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Minutes for the Woodburn City Council Meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 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, Martin, Thompson, Gerig, and Watts. Chief Parker was not present.

Chief's Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor asked for Council's consideration on the old American Legion property. He suggests that it be leveled with stone and a path with benches be placed as the City determines what happens to the property at a later date. Council seemed to find this agreeable. The Mayor gave an update on the landscaping on Main Street. The Mayor asked Council to consider a situation involving the Dollar General and their desire to have sidewalk sales out in front of their building. The Mayor is under the impression that the nearby homes had asked for special consideration when the Dollar General was initially built, and that the store was not permitted to have sidewalk sales at that location. He does not have access to this in writing and he would like to have this information if possible, should it exist. After discussion, it was determined that this documentation would need to be discovered and reviewed, unless it is documented on the property deed, in order for this request to be denied, assuming that the action is otherwise permitted by zoning allowances.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. After discussion, Councilwoman Thompson moved to accept the minutes from the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting as corrected, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor except Councilman Martin who abstains. The warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all in favor. Resolution 23-272 was prepared for tonight's consideration. After discussion, Councilwoman Thompson moved to read Resolution 23-272 (Updates to New Allen Alliance SIP) by title only, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor. Councilwoman Thompson moved to accept the reading and adopt as presented, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all in favor. Resolution 23-272 is adopted as presented. The Clerk-Treasurer presented an email with quotes from Baker Tilly regarding the potential of a water and/or sewer cost of service study as well as a comprehensive financial plan. The consensus was to wait for now and this can be considered at a future time.

Councilmen's Report: Councilman Martin inquired about vehicles parked on the street indefinitely. After discussion, it was determined that as long as the plates are up to date and the vehicle is drivable, there is no issue. Councilwoman Thompson mentioned that the Woodburn Clothing Bank will officially be opened tomorrow. Councilman Watts presented a letter on behalf of the Woodburn Community Association that asked if the City would pay \$4,400 towards the fireworks display at this year's Summerfest on June 17<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor suggested that in future years the Woodburn Community Association try approaching local businesses for sponsorship to this end, but that this year it would be reasonable for the City to contribute. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to proceed with the request, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all in favor. He also had a discussion with a local business owner who had asked for City permission to seal an alley at the same time he was sealing his

parking lot. After discussion, it was determined that this would be acceptable. Councilman Watts also mentioned that there is a trampoline in poor condition on Woodburn Road that he would like to see the Code Enforcement Officer investigate as time allows.

Audience: A resident discussed an unusually large utility bill that came as a result of a leak. This leak may have gone into multiple billing cycles. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to adjust the sewer portion of the utility bill to reflect the average usage amount for all affected months, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all in favor.

Councilwoman Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm.

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