Treasurer's position on this topic and why it is important for all involved to understand what can and should be done with future issues. The Mayor confirmed that the townships will be expected to pay this amount going forward.

Councilmen's Report: The Woodburn Youth League has sent a request for the City's consideration for sponsorship of their 2023 season. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to support the WYL with a contribution of \$150 for this coming season, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor. Several residents had requested sewer adjustments to their utility bill due to burst pipes, as many pipes were damaged due to the cold weather around Christmas. After discussion, Councilwoman Sarrazine moved to adjust the sewer portion of the utility bill to reflect the average use for each account for all affected months, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor.

Audience: Mike described the need to update the County Master Plan for stormwater management and an opportunity for Allen County regarding needed improvements in the county while asking the City to participate in this effort. The City then submitted a letter of support on behalf of this proposal. Herb gave an update on New Allen Alliance matters.

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

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