



CITY OF WHITE SALMON
City Council Meeting – Wednesday, April 5, 2023
In Person and Via Zoom Teleconference

Council and Administrative Personnel Present

Council Members:

Ben Giant
Patty Fink
Jason Hartmann
Jim Ransier

Staff Present:

Jeff Broderick, Land Use Planner
Andrew Dirks, Public Works Acting Foreman
Mike Hepner, Police Chief
Bill Hunsaker, Fire Chief/Code Enforcement
Marla Keethler, Mayor
Stephanie Porter, Clerk Treasurer
Troy Rayburn, City Administrator
Shawn MacPherson, City Attorney

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Marla Keethler called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. There were approximately 2 members of the public in attendance in person and via teleconference.

Moved by Jason Hartmann. Seconded by Ben Giant.

Motion to excuse Council Member David Lindley for the April 5, 2023 City Council Meeting.

CARRIED 4-0

II. Changes to the Agenda

Staff are requesting **removal of Consent Agenda Item B** - Resolution 2023-04-557 – determined unnecessary by legal counsel, **Consent Agenda Item C be updated** to Resolution 2023-04-557 instead of 2023-04-558 to avoid an unused number in the sequence, and **addition of Consent Agenda Item F**. Approval of Grant Submission – Bluff Trail

Moved by Ben Giant. Seconded by Patty Fink.

Motion to approve agenda changes as requested by city staff.

CARRIED 4-0

III. Public Comment

One written comment was received and recorded on the record. Copies of the written public comment from Matt Farmer, White Salmon Resident were provided to the council before the meeting for review.

Jeff Cooper, White Salmon Resident, Representing Off Fellows

Notified the City Council that the Odd Fellows would like to donate 6 park benches to be installed in 6 locations as identified by the city as needed.

Dwayne Fosburg, Klickitat County Resident

Notified the city council of his concern about the large increase in utility rates for water service.

IV. Consent Agenda

- A. Proclamation 2023- 02 Declaring April 9-15 National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week
- B. ~~Resolution 2023-04-557 Declaring Location, Date and Time of Public Hearing for the Four Oaks Subdivision Proposal Review~~
- C. Resolution 2023-04-558 557 Emergency Declaration Well #1 Pump Failure
- D. Approval of Meeting Minutes - March 15, 2023
- E. Approval of Vouchers
- F. Approval of Grant Submission – Bluff Trail

Vouchers audited and certified as required by RCW 42.24.080 and expense reimbursement claims as required by RCW 42.24.090 as of this 5th day of April 2023.

Type	Date	From	To	Amount
Claims	4/5/2023	40047	40097	66,718.29
	4/5/2023	EFT	EFT	2,608.00
			Claims Total	69,326.29
Payroll	4/5/2023	40043	40046	1,260.87
	4/5/2023	EFT	EFT	123,836.85
			Payroll Total	125,097.72
Manual Claims				
			Manual Total	0.00
			Total All Vouchers	194,424.01

Moved by Jim Ransier. Seconded by Jason Hartmann.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda as amended with vouchers in the amount of \$194,424.01.

Discussion:

Council discussed the Emergency Well #1 Pump Repair issue. Request was made for the expected repairs including cost be listed on the city website for transparency of the need for the water rate increase.

CARRIED 4-0

V. Business Items

- A. **Ordinance 2023-04-1138 Adopting WSMC 10.01 Definitions**

Presented:

Mike Hepner – Police Chief – Presented Ordinance 2023-04.1138 Adopting WSMC 10.01 Definitions.

Discussion:

Council discussed the proposed Ordinance. Police Chief Mike Hepner confirmed that the e-bike section needed more time to determine how to proceed.

Moved by Jim Ransier. Seconded by Jason Hartmann.

Motion to approve the Ordinance 2023-04-1138 Adopting WSMC 10.01 Definitions

Discussion:

Ben Giant, Council Member requested that the language “male or female” be stricken from section 10.01.090.

Moved by Jim Ransier. Seconded by Jason Hartmann.

Motion to amend motion to approve Ordinance 2023-04-1138 Adopting WSMC 10.01 Definitions to strike the language “male or female” from section 10.01.090.

No Discussion.

CARRIED 4-0

B. Ordinance 2023-04-1139 Repealing WSMC 10.34 Motorized Foot Scooters

Presented:

Mike Hepner – Police Chief – Presented Ordinance 2023-04-1139 Adopting WSMC 10.34 Motorized Foot Scooters. He noted that the City Operations Committee has reviewed the code and chosen to remove the WSMC 10.34 and defer to RCW.

Discussion:

The council discussed the details of age limits and helmets requirements.

Chief Mike Hepner said the city does not currently have a bike issue, but he will revisit this code if an issue arises.

Moved by Ben Giant. Seconded by Patty Fink.

Motion to approve the Ordinance 2023-04-1139 Amending WSMC 10.34 Motorized Scooters.

CARRIED 4-0

VI. Reports and Communications

A. Department Heads

Mike Hepner, Police Chief

Updated council that he has received a lateral officer applicant for the vacant Police Officer position.

Jeff Cooper, Interim Public Works Operation Manager

OptConnect E/V Charging station have been received and will be installed.

Grandview will be repaired.

Sewer smoke testing will be completed in May.

Troy Rayburn, City Administrator

The council discussed the next steps for the Sweet Gum Tree. Jim Ransier noted he is in favor of revisiting the potential removal of the existing tree to plant a more street friendly tree.

Mayor Marla Keethler and city staff noted that the budget decision brought forth to the council was what was perceived as required at the time. There has since been discussion with WSDOT that the Sweet Gum Tree would not be required to stay in order for the bulb out to be completed by WSDOT with the

2025 141 Paver Project. Staff will bring recommendations to the City Council in an upcoming meeting.

B. Council Members

Jim Ransier, Council Member

Community Development Committee with Planner Jeff Broderick are determining a Park bench program.

Jim confirmed the Parklet Program is being developed and presented to council soon.

Ben Giant, Council Member

Appreciated the Public Comment regarding the need for Childcare. Jim Ransier, Council Member noted that at Jury Duty there were 3 different jurors excused because they did not have access to childcare in order to serve.

Patty Fink, Council Member

Patty gave a recap of the Arbor Day Celebration in Rheingarten Park.

C. Mayor

Mayor Marla Keethler addressed made note of the wonderful events happening in the city due to the help of the Lodging Tax Funds provided by the Lodging Tax that was approved by the City Council.

Mayor Keethler spoke to Building Code Updated, the Four Oaks Subdivision, Childcare and the bridge.

Mayor Keethler gave information about the Housing Action Plan and the research on the current zoning that will come from that plan.

VII. Executive Session

No Executive Session.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05p.m.

Marla Keethler, Mayor

Stephanie Porter, Clerk Treasurer