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Minutes for the Woodburn City Council Meeting on May 15<sup>th</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, Gerig, and Watts. Chief Parker and Councilwoman Thompson were not present. Herb Anderson with New Allen Alliance was also present.

Chief's Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: The Superintendent gave an update on current projects throughout the City. The City is still waiting for the solar panels at the high school lift station to be logged appropriately with AEP in order to provide a credit to the City's account going forward.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor reminded Council about a situation regarding Dollar General and whether or not they have the ability to facilitate outdoor seasonal sales. At the time it was considered, this was accepted as an exception from zoning stipulations but when the City changed the zoning in recent years, it did not carry over variances previously considered. The Mayor was looking for input from Council on how to proceed. After discussion, it was determined that when the zoning changed, so did the stipulations agreed upon at that time. The Mayor has confirmed that Allen County Highway will be applying chip and seal on Becker Road going south from Main Street through Slusher. This should be completed by the end of the summer.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. After discussion, Councilman Martin moved to accept the minutes from the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting as presented, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. The warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Martin, all present in favor. Bench quotes were presented from Kirby Built for either 4 benches at \$4,069.71 or 6 benches at \$5,492.00. After discussion, Councilwoman Sarrazine moved to proceed with the 6 benches as priced, second by Councilman Watts, all present in favor. The Clerk-Treasurer presented 1<sup>st</sup> quarter financials for the board's consideration. This included fund balances, bank account balances, and the expenditure and revenue guidelines.

Councilmen's Report: Nothing to report.

Audience: Herb gave an update on New Allen Alliance matters. A resident is requesting an adjustment to the sewer portion of her utility bill due to an outside spicket that was running. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to adjust the sewer portion of the utility bill to reflect the average usage for all affected months, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor. A resident asked about the planters on Main Street and what will be grown there. The Mayor will continue to coordinate with JP Landscaping and make sure that flowers can be grown there by volunteers as well. The Mother's Day event at the plaza was a success and thanks to all of the volunteers. A resident came to the meeting to discuss the sidewalk near his home that needs repaired on Core Street. He was asking how the City wishes to proceed on this matter. The Superintendent will inspect this area tomorrow to assess the situation. He also asked about dogs in the community and what can be done if issues arise. It was determined that if dogs are walked in the community, that they are expected to be picked up after and

also that if confrontation with them occurs, it is recommended to get the event logged by police to show continued behaviors with the animal in question.

Councilman Watts moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm.

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