



## City Council Meeting Minutes – May 15, 2024

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sergio Orozco called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**Council Present-** Matthew Schuh, Jackie Hentges, and Esiquio “Zeke” Martinez.

**Council Absent-** Mike Bjornstad, and Paul Anson.

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

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor led the Flag Salute.

### 3. AGENDA CHANGES

Changes recommended.

**Motion-** Accept the Agenda as amended changing Consent Agenda item (c.) 1st Reading: Ordinance 24-732, Revise BMC Chapter 5.20, Public Events to Excuse absence of Councilmember #2, Mike Bjornstad and Councilmember #4, Paul Anson.

**Motion/Schuh; Second/Martinez; Discussion/None; Approved/3:0**

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Edward Gossett- Fence permit questions, Mayor offered to speak with him privately after meeting.

### 5. PRESENTATIONS

a. Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department, Chief Qristian Solorio  
Chief reported Fire & EMS activities and volunteers; updated on equipment and vehicle maintenance; explained future department needs and costs, fielded questions.

b. Foster Creek Conservation District, Coordinator Jackson Moody  
Informed Council of their purpose and what they can do for the area and community, fielded questions. Contact information: [jmoody@fostercreekcd.org](mailto:jmoody@fostercreekcd.org), 509-888-6372, 203 S. Rainier, Waterville, WA.

### 6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Meeting Minutes held April 17, 2024
- b. Approve EMS Write-offs for April 2024 in the amount of \$85.35
- c. Excuse absence of Councilmember #2, Mike Bjornstad; and Councilmember #4, Paul Anson
- d. Voucher Approval as Presented for April and May 2024:

Vouchers Presented	Check #s	Amount
5/01/24 Payroll Vouchers	14942 – 14971	\$ 20,881.50
5/01/24 Payroll EFT		\$ 17,461.62
April 2024 EFT		\$ 8,718.66

May 2024 EFT		\$ 27,500.75
April 2024 Vouchers	14940 & 14941	\$ 1,287.89
May 2024 Vouchers	14972 – 15009	\$ 290,724.52
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 366,574.97</b>

**Motion-** Accept the Consent Agenda, as amended.

**Motion/Schuh; Second/Hentges; Approved/3:0**

**7. REPORTS**

a. Committee Reports

- Finance & Personnel – Hentges & Schuh
- Parks & Public Works – Bjornstad & Anson
  - Bouska Square Gazebo Replacement Project – Discussion ensued from information presented by committee and Dezellem.
- Fire & EMS – Martinez
  - Met with Fire Chief about future department equipment needs

b. Staff Reports

- Public Works  
DOE gave verbal Sewer Laboratory accreditation today; Res #1 rehab drone flight will be May 21st; 24<sup>th</sup> Street Sculpture Parking Lot/Sidewalk project, preliminary design received, sent back to G&O for minor revisions; Swimming Pool new heaters installed, pool is prepped for painting; Berryman Park Phase #1 Rehab Project is out to bid, bid opening on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 p.m.,

**Motion-** Set a date of May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. for a Special Meeting to review and accept a bid for Berryman Park Phase #1 Rehab Project.

**Motion/Schuh; Second/Martinez; Discussion/None; Approved/3:0**

- Clerk/Treasurer  
April Monthly Financial Report presented; Cruz presented her attendance at Douglas County Sergeant Long’s Retirement/Last Call event today, no questions from Council.
- Mayor  
Attended: Douglas County Regional Council of Governments meeting in East Wenatchee on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, new sheriff contract was to be to within two weeks have not received yet.  
Attended: AWC 2024 Labor Relations Institute held in Yakima on May 8<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>, received a varied amount of training like arbitration, bargaining, and A.I.
- Bridgeport School Student Representative, Esteban Martinez  
Bridgeport Senior Graduation will be June 7<sup>th</sup> between 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., fielded questions.

**8. DISCUSSION**

- a. Bridgeport School Farm Utility Hookups  
Mayor reported City does not have authority to waive hookups fees; has discussed this with the School Superintendent.
- b. Apple Valley Apartments – Zoning  
Cruz reported on letter presented to Council by Apple Valley Apartments, discussion ensued, no recommendation was made to send this issue to the Planning Commission for review.

**9. ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Resolution 24-01, Salaries and Stipends  
**Motion-** Approve Resolution 24-01, Salaries and Stipends as presented.  
**Motion/Schuh; Second/Martinez; Discussion/None; Approved/3:0**

**10. COOUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Hentges-** Reported on Swimming Pool Lifeguards and tentative Pool Rentals, Opening will be June 17<sup>th</sup>.

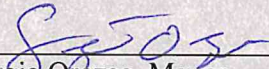
**Schuh-** RMSA Board of Director meeting last week; Member Expo October 8<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> a new claims portal will be presented, recommended to send Deputy Clerk, Cruz to this event for learning purposes and encouraged her to become an AWC RMSA Operations Committee member.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**


**Motion-** Adjourn meeting at 8:09 p.m.

**Motion/Schuh; Second/Martinez; Discussion/None; Approved/3:0**

**APPROVED:**

  
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Sergio Orozco, Mayor

**ATTESTED:**

  
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Judy Brown, CMC  
Clerk/Treasurer