



Winlock City Council Meeting
January 27, 2025
6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Jeramy Allman called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Brandon Svenson, Mayor, Absent; Jess Bowers, Councilor #1; Present; Chuck Camps, Councilor #2 Present; Jodie Curtis, Councilor #3, Present; Jeramy Allman, Councilor #4/Mayor Pro Tem, Present; Lindsey Alvord, Councilor #5. Absent.

CITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mindi Baird, Assistant Clerk; Rodney Cecil, Water/Sewer Superintendent.

FLAG SALUTE: Mayor Pro Tem, Jeramy Allman led the flag salute.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member, Jodie Curtis motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Council Member Chuck Camps. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSSINESS: None.

MAYOR COMMENTS: None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nick Cordova, business owner of 310 and 314 NE First Street. Nick said Cascade Mental Health will be writing prescriptions for drug addiction, alcohol abuse and providing other mental health support services. They have facilities in Chehalis, Morton and soon to be in Toledo and Castle Rock. He doesn't see an issue with the clinic being located in the downtown area next to a library; seems how the bar is located next door to the library.

Johnny Hochgraefe (via zoom), Johnny resides in the Meyers Meadows development and thanked the city for getting the streetlights turned on.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Vouchers for January 27, 2025, for twenty-seven thousand one hundred four dollars and twenty-two cents (\$27,104.22) and Approval of Minutes from January 13, 2025. ***Council Member Jodie Curtis motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Council Member Jess Bowers. Motion carried unanimously.***

AGENDA

- a. **Water/Sewer Fee Variance, Marty Poirrier** – Marty’s family’s house burnt down, and the city ordinance reads that you can only get non temp use and if you disconnect services you will have to pay a reconnect fee in the amount twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00). Marty said that this is an emergency, and the family has lost everything. They will not have any use of their utilities until they rebuild their home. If the Council is not willing to provide a variance on the fee now and if not, please consider prorating fees from the time the incident took place. Please look at the ordinance, get more information, and add an emergency clause for a long-term solution. The Council discussed reviewing the ordinance for emergency clause. ***Council Member Chuck Camps motioned to table water/sewer fee variance until more information is provided, seconded by Council Member Jess Bowers. Motion carried unanimously.***
- b. **Agreement – Chehalis Tribal Jail Services** - Council briefly reviewed the agreement. ***Council Member Jodie Curtis motioned to accept the Chehalis Tribal Jail Services agreement, seconded by Council Member Chuck Camps. Motion carried unanimously.***
- c. **Water Leak Reduction Request, 207 NW Kerron Ave** – Water/Sewer Superintendent, Rodney said the house was vacant the water leak was flagged through billing. The owner found it to be a toilet running and fixed it the same day. Rodney and the Council briefly discussed had the house not be vacant then the owner would have fixed the leak sooner. ***Council Member Chuck Camps motioned to approve leak reduction request for 207 NW Kerron Ave., seconded by Council Member Jess Bowers. Motion carried unanimously.***
- d. **Water Leak Reduction Request, 105 W. Walnut** – Water/Sewer Superintendent, Rodney said Fred Terry identified the leak took pictures and fixed it. ***Council member Jodie Curtis motioned to approve the water leak reduction request for 105 W. Walnut, seconded by Council Member Jess Bowers. Motion carried unanimously.***
- e. **Water Leak Reduction Request, 106 & 107 W. Walnut** –Water/Sewer superintendent, Rodney explained that the owner was out of town when the leak was flagged during the September/October 2024 billing cycle for high usage. A door knocker was placed on the door for the owner to contact city hall. After a few days the owner contacted city hall to confirm that the leak was fixed. Office staff informed the owner that a work order was not completed; meaning that the owner is not eligible for a reduction. Rodney said in these circumstances the owner found a leak and had the leak fixed not realizing a work order wasn’t made. ***Council Member Jodie Curtis motioned to approve the water leak reduction request for 106 & 107 W. Walnut, seconded by Council Member Jess Bowers. Motion carried unanimously.***

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Jodie Curtis motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Jess Bowers. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.



Jeramy Allman, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:



Mindi Baird, Assistant Clerk