



**CITY OF WHITE SALMON**  
**City Council Meeting – Wednesday, December 20, 2023**  
**In Person and Via Zoom Teleconference**

**Council and Administrative Personnel Present**

**Council Members:**

Ben Giant  
Patty Fink  
David Lindley  
Jason Hartmann  
Jim Ransier

**Staff Present:**

Andrew Dirks, Public Works Director  
Mike Hepner, Police Chief  
Marla Keethler, Mayor  
Stephanie Porter, Clerk Treasurer  
Shawn Mac Pherson, City Attorney

**I. Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement and Presentation of the Flag**

Mayor Marla Keethler called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. There were approximately 15 members of the public in attendance in person and via teleconference.

**II. Roll Call (6:02pm)**

**III. Changes to the Agenda (6:03pm)**

Staff request to remove Business Item G – Ordinance Adopting the Shoreline Master Plan Update.

***Moved by Jason Hartmann. Seconded by Ben Giant.***  
***Motion to approve changes to the agenda as presented.***  
***CARRIED 5-0***

**IV. Presentations**

- A. Oath of Office administered by City Attorney Shawn MacPherson (6:04pm)
  - 1. Marla Keethler - Mayor
  - 2. Patty Fink - City Council Position 1
  - 3. David Lindley - City Council Position 2
- B. DNR White Salmon Fuel Break Update Presentation (6:06pm)
- C. Cascade Renewable Transmission Project introduction Presentation-Carol Loughlin and Chris Hocker (6:28pm)
- D. Mayor's Update (6:52pm)

**V. Public Comment**

James Mast, White Salmon Resident (7:00pm)  
Kate Bennett, White Salmon Resident (7:02pm)  
Tyler Allen, White Salmon Resident (7:05pm)  
Peter Wright, White Salmon Resident (7:06pm)

**VI. Consent Agenda (7:07pm)**

- A. Approval of the 2024 Bingen ERU Interlocal Agreement
- B. Approval of Interlocal Agreement - Court Agreement - Klickitat County
- C. Approval of Personal Services Contract - On Call Planning Services - DCG|Watershed Group
- D. Approval of Contract Amendment No 1 -Critical Areas Ordinance - DCG|Watershed Group
- E. Approval of Contract Extension - Cameron McCarthy
- F. Acceptance of Completion of Garfield Project
- G. Approval of Vacation Carryover

- H. Approval of Small Works Contracts- Snow Removal
- I. Approval of Contract - WAGAP Youth Center
- J. Approval of Personal Service Contract - Outreach Services - Zaya LLC
- K. Approval of Personal Services Contract - Legal Services - Knapp, O'Dell & Macpherson PLLC
- L. Approval of Meeting Minutes - November 15, 2023
- M. Approval of Meeting Minutes - December 6, 2023
- N. September 2023 Treasurer Report
- O. October 2023 Treasurer Report
- P. November 2023 Treasurer Report
- Q. Approval of Vouchers - \$323,389.36

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 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023.

Type	Date	From	To	Amount
<b>Claims</b>	12/20/2023	40841	40871	253,745.52
	12/20/2023	EFT	EFT	0.00
			<b>Claims Total</b>	<b>253,745.52</b>
<b>Payroll</b>	12/20/2023	EFT	EFT	53,185.62
	12/20/2023	40828	40840	7,026.95
			<b>Payroll Total</b>	<b>60,212.57</b>
<b>Manual Claims</b>	11/24/2023	EFT	EFT	120.00
	12/1/2023	EFT	EFT	550.91
	12/5/2023	EFT	EFT	840.36
	12/10/2023	EFT	EFT	7,920.00
<b>VOIDED Checks</b>	N/A			<b>0.00</b>
			<b>Manual Total</b>	<b>9,431.27</b>
			<b>Total All Vouchers</b>	<b>323,389.36</b>

***Moved by Ben Giant. Seconded by Jim Ransier.***

***Motion to approve Consent Agenda and vouchers in the amount of \$323,389.36.***

Council Questions.

