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CALL TO ORDER

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

1. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Mayor Svenson, Present, Jess Bowers, Present, Council Position #1; Chuck Camps, Present, Council Position #2; Jodie Curtis, Present, Council Position #3; Jeramy Allman, Present, Council Position #4; Lindsey Alvord, Present, Council Position #5.

2. Flag Salute

Mayor Svenson led the flag salute.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Jeramy Allman Motioned to Approve the Agenda as presented. Second, by Council Member Jess Bowers, Motion Passed unanimously.

- Council Member Allman Motion
- Council Member Bowers Second
- Mayor Svenson N/A
- Council Member Camps Approve
- Council Member Curtis Approve
- Council Member Alvord Approve

4. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to report at this time.

5. MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Svenson sent out a huge shout to our High School teams that are really fighting hard this basketball season. Things have not gone that well on the score board, but they keep fighting, sticking it out, trying really hard. Mayor Svenson said that he was impressed and proud of them. Council Member Allman said that they had a fantastic opportunity to play an Australia team and they did quite well, and almost won.

6. COUNCIL COMMENT

Council Member Allman said, we made it through the snow apocalypse. Mayor Svenson commented that it was a holiday weekend, so he ended up in the truck. We had a power outage so Mayor Svenson took it up Cowlitz Rd. so that PUD could get up there. Good teamwork, moving people around the City.

7. Committee Reports (Second Meeting of Each Month)

- A. Finance- Council Member Allman said that finance met to look at the year end. We had to take out a loan to cover, but as far as receivables, we did very well. Property tax was down. Council Member Allman said that himself, and the City Treasurer, Jill have set goals to dive a little deeper to better understand how the property tax works. Mayor Svenson replied that the City only asks for so much and that gets divided by everybody. With the addition of housing, it should be lower. We are still in a split with County the first year per the old ILA was that one hundred percent property tax revenue would go to the County the first year of Annexation. We are still in discussion at this time. Mayor Svenson believes that the County will be giving us a quarter the first year and go to sharing. We will still have to pay for the roads. The one percent that we're not taking affects that budget.
- B. Grants- no report given at this time.
- C. Parks- no report given at this time.

9. Reports

a. Robert Webster, Community Development Planner, Robert welcomed the new Council Members. Robert gave a report to Mayor Svenson and the Council. Robert said we will have a busy year; several houses permitted right now and hopefully we will have industrial buildings. The Council had questions. The Council and Robert Discussed, Olequa Creek Project, Crest Wood Heights, Grant Ave, Hill Top Meadows, condition of roads, land use for the Dollar General, and Industrial construction.

8. CONSENT AGENDA -

Approval of Vouchers for January 22, 2024, for (\$96,394.28) ninety-six thousand three hundred ninety-four dollars and twenty-eight cents, and approval for minutes from January 8, 2024, Council Member Allman took a minute to point out to our new Council Members that he found a fee, coded incorrectly. Council Member Allman mentioned that this is something to look for when reviewing vouchers for approval. *Council Member Jeramy Allman Motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Second, by Council Member Jodie Curtis, the Motion passed unanimously.*

- Council Member Allman Motion
- Council Member Curtis Second
- Mayor Svenson N/A
- Council Member Bowers Approve
- Council Member Camps Approve
- Council Member Alvord Approve

11. AGENDA

- a. Ordinance No. 1150, Cannabis Retail Store Mayor Svenson reads. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINLOCK, WASHINGTON REAFFIRMING, AMENDING, AND REPEALING SECTIONS OF WINLOCK MUNICIPAL CODE; CHAPTER 18.40 CONCERNING OF LAND USE AND ZONING, REGUARDING THE PRODUCTION, PROCESSING AND RETAIL SALE OF MARIJUANA-INFUSED PRODUCTS; AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1020 AS NECESSARY; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Council Member Jeramy Allman Motioned to Approve Ordinance No. 1150 as presented. Second, by Council Member Lindsey Alvord passed unanimously.
- Council Member Allman Motion
- Council Member Alvord Second
- Mayor Svenson N/A
- Council Member Bowers Approve
- Council Member Camps Approve
- Council Member Curtis Approve
 - b. Ordinance No. 1151, Smoking and Vaping Mayor Svenson reads. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINLOCK, WASHINGTON, ENACTING RULES, AND REGULATIONS PROHIBITING SMOKING AND VAPING IN PUBLIC PLACES AND PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT; CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 8.85 OF THE WINLOCK MUNICIPAL CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. The Council and City Attorney discussed Ordinance No. 1151 is a state law that anyone smoking, or vaping has to be twenty-five (25) feet from the

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entrance. Council Member Jeramy Allman Motioned to Approve Ordinance No. 1151 as presented. Second, by Council Member Chuck Camps, the Motion passed unanimously.

- Council Member Allman- Motion
- Council Member Camps Second
- Mayor Svenson N/A
- Council Member Bowers Approve
- Council Member Curtis Approve
- Council Member Alvord Approve
- c. Lewis County Communications, Interlocal Agreement 911 Services .Council Member Allman explained that this is a month extension because our Interlocal agreement expired December 1, 2023, so they did an extension to June. City Clerk, Penny Jo said that she ran it by the Fire Chief and he was okay with it. Council Member Jeramy Allman Motioned to Approve Lewis County Communications Interlocal Agreement 911 Services as presented, and to allow the Mayor to sign. Second, by Council Member Jodie Curtis, the motion passed unanimously.
 - Council Member Allman Motion
 - Council Member Curtis Second
 - Mayor Svenson- N/A
 - Council Member Bowers Approve
 - Council Member Camps Approve
 - Council Member Alvord Approve
- d. State Route 505, Speed Limit Reduction Discussion Community Development Planner, Robert Webster said that we semi-own SR 505. We have to produce a plan and will have to produce the financials. Robert has asked DOT to do more rate studies to get approval to lower the speed limits, but they are not performing the rate studies at the right time of day. Further discussion continued, about speed limit, streetlights, and sidewalks.

12. Public Comment -

Marty Poirrier – Mr. Poirrier said that he will be here for every meeting until he sees something on the agenda for the Animal Ordinance. Mr. Poirrier said that he has not seen anything since December. Council Member Allman replied that the City Attorney Marissa is supposed to bring an Ordinance to review the next Council meeting that she will be attending.

13. Executive Session, (RCW 42.30.110 (e), (f), (g) - Litigation -

Mayor Svenson recessed the regular meeting at 6:36 p.m. for fifteen (15) minutes to discuss Litigation.

Mayor Svenson and Council returned to the regular meeting at 6:51 pm. The Mayor stated that there were no decisions made during the executive session.

14. Adjournment

Council Member Jodie Curtis Motioned to adjourn the meeting. Second, by Council Member Lindsey Alvord passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

- Council Member Curtis Motion
- Council Member Alvord- Second
- Mayor Svenson N/A
- Council Member Bowers Approve
- Council Member Camps Approve
- Council Member Allman- Approve

Mayor Svenson adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Brandon Svenson, Mayor

Attest:

Penny Jo Haney, City Clerk