

CITY OF WINLOCK  
CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – 6:00 PM  
February 8, 2021

**Due to the Emergency of COVID-19 the Council Meeting Will be Conducted via Teleconference.**  
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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Marty Poirrier, Council Position #1 Eric Contreras present via phone, Council Position #2  
Lonnie Dowell, Council Position #3 Jeremy Allman, Council Position #4 Anne Randt,  
Council Position #5

Others Present: Penny Jo Haney, Deputy Clerk, Jim Buzzard, City Attorney

**3. FLAG SALUTE**

Mayor Svenson led the flag salute.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Svenson States approval of agenda.

Council member Allman states that he would like to amend the agenda, adding H for  
volunteer of the year, and I, plaza flags.

Mayor Svenson asks if that is a motion. Council member Allman says that yes, it was.

**Council member Allman motions to amend the agenda adding H, volunteer of the  
year, and I, plaza flags. Council member Poirrier 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously.**

**Council member Allman – Motion**

**Council member Poirrier – second**

**Mayor Brandon Svenson – N/A**

**Council member Randt – Approve**

**Council member Dowell – Approve**

**Council member Contreras – Approve**

**Council member Contreras – Present via phone – Approve.**

**Council member Allman – Approve**

**Council member -Poirrier – Approve**

**5. Old business**

There was no old business.

**6. Mayor Comments**

Mayor Svenson stated that he has a few things to say but would be waiting until one of the council members says what she would like to say in council comments.

**7. Council Comments**

Council member Anne Randt states that this was her personal opinion on the comments that she had observed on social media this past week regarding the Winlock mayor, city council, and police department being in violation of federal and state laws regarding flag flying on public property. Anne Randt quoted one comment. "Let us be clear that the Winlock Plaza is not owned by the city of Winlock, and until the property owner advises the city, is in violation of the lease agreement. Let the American and military flags fly high." Randt said that one comment from a person who said that they were a past president for South Lewis County chamber of commerce and that her hope is that if the south Lewis County Chamber of Commerce is active again, that the City of Winlock would have better representation than in the past when a large sewer treatment plant was built, that the citizens of Winlock are still paying for. The city and Winlock have knowledgeable and educated community development person who is working very hard to see any development in the Winlock area go in the right direction. As for the Winlock police officers, Randt said that they are doing a great job keeping the citizens and community safe. They work diligently working for you, the citizens of Winlock, and the mayor, and city council also work for you, citizens of Winlock. Randt says that if anyone has any concerns about anything, please call city hall to be placed on the agenda to speak with the council or contact a council member.

Mayor Svenson thanks council member Randt and goes on to address the public that he thinks most people know that he is a firm believer in the constitution, and the first amendment right, freedom of speech. Svenson stated that the American and military flags that are flying down in the plaza are the reason there is free speech. The ones who came before us, and fought for us, are the reason that we have it. Svenson stated that we will be flying the American flag, and that we will be flying all the military flags along with a blue line and a red line. These flags support the people who gave us these rights. Svenson stated that he does not follow social media very much so that he was not sure what was said about the police department, but that the police officers are doing an awesome job, unlike some, who have never had to do public service, that like to sit at home and talk badly about those who put their lives on the line to protect American citizens. Svenson stated that he hopes some of those people listen to this (recorded meeting) one day and decided to cease speaking badly about first responders. Svenson

said "You are an embarrassment to this community, you are an embarrassment to this flag, and you are an embarrassment to this country.

Svenson asks if there are any other council comments. Council member Poirrier states that there are council meetings every second, and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. Poirrier says that this is the most people he has seen in a year and a half attend one of these meetings, and if anyone knows someone who has something that they want to know, share, say, or talk to us about, to give us a call, add it to the agenda, and come to the meetings. He thanks everyone very much for their time.

Council member Dowell mentions that if you cannot come in person, you can always use the phone and call in.

Mayor Brandon Svenson encourages anyone listening, to have some courage and come out from behind their computers and come down to a meeting to stand before the council to speak directly with them.

