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Minutes for the Woodburn City Council Meeting on September 18<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, Chief Parker as well as Council Members Sarrazine, Thompson, Gerig, and Watts. Council Member Martin was not present. Rachel Black with the Allen County Department of Planning Services and Scott Parker with BMP Real Estate Holdings were also present.

The Mayor opened up the public hearing for the 2024 budget at 7:07 pm. The Clerk-Treasurer explained to all present the details of what is being proposed and why. After hearing no comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:08pm.

Chief's Report: The Chief explained that the PD Tahoe is still being outfitted and should be ready for deployment soon.

Superintendent's Report: The Superintendent gave an update on the sewer lift station project. The Superintendent also explained that there was a water main break that was identified and repaired since last meeting.

Mayor's Report: The public hearing for the Maumee Meadows Addition has been moved to October 12<sup>th</sup>.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to accept the minutes from the September 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Councilwoman Thompson, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. The Clerk-Treasurer explained the reasons to have the second reading of Ordinance 23-1417 (2024 Budget), Ordinance 23-1418 (2024 Elected Salaries), and Ordinance 23-1419 (2024 Appointed Salaries). Slight changes were made to Ordinance 23-1418 and were explained. Councilman Watts moved to read Ordinance 23-1417 by title only, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to accept the second reading of Ordinance 23-1417, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to read Ordinance 23-1418 by title only, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor. Councilman Gerig moved to accept the second reading of Ordinance 23-1418 as corrected, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to read Ordinance 23-1419 by title only, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor. Councilwoman Thompson moved to accept the second reading of Ordinance 23-1419, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. The Clerk-Treasurer explained to Council that the invitation to bid for trash service has been submitted and several companies have reached out since then to confirm interest.

Councilmen's Report: Councilman Watts gave an update about a resident who had concerns about the damage done by the contractor in phase III of the Homestead Addition. At this time, Councilman Watts

has asked the resident to allow him to interact on her behalf going forward until this is resolved more fully. Lifewise will be speaking with EACS this coming week about their previous proposal.

Audience: Rachel described the reasons for presenting Resolution 23-278 (Confirmatory Resolution for BMP Real Estate Economic Revitalization Area). After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to read Resolution 23-278 by title only, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to accept the first reading of Resolution 23-278, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to adopt Resolution 23-278 as presented, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor. Resolution 23-278 is confirmed as presented. A resident came in to request an adjustment to his utility bill. He had discovered that his outside spicket had been turned on overnight without his knowledge. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to adjust the sewer portion of his utility bill to reflect his average usage for all affected months, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all present in favor.

Councilman Watts moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all present in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm.

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