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Minutes for the Woodburn City Council Meeting on September 5th, 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 Martin, Gerig, and Watts. Chief Parker and Council Members Sarrazine and Thompson were not present. Rachel Black with the Allen County Department of Planning Services, Scott Parker with BMP Real Estate Holdings, and Herb Anderson with the New Allen Alliance were also present.

Chief's Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor plans on attending the upcoming public hearing in support of the proposed addition north of City Hall on the West side of 101. This would house up to 111 homes and the land in question is partially contained within the City limits.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the August 21st meeting. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to accept the minutes from the August 21st meeting as presented, second by Councilman Watts, 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. The Clerk-Treasurer has prepared a potential final draft of the 2024 budget. He is asking for Council Members to suggest ideas for implementation at this time. No suggestions were noted with the final spending approval for the 2024 calendar year to occur at the October 2nd meeting, with the public hearing to occur at the September 18th meeting. The Clerk-Treasurer explained the reasons to read Ordinance 23-1417 (2024 Budget), Ordinance 23-1418 (2024 Elected Salaries), and Ordinance 23-1419 (2024 Appointed Salaries). Councilman Martin moved to read Ordinance 23-1417 by title only, second by Councilman Watts, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to accept the first reading of Ordinance 23-1417, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to read Ordinance 23-1418 by title only, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to accept the first reading of Ordinance 23-1418, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to read Ordinance 23-1419 by title only, second by Councilman Martin, all present in favor. Councilman Gerig moved to accept the first reading of Ordinance 23-1419, second by Councilman Watts, all present in favor. The Clerk-Treasurer explained that the City is currently being audited by the State Board of Accounts. Our auditor would like to schedule an entrance exam with at least the Mayor and one Council Member, as well as the Clerk-Treasurer. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to appoint Councilwoman Sarrazine as the representative from Council, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. The Clerk-Treasurer asked if the board had any final suggestions for the trash bid documents that will be published this week. Suggestions were heard and will be incorporated prior to submission to the paper.

Councilmen's Report: Nothing to report.

Audience: Rachel described the reasons for presenting Resolution 23-277 (Declare BMP Real Estate Economic Revitalization Area). After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to read Resolution 23-277 by title only, second by Councilman Martin, all present in favor. Councilman Gerig moved to accept the

first reading of Resolution 23-277, second by Councilman Watts, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to adopt Resolution 23-277 as presented, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Resolution 23-277 is confirmed as presented. Herb gave an update on New Allen Alliance matters.

Councilman Watts moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm.

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