## **8. Staff Reports**

### **a. Robert Webster – Community Development**

Webster updates the council. The Bay Rd. development is currently being drawn up, the thirty-three acres on Kakela Rd. should be drawn up soon, Aaron Fuller, from Fuller designs, is present at the meeting and will be talking about Oak Street. Fuller is also working on several other projects. There is a developer coming from Battleground this week. This developer wants to build apartment buildings. Someone named Max from Redrock also wants to build 124 apartments up by the water tower on five acres. Webster says that people are calling every day wanting to build here. Webster is going to speak with Dollar General tomorrow. The park was brought up again as Webster stated that that situation needs to be figured out. He spoke with Julia from up North. She is under the impression that a meeting needs to be held with all of the homeowners of Grand Prairie but that she does not yet understand that it is a public park now, and so, the city would not be able to keep people out of it at all hours. Webster sees that being major issue. Webster suggested perhaps drawing something up, and sending it back to Julia, and that ultimate a game plan needs to be set. Webster asks if there are any questions. There were no questions. Council member Allman tells Webster that he is doing great, and to keep up the good work.

Council member discusses again with Webster the logistics of how the city is going to care for the park with just the one public works guy and would the HOA be caring for it.

**b. Stephen Valentine – Police**

Chief of police Valentine thanks the mayor and council for their kind statement of support earlier and reads the January 2021 report. It is as follows.

115 total calls in January broke down as such. 1 abandoned vehicle, 2 accidents, 6 agency assists, 3 alarms, 1 animal call, 2 assaults, 5 attempt to contacts, 1 attempt to locate, 1 child abuse, 4 civil issues, 5 disorderly disputes, 1 DUI, 1 found property, 15 information reports, 2 juvenile problems, 1 lost property, 1 malicious mischief, 1 3<sup>rd</sup> degree, 1 natural death, 2 noise complaints, 1 protected custody, 4 suspicious circumstances, 1 vehicle theft, 2 vehicle prowls, 49 traffic citations, 2 trespassing calls and 2 warrants were served.

**9. Public Comments**

Mayor Svenson asks if there is anyone in the audience that wishes to speak, and if there is anyone on the phone who wishes to speak. There were no public comments.

**10. Consent Agenda**

**a. Approval of Vouchers \$228,289.45**

**b. Minutes from January 11<sup>th</sup>, and January 25<sup>th</sup>.**

Deputy Clerk Penny Jo Haney states that a few typos in the minutes have been changed. Council member Allman did not see anything in the vouchers that stood out. Mayor Svenson asks if there are any further questions on the consent agenda. There were none.

**Council member Dowell makes a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council member Randt 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously.**

**Council member Dowell – Motion**

**Council member Randt – second**

**Mayor Svenson – N/A**

**Council member Randt – Approve**

**Council member Dowell - Approve**

**Council member Contreras – Approve**

**Council member Allman – Approve**

**Council member Poirrier – Approve**

**11. Agenda**

**a. Mayor Pro-Tem 2021**

Mayor Svenson stated that he did not think an executive session was necessary for this, and that if anyone is interested to go ahead and speak up. Council member Allman said that he would like to know if everyone would also still love him too. He stated that he had already been to a few meetings for mayor Svenson, met with commissioners, and got funds for the sewer pipelines. Allman says that he has the time available. Council member Dowell states that he nominates Jeremy Allman to be Mayor Pro-Tem in 2021.

**Council member Dowell makes a motion to approve Jeremy Allman for Mayor Pro-Tem for the 2021 calendar year. Council member Randt 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously.**

**Council member Dowell – Motion**

**Council member Randt – second**

**Mayor Svenson – N/A**

**Council member Randt – Approve**

**Council member Dowell – Approve**

**Council member Contreras – Approve**

**Council member – Allman – Approve**

**Council member Poirrier – Approve**

**b. Kirsten Stalnaker, Hazardous Tree Removal in Winolequa Park**

Kirsten addresses council on some trees in the Winolequa Park that need to come down, particularly a tall fir that is situated between a fence, neighbor's yard, stage building, and playground equipment. The tree has been previously marked almost a year ago as one that needs to come out because it has died and will likely fall in the next big storm. Stalnaker states that the park board had someone come out and assess the tree and it was confirmed that the tree is dead and should come out. There are three other trees which are poplars that are starting to age out and will need to come out, but the main concern is the dead fir. Stalnaker asks if there are any questions. Council member Dowell asks if the contractor who looked at the tree was on the works roster, and if his bid was the only one. Stalnaker confirmed that it was just one bid, and Mayor Svenson stated that there needed to be three bids in total. Council member Dowell asked that she get with city hall for the contact information of the other contractors on the work roster. Council member Poirrier said that he also knew some loggers whose information he could share. Council member Dowell says that the wood may be able to be donated. Stalnaker stated that she would get the last two bids required.

