

City Council Meeting Minutes – February 21, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sergio Orozco called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Council Present- Matthew Schuh, Mike Bjornstad, Jackie Hentges, Paul Anson, and Esiquio “Zeke” Martinez.

Staff Present- Sergio Orozco, Mayor; Stuart Dezellem, Public Works Superintendent; and Judy Brown, Clerk/Treasurer.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor led the Flag Salute.

3. AGENDA CHANGES

No changes recommended.

Motion- Accept the Agenda as presented.

Motion/Schuh; Second/Bjornstad; Discussion/None; Approved/5:0

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2024.

b. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2024.

c. EMS Write-offs of \$602.79 for January 2024.

d. Voucher Approval as Presented for January 2024 and February 2024:

Vouchers Presented	Check #s	Amount
1/31/24 Payroll Vouchers	14702 – 14719	\$ 19,284.51
1/31/24 Payroll EFT		\$ 17,659.68
2/16/24 Payroll Vouchers	14720 – 14731	\$ 16,190.55
2/16/24 Payroll EFT		\$ 8,506.18
January 2024 EFT		\$ 8,083.89
February 2024 EFT		\$ 11,206.23
February 2024 Vouchers	14732 – 14783	\$ 103,706.70
	Total	\$ 184,637.74

e. Approve School Student Liaison.

Motion- Accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion/Schuh; Second/Hentges; Approved/5:0

6. ACTION ITEMS

a. Accept Sewer Camera Bid

Dezellem presented received bid proposals and qualities; Aries Industries Inc. - \$81,674 / Cues - \$52,069 + software - \$13,767 / Inspec Ai LLC - \$47,880; Recommended accepting lowest bid from Inspec Ai; Fielded questions.

Motion- Accept Sewer Camera bid from Inspec AI, LLC.

Motion/Schuh; Second/Hentges; Discussion/None; Approved/5:0

b. Appoint Mayor Pro Tempore

Schuh offered to remain in the position of Mayor Pro Tempore.

Motion- Appoint Council Member Matthew Schuh as Mayor Pro Tempore for a duration of one year.

Motion/Bjornstad; Second/Anson; Discussion/None; Approved/5:0

c. Set Town Hall Meeting Date, Time, and Place

Mayor presented the purpose of a Town Hall meeting to inform the public about the proposed Law Enforcement contract with Douglas County Sheriff's Office and field any questions the public may have. Sheriff Morris will be invited to this meeting.

Motion- Set March 14th at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the Bridgeport Elementary School Gym to hold a Town Hall meeting discussing the Law Enforcement contract with Douglas County Sheriff's Office.

Motion/Schuh; Second/Bjornstad; Discussion/None; Approved/5:0

d. School Representative (Esteban Martinez)

Motion- Appoint Bridgeport School ASB President, Esteban Martinez, as the Student School Representative.

Motion/Hentges; Second/Bjornstad; Discussion/None; Approved/5:0

7. DISCUSSION

a. Council Committee Assignments

Discussion ensued and council members volunteered for committee positions as follows:

- Finance & Personnel: Jackie Hentges and Matthew Schuh
- Parks & Public Works: Mike Bjornstad and Paul Anson
- Fire & EMS: Zeke Martinez

b. Douglas County Law Enforcement Contract Termination

Mayor and Brown relayed information obtained from various meetings held with other county Mayor's and staff, County Commissioners, and Sheriff Morris. Discussion ensued, ideas given for the presentation at the Town Hall Meeting.

c. Right-of-Way, BMC Title 10 – *Table*

d. Public Event, BMC 5.20 – *Table*

e. Private Event, BMC 5.18 – *Table*

8. STANDING CITY REPORTS

a. Public Works

Reservoir #1 rehab with Patty Murray funds is progressing slowly; WA DOH service line survey has started, explained process and requirements, very time consuming; Well #1 is off-line again, will pull and inspect pump as soon as possible; Storm Drain Plan updated not available; RCO/Berryman Park Phase #1 Rehab updated on project, demolition complete, Revitalization Committee met today, all equipment is ordered, bid will go to ad very soon; Street cleaning will happen soon as weather permits; Water meter collector will be installed and implemented starting next month; Fielded questions.

b. Clerk/Treasurer

Presented January Financial Report, first month with separate fund numbers for water/sewer/solid waste utilities; SAO Annual Report is completed, will submit after review process; Attended the SAO Annual Filing webinar on January 23rd; Attended to meetings with the Mayor regarding the Law Enforcement contract, February 1st with other Mayors and staff in Waterville, and the Douglas County Council of Governments on February 5th; Fielded questions.

c. Mayor

Nothing further at this time.

d. School Student Representative

E. Martinez updated on school happens; Sudden loss of Mat Hull, Para-pro has been traumatic, An assembly will be held in memory of Mr. Hull on February 23rd at 2:00 p.m. at the Middle School Gym.

9. COUNCIL COMMENTS

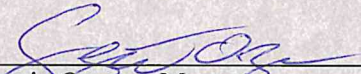
Schuh- Awarded an "Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership" for his training obtained through Association of Washington Cities (AWC).

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion- The time is 8:25 p.m., move to adjourn meeting.

Motion/Schuh; Second/Martinez; Discussion/None; Approved/5:0

APPROVED:



Sergio Orozco, Mayor

ATTESTED:



Judy Brown, CMC
Clerk/Treasurer