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Brandon Svenson, Mayor

Marty Poirrier, Council Position #1 * Eric Contreras, Council Position #2 * Lonnie Dowell, Council Position #3
Jeremy Allman, Council Position #4 *Lindsey Alvord, Council Position #5

May 9, 2022
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brandon Svenson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Mayor Svenson, Present, Marty Poirrier, Council Position #1; Eric Contreras, Council Position #2;
Lonnie Dowell, Present, Council Position #3, Jeremy Allman, Council Position #4, Council Position #5,
Lindsey Alvord

3. FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Brandon Svenson led the flag salute.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council member Jeremy Allman motions to approve agenda as presented. Council member Marty Poirrier 2nd. Passed unanimously.

- *Council member Allman – Motion*
- *Council member Poirrier – 2nd*
- *Mayor Svenson – N/A*
- *Council member Dowell – Approve*
- *Council member Contreras – Approve*
- *Council member Allman – Approve*
- *Council member Poirrier – Approve*
- *Council member Alvord – Approve*

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION – EMPLOYEMENT ISSUE.

Mayor Svenson recessed at 6:02 pm to go into Executive Session to discuss an employment issue and stated it would take 30 minutes. Penny Jo announced the Council would need 10 more minutes. Penny Jo announced again the council would need 10 more minutes. The meeting resumed at 6:48 pm. Mayor Svenson said there was discussion, and no decisions were made.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Svenson said fixing the bridge was more of a problem than anticipated and there was no new information.

Mayor Svenson said there was no update on the Jones Rd Surplus.

Council member Lonnie Dowell updated the Council met with a representative from Anvrus Corporation in Amboy, WA and was told it would cost \$100,000 to replace the windows and entry ways. He will send a quote. Lonnie verified some information needed for the quote. There was some discussion regarding the types of windows. He said other contractors were too busy.

7. MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Svenson reported the hanging baskets were put up last Thursday.

Mayor Svenson said Egg Day is June 18th and preparations are being made to clean up the city. He asked for any volunteers to help.

8. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council member Dowell reminded the Council we are elected officials and we represent our community.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports

10. STAFF REPORTS

a. Stephen Valentine, Police Chief, read his report.

In April 2022, there were two (2) abandoned vehicles, 9 agency assists, 1 alarm, 1 animal, 2 attempt to contact, 1 burglary, 2 civil issues, 1 crime prevention, 3 disorderly/dispute, 1 eluding, 1 found property, 1 hang up, 1 harassment, 9 information, 1 juvenile problem, 1 natural death, 1 noise complaint, 1 malicious mischief, 1 scam, 10 suspicious, 20 traffic, 1 trespass, 1 vehicle theft, 2 vehicle prowl, and 1 warrant.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Svenson reminded the attendees that they are limited to five (5) minutes.

Kathy Chastain - Kakela Rd resident. She had annexation questions. She asked if 10% of the petition has been approved by the developers and was told yes. She asked if the 60% vote required for

approval would include the developers and would they be allowed to vote along with the residents and was told yes. She asked if a petition election audit would be allowed, and Mayor Svenson said yes. She said the annexation paperwork was confusing and not very clear. She asked for clarification on pets and livestock that was stated in the information sent to the residents. She asked if pets or livestock would be allowed after the existing pets and livestock died. Mayor Svenson said you would be allowed to replace pets and livestock within the city limits. She said Meyer's Meadows was recently approved with conditions, and she asked what the conditions were. Mayor Svenson said he would need to speak with Robert Webster. She asked if the contractors were submitting bids on work being done for and in the City of Winlock and was told yes.

Teresa Boers – Did not speak.

Lawrence Boers – Did not speak.

Victoria Marincin – 123 Bay Rd. She expressed her concerns regarding growth, the annexation, and the economy. She feels the City of Winlock is growing too fast and feels the annexation is rushed.

Debbie Dwelly – 490 St Rt 505. She asked about existing livestock code on the pamphlet and asked for clarification. She has a non-profit horse rescue. She expressed concerns about the farms in the annexation area. Mayor Svenson responded to her comments.

Gladys House – 1002 SE First St. She expressed concerns about the farms in the annexation area. She expressed concerns about the Winlock Estates development. She expressed concerns about the water runoff and the effects to her property. Mayor Svenson responded to her comments and said he would need to speak with Robert Webster. She expressed concerns with the conditions on Rice Rd and Mayor Svenson and said he would speak with the Public Works Director.

Larry House – Did not speak.

Pamela & Doug Amman – Did not speak.

Jeremy & Nadine Cloud – 120 Kakela Rd. Jeremy Cloud asked for the SEPA review for Meyer's Meadows. He was told he would need to do a public records request. He read a prepared statement regarding Meyer's Meadows and his property regarding the city sewer hook-up, his well, the retention pond and flooding. Mayor Svenson responded to his comments and said the city is working to mitigate the problem. Council member Dowell asked if the developer was paying for the hook-up fee and Mayor Svenson confirmed the fee would be paid for the developer.