**c. Increase Water/Sewer Training by \$1,000, Travel by \$500**

Mayor Brandon Svenson explains that this vision training is something that happens in Leavenworth. Other cities go to it yearly, he would like to see Winlock going as well. This is for Penny Jo and Stormy. Deputy Clerk Penny Jo Haney elaborates that this training is invaluable and is something that Winlock has not taken advantage of before and she would like to do that. This occurs in October in Leavenworth, and the expenses cover lodging and travel.

**Council member Jeremy Allman makes a motion to increase the water/sewer training by \$1000 and travel by \$500. Council member Contreras 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously.**

- **Council member Allman – Motion**
- **Council member Contreras – second**
- **Mayor Svenson – N/A**
- **Council member Randt – Approve**
- **Council member Dowell – Approve**
- **Council member Contreras – Approve**
- **Council member Allman – Approve**
- **Council member Poirrier – Approve**

**d. Oak Street Fuller – Fuller Designs**

Aaron Fuller introduces himself and begins to delve in. He shares his plans, and talks about the conversations that he has been having with the Planning Commission in regard to the local access vs the private road that are the two options for the new development coming in. Fuller discusses with the council, and answers questions about the upcoming development. The intent is this will be an expansion of Cedar Court. This area will be large enough for emergency vehicles to get in and out. The roads will be about twenty-six (26) feet wide. There were two (2) roads, one for each parcel that Fuller had purchased. The question as to whether the road should be private or public access was discussed. Since there is, and will be no outlet, it was determined that it will be private. It sounds like there will be thirty-two (32) homes in this new development. Fuller says that each lot is about 8,000 square feet, there is a 30-foot set back from a non-fish bearing spring, and an area of pristine forest. There are still some things that need to be looked over and reviewed. Mayor Svenson suggested that a motion be made to approve after everything has been drawn up and looked over. Angela on the Planning Commission was present. The council asked if she had any concerns which she did not. She stated that she was just here to see it happen. If the road was private, which it sounds like it would be, then the HOA would maintain the road and any park within that area, while the city would have water and sewer. Robert Webster speaks on HOAs.

He talks about the need for HOAs because the city right now does not have the resources to take care of all the new developments going in.

**Council member Allman makes a motion to approve the Oak Street Development contingent on council having the chance to look at the CCNRs beforehand. Council member Randt 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously.**

**Council member Allman – Motion**

**Council member Randt – second**

**Mayor Svenson – N/A**

**Council member Randt – Approve**

**Council member Dowell – Approve**

**Council member Contreras – Approve**

**Council member Allman – Approve**

**Council member Poirrier – Approve**

**e. SR505 Well Covenant**

Mayor Svenson opens discussion. This is the well off of 505 and it is pretty much done. It will be up and running starting next month according to Rodney Cecil. Driving to the i5, it is on the left side of the highway. The council looks over the information and paperwork that Svenson would be signing with a notary. Svenson asks if there are any questions regarding this. There were no questions. Svenson states that attorney Jim Buzzard is present and a notary.

**Council member Marty Poirrier makes a motion to have mayor Brandon Svenson sign declaration of SR505 Well. Council member Jeremy Allman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved unanimously.**

**Council member Poirrier – Motion**

**Council member Allman – S**

**Mayor Svenson – N/A**

**Council member Randt – Approve**

**Council member Dowell – Approve**

**Council member Contreras – Approve**

**Council member Allman – Approve**

**Council member Poirrier – Approve**

**f. Impact Fees – Discussion**

Mayor Svenson opens the discussion. Svenson talked about the discussion that he had with the fire chief and Robert Webster. Svenson talked about the rapid growth compared to our small fire department on the other side of the railroad

