



CITY OF WINLOCK  
CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – 6:00 PM  
September 13, 2021

**1. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Mayor Svenson, Present, Marty Poirrier, Council Position #1; Eric Contreras (came in after the Approval of Agenda), Council Position #2; Lonnie Dowell, Absent Council Position #3, Jeramy Allman, Council Position #4, Council Position #5, Lindsey Alvord

Penny Jo Haney Deputy Clerk, Jim Buzzard, City Attorney

**2. Call to Order**

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

**3. FLAG SALUTE**

Mayor Brandon Svenson led the flag salute.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

***Council member Jeramy Allman makes a motion to excuse council member Lonnie Dowell. Mayor Brandon Svenson said all those in favor of excusing Dowell say “aye” all said “aye”***

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

***Council member Jeramy Allman makes a motion to approve the agenda as written with no changes. Council member Marty Poirrier 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously.***

- ***Council member Allman – Motion***
- ***Council member Poirrier – 2<sup>nd</sup>***
- ***Mayor Svenson – N/A***
- ***Council member Dowell – Absent***
- ***Council member Contreras Absent***
- ***Council member Poirrier – Approve***

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*- Council member Alvord - Approve*

**5. Old Business**

Mayor Svenson asks if anyone has any old business. Council member Poirrier asks where the city is on impact fees. Mayor Svenson says that they are still being worked on.

**6. Mayor Comments**

Svenson says that the pumping station off 505 is almost done. Rodney was training there today. Svenson said that he is sure that most of that project is about wrapped up. The hanging baskets have not been watered for a while so that they will dry out and be easier to take down. That is why they are starting to look dry and sad.

The city is going to start working on the sink hole at the end of Nevil next week and will be shut down for probably most of the week.

Svenson said that he went to Hoquiam this last weekend and took their egg day float out there. He said it was a good time.

**7. Council Comments**

Council member Marty Poirrier announces a new youth sports association in town. Poirrier is on it. They are having their first meeting on Wednesday the 15th at Winolequa Park at 6:00 pm. He said that if anyone wants to be involved in the Winlock youth sports, please attend. Also, Winlock youth football team, and the high school team is on a roll. They are doing a great job and anyone who has the time to come out and watch them play should come out.

**8. Staff Reports**

City Clerk Penny Jo Haney mentions to the council that the moratorium is about to lift at the end of September. Haney suggests that it's good to start thinking about what the city is going to address to the folks who have not paid their bills, and what should be done about getting them notice. Haney said that she can put it on the agenda for the next meeting if it works for the council. All agreed that would work. City Attorney Jim Buzzard tells the council that in the MRSC Voices that there is an article on this subject that is good and advises the council to direct their attention to it.

Chief Valentine was on vacation, so mayor Svenson read the August 2021 incident report list.

Two (2) abandoned vehicles, five (5) agency assists, four (4) alarms, two (2) animals, nine (9) attempts to contact, six (6) civil issues, one (1) burglary, six (6) disorderly/disputes, one (1) found property, three (3) 911 hang-ups, one (1) harassment, eleven (11) informations, one (1) noise complaint, five (5) suspicious, one (1) scam info., six (6) traffic, two (2) trespassings, one (1) unsecure door, and three (3) vandalisms.

Robert Webster updates the council on community development. There are 29 new homes and living units as of 9/8/2021. Grand Prairie is ready to start building. They have six (6) permits waiting to be

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paid. The Dollar General is being finalized. Hilltop Meadows is under review. Meyers Meadow and Winlock Heights will both be going under review soon. On Church and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Webster says that they are not going to worry about the vacate as of right now. He will bring the council a map of it. Webster also brings up Kirsten who has been helping around the office. He thinks it would be good to train her on inspections so that there can be a 2<sup>nd</sup> inspector should the need arise. Webster says that if Kirsten goes out with him on inspections to train, the contractors will have a chance to get to know her and it should be fine. He does not think there should be an issue because she is a woman like there has been in the past. Codes are codes, Webster says, they need to take them whether from a man or woman.

Webster says that there is a major health issue out on Byham Road. He is not sure on the property owner's name. He thinks it is "Guy" and he does not live-in city limits but there are people who do who are affected by the massive amounts of trash that "Guy" has sitting on his property. It is starting to attract rats that the neighbors are having issues with. Webster says that in his opinion, that is a public health issue that the county needs to do something about. Webster will be contacting the county and is letting the council know.

On the industrial park he has been talking with the county inspectors. He does not see an issue with the way they are inspecting. Things look like they will be good to go.

Webster asks if there are any questions. Council member Marty Poirrier asks where Hilltop Meadows will be. Webster says they will be right at the end of St. Helens way near where the water towers are, on five (5) acres. Council member Eric Contreras asks if they are going to open the dead end. They will not be. They will have access through Kakela and Winlock Heights.

### **9. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **10. Consent Agenda**

Svenson asks if there were any questions on the vouchers. There were none but the council thanked City Clerk Penny Jo for providing explanations on the vouchers.

- a. Approval of Vouchers \$99,951.72**
- b. Minutes of August 23, 2021**

**Council member Marty Poirrier makes a motion to approve the consent agenda as is. Council member Jeramy Allman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously.**

- **Council member Poirrier – Motion**
- **Council member Allman – 2<sup>nd</sup>**
- **Mayor Svenson – N/A**
- **Council member Dowell – Absent**

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- Council member Contreras – Approve
- Council member Allman – Approve
- Council member Poirrier – Approve
- Council member Alvord – Approve

## 11. Agenda

### a. Proclamation

Mayor Svenson presents and reads his proclamation aloud.

