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WINLOCK CITY COUNCIL

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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

**City council Meeting
April 24, 2023, at 6:00 pm**

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, present; Council Position #1; Eric Contreras, Present;
Council Position #2; Lonnie Dowell, Present; Council Position #3, Jeremy Allman, Present;
Council Position #4 Lyndsey Alvord, Present; Council Position #5.

Others Present - City Clerk, Penny Jo Haney, and City Attorney Marissa Jay.

3. Flag Salute

Mayor Svenson led the flag salute.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council member Jeremy Allman motioned to amend the agenda adding executive session political litigation to number fourteen (#14) and moving adjournment to number fifteen (#15). Seconded, by council member Lonnie Dowell, the motion passed unanimously.

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

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- **Council member Alvord – Approve**

5. Old BUSINESS

Mayor Svenson commented on what an excellent job Kenny and Gregg have done on the Community bathroom remodel. If you have not seen it, you should. Council member Allman asked if there is an update on Jones Rd. Mayor Svenson replied that there is not much of an update at this time.

6. MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Svenson stated he will address the agenda to make the web site easier to navigate. Mayor Svenson stated he would like to address our local tabloids covered by the Lewis County News, and the lies being told, that we have not given the citizens of the (UGA) an opportunity to speak. We have had several public hearings covered. We have had residents for the better part of the year come and speak during public comment. The Lewis County News is being used as a political weapon to divide, create hate and discontent in our community.

7. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council member Alvord commented she would like to add to Mayor Svenson's comment. She believes in freedom of speech, honesty, and accountability. The Lewis County News articles are not honest, and she never retracts anything, that is not being okay. She has the right to freedom of speech. Council member Dowell stated that she has never reported an unbiased article. Council member Poirrier commented that the article specifically said that the court hearing was the only time the citizens were able to speak. Council member Poirrier researched back to gather proof and covered the public hearings we have had since March 2022 as well as a list of citizens that signed up to speak during public comment. Council member Dowell asked if we have any new information on the Owl System. Council member Contreras said hopefully he can get together with his contact next week. Penny Jo also reported that she has Ed (IT) working on the issue.

STAFF REPORTS – Reports included in packet.

A. Kirsten Stalnaker – Parks

Kirsten submitted a report for the end of March beginning of April 2023. Kirsten has been busy spring cleaning and getting our parks ready for the approaching season.

Kirsten mentioned that the Easter Egg Hunt was a remarkable success. Reservations at the park have picked up.

B. Finance- Council members Allman and Poirrier updated the council that our finances are tracking very well even with our unexpected expenses this year with the Hostel and Audit.

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C. Steven Valentine – Police – Chief Valentine was not in attendance, Mayor Svenson read the submitted monthly call activity report showing there were eighty-eight (88) calls for the month of March 2023.

D. Penny Jo Haney- Administration

Penny Jo submitted a report. She reported that she and Jill have been working with DJ Kirkwood, lead Auditor with the State Auditor's office (SAO) and having weekly meetings.

Penny Jo informed council that we will let customers who will receive a water deposit back know, that they can expect the refund to take up to six (6) months as it is quite a process and will take time.

8. Public Comment-

Eric Bernard-Mr. Bernard is concerned about sidewalks for Oak and Alder St., concerned for the safety of the residents. Mr. Bernard is concerned about the drainage on the Meyers Meadow Development and questions why a streetlight has not been placed at Grand Prairie Estates.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Vouchers for April 24, 2023, for \$48,904.55
- b. Approval of Minutes from April 10, 2023

Council member Marty Poirrier motioned to approve the Consent Agenda with a typo in minutes, Seconded by council member Eric Contreras, the motion passed unanimously.

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

9. AGENDA

- a. **Samantha Mitchell, Youth Advocacy Center of Lewis County**

Mayor Svenson stated that Samantha was unable to be present. ***Council member Jeremy Allman motioned to table until further notice Youth Advocacy Center of Lewis County. Second, by council member Eric Contreras, the motion passed unanimously.***

- ***Council member Allman - motion***
- ***Council member Contreras - Second***
- ***Mayor- Swenson – N/A***
- ***Council member Poirrier– Approve***
- ***Council member Dowell – Approve***
- ***Council member Alvord– Approve***

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b. Ordinance No. 1133- Public Records Charge – Mayor Svenson reads.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINLOCK, WASHINGTON, REAFFIRMING AND AMENDING SECTIONS OF WINLOCK MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.75; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Council and City attorney Marissa Jay discussed the Public Record fees.

Council member Jeremy Allman motioned to approve Ordinance No. 1133 Public Record Charge. Seconded, by council member Eric Contreras, the motion passed unanimously.

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

c. Resolution 2023-04- FEE Schedule - Mayor Svenson reads. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WINLOCK, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING A NEW CITY OF WINLOCK FEE SCHEDULE; ADOPTING FEES FOR STAFF TIME ASSOCIATED WITH REDACTING WINLOCK POLICE DEPARTMENT BODY WORN VIDEO FOOTAGE REQUESTED PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS; REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2022-08 AS NECESSARY; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE** Council and City Clerk Penny Jo discussed that there is a section in the water department fee schedule missing. ***Council member Jeremy Allman motioned to table Resolution No. 2023-24 Fee Schedule until the next meeting. Second Council member Eric Contreras, motion passed unanimously.***

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

d. State Auditor’s Office Fee Agreement- City Clerk Penny Jo and Council discussed the State Auditor’s fee agreement. The State Auditor’s office fee in addition to adding 2022 is roughly \$55,000.00. ***Council member Marty Poirrier motioned to approve the State Auditor’s Fees and allow Mayor Svenson to sign. Seconded, by council member Jeremy Allman, the motion passed unanimously.***

- ***Council member Poirrier- motion***
- ***Council member Allman – Second***

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- **Mayor Svenson – N/A**
- **Council member Contreras– Approve**
- **Council member Dowell– Approve**
- **Council member Alvord - Approve**

13. Executive Session– Mayor Svenson recessed the regular meeting at 6:39 pm for fifteen minutes (15) to go into Executive Session to discuss political litigation.

The Council returned at 6:52, and Mayor Svenson reconvened the regular meeting at 6:52pm. and stated that no decisions were made.

14. Council member Jeremy Allman motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council member Marty Poirrier, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

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

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:54 pm.

Brandon Svenson, Mayor

Attest:

Penny Jo Haney, City Clerk