***CARRIED 5-0.***

**VII. Business Items (7:19pm)**

- A. Ordinance 2023-12-1156 Amending WSMC 2.20 Boards, Committees and Commissions and WSMC 2.21 Hearing Examiner**  
Presentation by Stephanie Porter, Clerk Treasurer.

**Mayor Marla Keethler opened the public hearing at 7:29pm.**

No Public Comments

**Mayor Marla Keethler closed the public hearing at 7:29pm.**

Council Discussion.

***Moved by Ben Giant. Seconded by Jason Hartmann.***

***Motion to approve Ordinance 2023-12-1156 Amending WSMC 2.20 Boards, Committees and Commissions and WSMC 2.21 Hearing Examiner with changes by removing housing from Community Development committee, changing “real estate” to “public property” in the Community Development Committee Description, and adding language to allow CityLab Board to meet as needed.***

Council discussion.

***CARRIED 5-0***

- B. Ordinance 2023-11-1157 Amending the 2023 Annual Budget No.4 (8:05pm)**  
Presentation by Stephanie Porter, Clerk Treasurer.

**Mayor Marla Keethler opened the public hearing at 8:08pm.**

No Public Comments

**Mayor Marla Keethler closed the public hearing at 8:09pm.**

Council Discussion.

***Moved by David Lindley. Seconded by Jason Hartmann.***

***Motion to approve Ordinance 2023-11-1157 Amending the 2023 Annual Budget No.4.***

***CARRIED 5-0***

***Patty Fink – aye, Ben Giant-aye, Jason Hartmann-aye, David Lindley -aye, Jim Ransier-aye***

- C. Ordinance 2023-12-1155 Amending WSMC 17 Zoning (8:11pm)**  
Presentation by Michael Mehaffy, Planning Consultant.

Council Discussion.

***Moved by Jim Ransier. Seconded by Patty Fink.***

***Motion to approve Ordinance 2023-12-1155 Amending WSMC 17 Zoning with change of removing Prohibited Use 17.23.025 section G, 17.24.025 section G, 17.28.032 section G, 17.32.032 section G relating to possession of non-household animals and changing 17.28.010 provided that the end or side units are set back ten feet from the adjacent property lines to provided that the end or side units are set back five feet from the adjacent property lines.***

***Patty Fink -aye, Ben Giant -aye , Jason Hartmann -nay , David Lindley -aye , Jim Ransier -aye***

***CARRIED 4-1***

- D. 2024 Legislative Priorities**  
Presentation by Mayor Marla Keethler.

Mayor Keethler tabled the 2024 Legislative Priorities to the January 3, 2024 Council Meeting.

**E. Ordinance 2023-11-1152 Adopting the Critical Areas Updates (9:10pm)**

Presentation by Stephanie Porter, Clerk Treasurer.

Council Discussion.

***Moved by Patty Fink. Seconded by Ben Giant.***

***Motion to approve Ordinance 2023-11-1152 Adopting the Critical Areas Updates***

***CARRIED 5-0***

**F. Ordinance 2023-11-1153 Creating WSMC 18.40 Heritage Tree (9:12pm)**

Presentation by Stephanie Porter, Clerk Treasurer.

Council Discussion.

***Moved by Ben Giant. Seconded by Jason Hartmann.***

***Motion to approve Ordinance 2023-12-1153 Creating WSMC 18.40 Heritage Tree.***

***CARRIED 5-0***

~~**G. Ordinance Adopting the Shoreline Master Plan Update Pending Department of Ecology Approval**~~

~~1. Presentation~~

~~2. Discussion~~

~~3. Action~~

**VIII. Reports and Communications**

**A. Department Heads (9:13pm)**

**B. Council Members**

Patty Fink, Council Member (9:14pm)

Ben Giant, Council Member (9:15pm)

Jason Hartmann, Council Member (9:15pm)

David Lindley, Council Member (9:15pm)

Jim Ransier, Council Member (9:16pm)

**IX. Executive Session (if needed)**

**X. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

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Marla Keethler, Mayor

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Stephanie Porter, Clerk Treasurer