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Minutes for the Woodburn City Council Meeting on July 17th, 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 Council Member Thompson were not present. Kaylie Slate with Allen County Planning Services was also present.

Chief's Report: A resolution was prepared for the disposal of the oldest PD squad for Council's consideration. Per the direction of the City attorney, this substantially equivalent resolution was prepared for both the City of Woodburn and the Town of Milford that describes this property transfer. Bids were taken from parties who had previously shown interest and the highest bidder was the Town of Milford. After discussion, Councilwoman Sarrazine moved to read Resolution 23-275 (PD Vehicle Transfer) by title only, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Councilman Gerig moved to accept the first reading of Resolution 23-275 as presented, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to adopt Resolution 23-275 as presented, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Resolution 23-275 is ratified as presented.

Superintendent's Report: The Stellar Sidewalk project work to backfill damaged areas is continuing to take place as that project nears completion. The Superintendent gave an update about work beginning today with Underground regarding the sewer main upgrade along Woodburn Road.

Mayor's Report: The 6 new benches have arrived to be placed throughout the City. City Council proposed locations to place these benches. The local steel workers union approached the Mayor about expanding their building and asked for a letter of approval from the Mayor. The Mayor was in favor of this proposal assuming that it is in alignment with current zoning expectations.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the July 3rd meeting. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to accept the minutes from the July 3rd meeting as presented, second by Councilman Martin, all present in favor, except Councilman Watts who abstains. 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 presented a document for the elected officials to sign to forego elections in November due to the fact that no seat is contested. This signed document will be sent to the Allen County Election Board for their consideration.

Councilmen's Report: Discussion renewed about the Lifeline request that came from previous meetings. After discussion, Councilman Watts suggested that a conversation about costs involved be had with the party in question and he will report back to Council after he has had this conversation.

Audience: Kaylie discussed the reasons for adopting Ordinance 23-1416 (Update Woodburn Zoning Ordinance). After discussion, Councilwoman Sarrazine moved to read Ordinance 23-1416 in full, second by Councilman Watts, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to accept the first reading of Ordinance 23-1416 as presented, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to suspend the rules to waive any additional readings and adopt as presented, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor. Ordinance 23-1416 is ratified as presented.

Councilman Watts moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm.

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