



CITY OF REPUBLIC
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, December 2, 2024

Those Present:

Council: Mayor: Gabe Becklin, Council Members: Marty Rugo, Mari Jo Olsen, Eric Hulse

Employees: Clerk-Treasurer Nick Olsen, Deputy Clerk Robyn Turcotte, Public Works Director/Building Official Todd Cole & Sheriff Ray Maycumber

Meeting Called to Order:

Roll Call: Absent Liz Stinson and Jim Burnside

Motion: Unanimous approval to excuse Liz and Jim after motion by Marty, seconded Eric.

Agenda Approval:

Motion: Unanimous approval after a motion by Marty, seconded by Eric.

Consent Agenda:

- Review Minutes for November 18, 2024
- Review Special Meeting Minutes for November 25, 2024
- Review payroll check #'s & Benefit's EBT amount -4378 – 4383- \$31,014.51
- Review accounts payable check #'s & amount – 65417 – 65430- \$34,442.74
- Review State Transmittal- \$59,256.75

Motion: Unanimous approval after a motion by Mari Jo, seconded by Marty.

Public Hearing- 2025 Budget

Clerk-Treasurer Nick Olsen- Began audio recording at 5:02, Mayor Gabe Becklin called the public hearing to order 5:02pm.

Clerk-Treasurer Nick Olsen discussed the commercial rates are slightly lower than those of other cities by a few dollars. No further discussion took place.

Mayor Gabe Becklin ended the public hearing at 5:03pm at which time Nick Olsen ended the audio recording.

Public Comment:

Jon Ricard-

- Expressed gratitude to the City for the American flag outside the library and its placement.
- Raised concerns about the wild turkey issue in town and inquired about potential solutions from the City.

Correspondence: No Correspondence

Old Business:

- Housing Authority Permit Fee

Motion: Unanimous approval after a motion to waive building permit fees by Marty, seconded by Eric.

New Business: No New Business

Ordinances / Resolution:

Resolution 2024-06 Water & Sewer Rates

Motion: Unanimous approval after a motion for Resolution 2024-06 Water & Sewer Rates by Mari Jo, seconded by Marty.

Department Head Reports:

Ray Maycumber- Sheriff- Ray reported on the following:

- Suggested changing the Law-and-Order Contract timeline to run October to October for better data analysis.
- Reported a decrease in call volume.
- Highlighted an increase in mail theft due to the holiday season.
- Requested City Council's input on the Body Camera policy.

Todd Cole- Public Works Director/ Building Inspector- Todd reported on the following:

- Snowplow and wiring issues caused by snowfall have been resolved.
- Generators undergoing maintenance this week to address current issues.
- Booster pump check valve failure has been repaired.
- Water and sewer connections are scheduled for installation this week.
- Water Main line leaks currently under investigation.
- Ecology blocks placed and awaiting backfill material on Adams st.

Nick Olsen – Clerk-Treasurer- Nick reported on the following:

- Hired a new Water Operator.
- Reviewed Quotes:
 - Chamber Building light: \$540 (installation included) – Tabled until additional quotes for fixture replacements are obtained.
 - Public Works Shop lights and office repairs: \$3,650.40
- The Personnel Policy final draft was reviewed.
- Discussed a set of commercial-grade bolt-on forks for the backhoe for \$300.
- Announced the City was not awarded a TIB Grant for the Crack Seal Project.
- College Tuition Reimbursement Policy draft tabled until December 16, 2024

Motion: Unanimous approval after a motion for \$3,650.40 for public works lights by Marty, seconded by Mari Jo.

Motion: Unanimous approval to adopt new personnel policy after a motion by Marty, seconded by Mari Jo.

Robyn Turcotte-

- Scheduled heater installation for Patterson Park Bathroom.
- Light post installation at the Skate Park is scheduled for this week or next.
- Obtaining quotes for light pole replacement on Erdman Street.

Mayor/ Council Reports:

Gabe Becklin- Gabe reported the following:

- Scheduled a meeting regarding the Innovia Foundation Grant.

Marty Rugo- Marty reported on the following:

- Proposed increasing Hotel/Motel award amounts from \$5,500 to \$7,500.
- Attended the RYAC meeting.

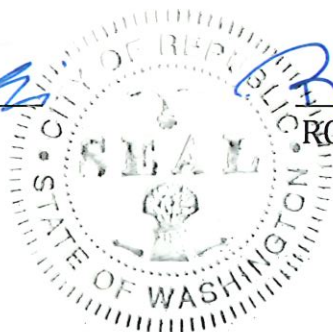
Mari Jo Olsen- Mari Jo reported on the following:

- Praised the appearance of Main Street lights.
- Inquired on the status of the speed sign battery replacement at Knob Hill.

Motion: The meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM following a motion by Mari Jo, seconded by Marty.

ATTEST:


GABE BECKLIN- MAYOR




ROBYN TURCOTTE- DEPUTY CLERK