



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Monday, November 27, 2023 at 7:00 PM

City Hall

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Troy Linnell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Flag Salute

3. Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Troy Linnell

Council Member Brenna Franco

Council Member Gordon Cook

Council Member Timothy Fairley

Council Member Lynda Osborn

Council Member William Thomas

Staff Present: Jessica Griess, City Administrator; James Schrimpsheer, Chief of Police; Russ Avery, Public Works Director

4. Presentation

A. Life Saving Awards: Officer Gerrard and Officer Fajardo

Chief James Schrimpsheer recognized Officer Gerrard and Officer Fajardo for their life-saving efforts during a car fire incident. The officers were presented with the Life Saving Award.

5. Presentation

A. 2024 Final Budget

Mayor Linnell opened the public hearing at 7:06 PM. Tara Dunford, CPA, briefed the Council on the final budget. There was a question regarding the Utility Worker II position not being budgeted for. The City Administrator responded that the position only allows for one employee to professionally develop into that role and there currently are negotiations with their union to come up with another solution for the entire crew to grow. Closed at 7:11 PM.

6. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Council Member Fairley, Seconded by Council Member Thomas.

Voting Yea: Council Member Franco, Council Member Cook, Council Member Fairley,

Council Member Osborn, Council Member Thomas

7. Consent Agenda

Motion made by Council Member Fairley, Seconded by Council Member Osborn.
Voting Yea: Council Member Franco, Council Member Cook, Council Member Fairley,
Council Member Osborn, Council Member Thomas

A. Minutes

November 13th, 2023 Council Meeting

November 13th, 2023 Council Workshop

B. Audit of Reports

1. Claims #113296 - #113318 = \$422,543.50

November 14 - 27, 2023

2. Payroll #61575 - #61578 = \$107,285.15

November 22, 2023

VOID #113295

8. Reports

Council Member Franco - None

Council Member Cook - None

Council Member Fairley - None

Council Member Osborn - None

Council Member Thomas - None

Russ - Tacoma Blvd Water Main Replacement Project is complete. Just finishing the cleanup work. I am still working on getting a quote for the lift station. We did receive a franchise application from Ziply fiber. They are an internet provider. We will bring forward a resolution at the next meeting for Council to set the application fee. Once they pay the application, we can begin negotiating a franchise agreement. All the costs associated are passed on to the applicant.

Chief Schrimpsheer - We received a grant to fully fund an extra officer for the next three years. Working through the documentation and there's no match requirement. An offer of employment has been made and they will be starting the academy December 13th. Officer Greve's replacement will be starting this week. Officer Johnson's replacement has already started. Operation Blue Christmas is being worked on. Looks like there will be seven

families. Thank you to those that have donated. It's nice seeing the community reach out and help. Finished our last training event for the year.

City Administrator Griess - December 9th, is a busy day: Elected Officials Essentials training, Blue Christmas, and the Tree Lighting event. We are still accepting donations for Blue Christmas. Our phones have been down for two weeks now. Current provider has an upgrade option to get us away from the analog lines to fiber. Looking into using Microsoft Teams instead. Just waiting on CenturyLink to fix the line. Russ and I met with Emily from our city attorney's office. She is working on the Comcast agreement and we are going to start researching a PEG fee that would pay for an upgraded system for Channel 21.

Mayor Linnell - Update on the house being cleaned up on Tacoma Blvd. We've been working with them since June and they did not get it cleaned up by the agreed upon date. We will be moving forward with legal action.

9. Audience Participation

The City Council encourages public participation during meetings of the City Council and welcomes your comments. This time is set-aside for you to speak to the City Council on any issue. The Council ordinarily takes non-agenda matters under advisement before taking action. You are also invited to comment on action items as they are considered during the meeting. Individual speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes each in addressing the City Council. When addressing the Council, please speak clearly and audibly and state your name and address for the record.

Christy Rodriguez, Milwaukee Blvd - Following up the Mayor's comments on the four way stop. Took the time to look at the traffic model code. WAC 308.330.260 Traffic Engineer - states we can appoint an engineer, who is appointed for the City? And if someone is appointed, why pay for the consultant? RCW 46.90.010 - You cannot make up your own rules. WAC 308.330.800 and RCW 47.39.110 state that safety stop signs can be put up in line with regulations. AMC 12.04.060 Design Criteria - explains how best practices should be used for street design. This intersection continues to be a problem, and data shows there haven't been any accidents until the four-way stop was put in. At least that I can find. This continues to put citizens at risk. When will we expect the temporary stop signs to be removed? Lastly, being a leader means taking action, responding, and being humble, I have yet to see this from you. I hope you learn from this and be leaders of the city. Until this happens, I will expect to receive the responses, and the reason people do not attend meetings because they don't want to be belittled. I am requesting the Council's response to the four-way stop.

Council Member Thomas - Ms. Rodriguez asked for responses, but given no avenue to do so. Regardless, there's good comments made about the four way stop, but also some quite vindictive comments were made. It's been proven to work now and it is for public safety, not just to slow people down. There's sight line distant issues there, that's why I accepted it.

10. Discussion

A. Ordinance 1230-23, 2023 Budget Amendment

Tara Dunford, CPA, briefed the Council on the budget amendment for 2023.

B. Ordinance 1231-23, 2024 Final Budget

Tara Dunford, CPA, discussed the Final 2024 Budget book with the Council.

C. 2024 Olympic Environmental Resources Agreement

City Administrator Griess discussed the contract with Olympic Environmental Resources for the annual recycling event.

D. Algona Police Officers Contract Memorandum of Understanding

Chief Schrimpscher briefed the Council on the MOU with the Fraternal Order of Police.

E. Resolution 1267-23, WaFed Bank

City Administrator Griess discussed the option to switch from Umpqua Bank to WaFed Bank.

F. Ordinance 1227-23, 2024 Water Rate

City Administrator Griess talked about the increase for water from Auburn starting in 2024 and passing the increase on to the customer.

G. Ordinance 1228-23, Sewer Rate Increase for 2024

City Administrator Griess talked about the increase for sewer from King County starting in 2024 and passing the increase on to the customer.

H. WA Department of Commerce Middle Housing Grant Agreement

City Administrator Griess discussed the Middle Housing grant with Dept. of Commerce for work on the Comprehensive Plan.

11. New Business

12. Old Business

13. Ordinances & Resolution

A. Ordinance 1229-23, 2024 Property Tax

Motion made by Council Member Franco to waive the three-touch rule, Seconded by Council Member Cook.

Voting Yea: Council Member Franco, Council Member Cook, Council Member Fairley, Council Member Osborn, Council Member Thomas

Motion made by Council Member Fairley, Seconded by Council Member Thomas.

Voting Yea: Council Member Franco, Council Member Cook, Council Member Fairley, Council Member Osborn, Council Member Thomas

Ordinance 1229-23 passed

B. Resolution 1266-23, Get Active Stay Active King County Grant Agreement

Motion made by Council Member Cook, Seconded by Council Member Franco.
Voting Yea: Council Member Franco, Council Member Cook, Council Member Fairley,
Council Member Osborn, Council Member Thomas

Resolution 1266-23 passed.


14. Next Workshop

Business recognition review, Finance Committee Member, Sewer and Storm Tax rate


15. Adjournment

Mayor Linnell adjourned the meeting at 7:51 PM.

ATTEST:



Jessica Griess – City Administrator



Troy Linnell – Mayor