tracks. There are possible multiple warehouses by the end of two years along with a large number of new homes. Because of this, citizens' home insurance ratings will rise. Svenson does not believe that it is fair to the citizens of Winlock to have to pay more on insurance because very soon, the fire department available now, will be very inadequate for the incoming growth. The new fire truck in question, is a million-dollar fire truck, not counting the building to house it, and the people to man it. Svenson says that is where impact fees come in, and he believes that the new builders' coming in, who cause this to happen, need to pay for it. Svenson states that this cannot be ignored. It needs to be considered; impact fees need to be considered. Svenson states that the large corporations coming in and building here know about the fees, pay these fees elsewhere, and know that they are getting away with not paying them here right now. They are taking advantage of this, and they know it. The subject of local schools was also discussed briefly along with the extra homes coming in. This is also an issue that needs to be considered because the current school buildings will not be adequate for the number of new children potentially coming in over the next few years. Robert Webster speaks on the fact that right now, the land in Winlock is not expensive, and that land in other areas is pretty full up. People want to build, they will build, and they will pay for it. Impact fees can certainly be implemented. The city attorney advises the council that they should come up with some projected numbers that can be shared with the city engineer and the fire department and go from there. It was decided that the fire department and school board should be contacted. Robert Webster states that he will talk to Jon Hinton, Svenson said he will talk to the fire department and the school board. The council plans to have everything they need in two weeks and continue moving forward from there. Aaron Fuller weighs in on impact fees. He says that they are one-time fees, but rate increases are over time. He believes it would be best to raise rates slowly and gently over time so as to not shock people. Council members mention that also the city park would not be up to the code for insurance with all the people coming in. Robert Webster announces that Lewis County just raised their building permits this year and that it was a big jump. He thinks those numbers should be looked at for comparison. Svenson asks if there is any other discussion on impact fees. There was none.

**g. Volunteer of the Year Award – Added**

Mayor Svenson says there are a lot of people who volunteer and several who have done quite a lot that have not yet received the reward for Volunteer of the Year. He could think of three people off the top of his head. Penny Jo Haney suggests casting the vote and keeping it in the office until the reward can be



ready and presented. The entire council agrees that there are a lot of deserving people for this reward and that it is hard to choose just one.

**h. Plaza Flags**

Mayor Svenson says that he spoke with Tim White who has a new design for the flags in the plaza so that they will not fall down. White has also asked if the flags could be lit. There has been some concern about that in the past. White will pay for the lighting fixtures. It is not yet known what kind of lighting it will be. The council has some questions about the lighting fixture types and theft. Svenson stated that can be figured out together with White and the public works guy Kenny so that theft and damage will not be an issue. The council agrees that the small extra on the electric bill will be no big deal.

**Council member Jeremy Allman makes a motion to accept the extra electricity cost that it will take to run the lights in the plaza. Council member Marty Poirrier 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously.**

**Council member Allman – Motion**

**Council member Poirrier – second**

**Mayor Svenson – N/A/**

**Council member Randt – Approve**

**Council member Dowell – Approve**

**Council member Contreras – Approve**

**Council member Allman – Approve**

**Council member Poirrier – Approve**

**12. Correspondence**

**a. Randy Pennington Letter**

Mayor Brandon Svenson reads the letter from Randy Pennington which is dated the 28<sup>th</sup> of January 2021.

“Mayor, City of Winlock,

Just a quick note of appreciation concerning the Winlock police department. As you know I do not live within the city limits, however, I live just outside the city and frequent the city daily. My wife and I are long time Winlock community members. I am a fire commissioner for this Winlock area, and I have been a local law enforcement officer here in south county for nearly 4 decades. As a citizen of the area, I would like to offer my appreciation for the fine work of the local PD, the Winlock police department. All three officers are highly visible to the public. I witnessed nothing but fine interaction with the public by all three

of your officers. Speaking as a fire commissioner, I witness nothing but teamwork between the fire personnel and the Winlock officers. Often one may find one on calls, fires, personnel rescue, assisting. I recently was on the scene of a cardiac arrested patient, and chief Valentine was right there with me. As a police officer I have had opportunity to hear and see all three officers perform their duties. All three officers excel in all their duties. One simply needs to listen to the radio traffic or observe them on contact or traffic stops to see their fine professional approach to serving our citizens. As an officer let me say this, any one of these fine officers currently wearing the badge of Winlock may either lead or follow me through any door, in any situation any time, and have my full confidence in their abilities. I pray they stay safe always and pray they obey the first rule of law enforcement; return home at the end of their shift. So, to chief Valentine, Officer Michael Jackson, and Officer Chris Calcagno, thank you. Honorable Mayor, thank you for your service to me, my wife, my family, and all of our community.

- Randy Pennington"

The letter received applause and thanks for the council.

### **13. Adjournment**

Mayor Svenson entertains a motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm

**Council member Eric Contreras makes a motion to adjourn. Council member Anne Randt 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously.**

- **Council member Contreras – Motion**
- **Council member Randt – second**
- **Mayor Svenson – N/A**
- **Council member Randt – Approve**
- **Council member Dowell – Approve**
- **Council member Contreras – Approve**
- **Council member Allman – Approve**
- **Council member Poirrier – Approve**

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Brandon

Svenson, Mayor

Attest:

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Penny Jo Haney/Deputy Clerk

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