Tim Fife – 125 Twin View Ln. He expressed concerns regarding the city utilities and private well & septic tanks, annexation, and road maintenance. Mayor Svenson asked Mr. Fife to put together the list of concerns and he would be happy to address them.

12. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Vouchers for 5-9-22 for \$182,117.60

b. Minutes of April 25, 2022

Council member Marty Poirrier moves to approve the consent agenda. Council member Jeremy Allman 2nd. Passed unanimously.

- ***Council member Poirrier - Motion***
- ***Council member Allman - 2nd***
- ***Mayor Svenson – N/A***
- ***Council member Dowell – Approve***
- ***Council member Allman – Approve***
- ***Council member Contreras – Approve***
- ***Council member Poirrier – Approve***
- ***Council member Alvord – Approve***

13. AGENDA

a. The Club – Egg Day Beer Garden

Mayor Svenson said this is done annually in conjunction with Egg Day and part of the road would be shut down. Council member Dowell asked for a map for Chief Valentine and Fire Marshal to review.

Council member Lonnie Dowell motions to approve the beer garden for Egg Day contingent on Police Chief and Fire Marshal approval. Jeremy Allman, 2nd. Passed unanimously.

- ***Council member Dowell – Motion***
- ***Council member Allman – 2nd***
- ***Mayor Svenson – N/A***
- ***Council member Dowell – Approve***
- ***Council member Allman – Approve***
- ***Council member Contreras – Abstain***
- ***Council member Poirrier – Approve***
- ***Council member Alvord – Approve***

b. Approve Police Wages – Tabled from 4/25/22 Meeting

Council member Poirrier explained the police department staffing and the struggle to find and attract qualified candidates. There is a proposal to raise the wages of the police chief, current officer, and any incoming officers. Council member Poirrier opened the topic up for discussion.

Council member Dowell is in support of raising the wages but is not sure the proposal is sustainable.

Council member Poirrier pointed out the costs are already in our current budget. He pointed out that we owe it to the citizens of Winlock to provide a well-trained police force. We need to attract quality candidates who will stay in Winlock. Council member Contreras agrees with Council member Dowell's reservations. Council member Poirrier pointed out it is paramount we get another officer to help our current officers. Mayor Svenson commented the current pay rate is too low and we are not getting any applications. Mayor Svenson also pointed out the City of Winlock is applying for a grant to help pay for a fourth officer. Council member Dowell asked if the wage amounts came from the union.

Council member Poirrier told hm the wage amounts came from Mayor Svenson. Mayor Svenson said he proposed these amounts and explained how and why he came up with the amounts.

Council member Marty Poirrier motions to raise the wage of the police chief to \$38/hour and raise the wage of officer position #1 to \$35/hr. and officer position #2 wages to \$32/hr. to start to meet \$35 on year 3 with a freeze on officer's position #2 wages during that time pending union approval. Council member Jeramy Allman 2nd. Motion Passed.

- ***Council member Poirrier - Motion***
- ***Council member Allman - 2nd***
- ***Mayor Svenson – N/A***
- ***Council member Dowell – Disapprove***
- ***Council member Allman – Approve***
- ***Council member Contreras – Disapprove***
- ***Council member Poirrier – Approve***
- ***Council member Alvord - Approve***

c. Community Building Caretaker Agreement

Mayor Svenson reported Officer Jackson has purchased a house in the area and will be moving in the next couple of weeks. Marissa suggested changing the rental agreement from month to month rent to the end of the year and then renew the lease at the beginning of the year for an agreed upon amount of time. The date the agreement will take effect is June 1, 2022.

Council member Jeramy Allman motions to approve the Community Building Caretaker Agreement as amended. Council member Eric Contreras 2nd. Passed unanimously.

- ***Council member Allman - Motion***
- ***Council member Contreras - 2nd***
- ***Mayor Svenson – N/A***
- ***Council member Dowell – Approve***
- ***Council member Allman – Approve***
- ***Council member Contreras – Approve***
- ***Council member Poirrier – Approve***
- ***Council member Alvord – Approve***

15. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Winlock Annexation Information Door Hangers
- b. AWC City Voice
- c. AWC Legislative Session Recap

16. ADJOURNMENT

Council member Eric Contreras motions to adjourn. Council member Marty Poirrier 2nd. Passed unanimously.

- ***Council member Contreras – Motion***

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- **Council member Poirrier – 2nd**
- **Mayor Svenson – N/A**
- **Council member Dowell – Approve**
- **Council member Contreras – Approve**
- **Council member Allman – Approve**
- **Council member Poirrier – Approve**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm.



Brandon Svenson, Mayor

Attest:



Penny Jo Haney, City Clerk