***“Whereas RCW 43.06.220 Provides limited emergency actions that can be taken by the Governor. Those actions do not include the authority to create laws, or manage vaccine policy; and***

***Whereas, Article 1 Section 11 of the Washington State Constitution states, “Absolute freedom of conscience in all matters of religious sentiment, belief, and worship, shall be guaranteed to every individual, and no one shall be molested or disturbed in person or property on account of religion”:***  
**and**

***Whereas, Article 1 Section 11 of the Washington State Constitution states, “No religious qualification shall be required for any public office or employment”:*** and

***Whereas, There are no laws or regulations in the State of Washington that conditions public employment on any form of medical procedure of vaccine: and***

***Whereas, Narcissistic Personality Disorder (NPD) affects 0.5% of the United States population, 75% of which are men. Symptoms include, having an inflated sense of self-importance, expecting special treatment, exaggerating achievements, reacting negatively to criticism taking advantage of others, having an inability or unwillingness to recognize the needs and feelings of others, behaving in an arrogant manner.***

***Now therefore, I, Brandon Svenson, Mayor of the City of Winlock, as evident by the aforementioned, do hereby proclaim that the City of Winlock will not comply with any and all illegal and or unconstitutional mandates, orders, or requirements: and further proclaim that the increasing tyrannical proclivities exhibited by Jay Inslee, Governor of the State of Washington, over the course of the pandemic are those of one suffering from narcissistic personality disorder. It is my sincere belief that the Governor Inslee requires a professional medical intervention, as he is undoubtedly unfit for office in his current mental state.***

Council member Eric Contreras asked if the council was to vote on this, or if it were a proclamation. City Attorney Jim Buzzard said that yes, the mayor would like to have a vote on this. Contreras said that he is for all of this, but because he is not a medical professional, he could not agree with the Narcissistic part of it. Contreras says that he doesn't disagree with it, but he is not in the medical field. Jim Buzzard stated that it is a powerful statement. With the “Now and therefore” part, it is Brandon

Svenson, Mayor who is making the statement, and not the council. By voting yes to the proclamation, the council is authorizing Brandon Svenson, Mayor to give his own belief as set forward in the proclamation.

***Council member Marty Poirrier makes a motion to accept the proclamation. Council member Jeramy Allman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously.***

- ***Council member Poirrier – Motion***
- ***Council member Allman – 2<sup>nd</sup>***
- ***Mayor Svenson – 2<sup>nd</sup>***
- ***Council member Dowell – Absent***
- ***Council member Contreras – Approve***
- ***Council member Allman – Approve***
- ***Council member Poirrier – Approve***
- ***Council member Alvord – Approve***

**b. WA State Auditor Office**

Mayor Svenson states that it is the time of year again to set budget workshops. Penny Jo Haney says that the suggested dates would be October 25<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30 and November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30. Those are both council meeting evenings. They would be right before council meetings. Svenson asks if everyone can get here that early. All said that they could.

***Council member Jeramy Allman makes a motion to accept the dates for the budget workshops for October 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:30, and November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30. Council member Contreras 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously.***

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

**c. Church, Third, and Alley Vacates (Refer to Staff Report) – Robert Webster**

City Attorney Jim Buzzard said that Mr. Webster put this on the agenda and that it was part of the staff report. Buzzard thinks that he was bringing the idea to the council. There is the possibility and talk about a potential development. If the development was realized, the council would probably be asked to do something with those alleys and the surrounding trees. If the development goes forward, they would be asking for a permit and part of that would depend on the council examining the alleyway issue. Council member Allman says that is the one they looked at a while ago. Council

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member Contreras asks which alley it is. One is back behind 2<sup>nd</sup>. Allman asks if it would be good to get a jump on it and start sending out for bids for the tree removal. Svenson mentioned that someone has gone in there and chopped a tree down with an axe. Svenson entertained a motion to get bids.

**Council member Marty Poirrier motions to get bids on the timber on that land on Church and Third and the alley. Council member Eric Contreras 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously.**

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

**d. WA State Auditor Office Data Sharing Agreement**

Council member Allman asks if this is the normal agreement that they usually have. Svenson says that he cannot speak to that. Jim Buzzard says that it is a standardized agreement with the state auditor and what their roles and duties are. It helps facilitate the auditing processes. Buzzard said that nothing jumped out at him as alarming.

***Council member Jeramy Allman makes a motion to accept the WA state auditor’s office data sharing agreement. Marty Poirrier 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously.***

- **Council member Allman – Motion**
- **Council member Poirrier 2<sup>nd</sup>.**
- **Mayor Svenson – N/A**
- **Council member Dowell – Absent**
- **Council member Contreras – Approve**
- **Council member Allman – Approve**
- **Council member – Poirrier – Approve**
- **Council member Alvord – Approve**

**e. Vision Server Upgrade and Licensing Agreement**

Council member Marty Poirrier makes a motion to accept the Vision server upgrade and licensing agreement and authorize the mayor to sign. Council member Jeramy Allman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously.

- **Council member Poirrier – Motion**
- **Council member Allman – 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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- Mayor Svenson – N/A
- Council member Dowell – Absent
- Council member Contreras – Approve
- Council member Allman – Approve
- Council member Poirrier – Approve
- Council member Alvord - Approve

**12. Correspondence**

- a. MRSC Planning
- b. AWC City Voice

**13. Adjournment**

Mayor Svenson says that if there is nothing else, he would like to make a motion to adjourn.

**Council member Marty Poirrier makes a motion to adjourn. Lindsey Alvord 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously.**

- Council member Poirrier – Motion
- Council member Alvord – 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Mayor Svenson – N/A
- Council member Dowell – Absent
- Council member Allman – Approve
- Council member Contreras – Approve
- Council member Poirrier – Approve
- Council member Alvord – Approve

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.

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Brandon Svenson, Mayor

Attest:

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Penny Jo Haney, Clerk-Treasurer