



**CITY OF WHITE SALMON**  
**City Council Regular Meeting – Thursday, January 2, 2020**

**Council and Administrative Personnel Present**

**Council Members:**

Jason Hartmann (by phone)  
David Lindley  
Ashley Post

**Staff Present:**

Marla Keethler, Mayor  
Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer  
Ken Woodrich, City Attorney  
Pat Munyan, City Administrator  
Russ Avery, Public Works Operations Mgr.  
Bill Hunsaker, Fire Chief/Building Official  
Mike Hepner, Police Chief

**1. Call to Order**

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. There were approximately 10 people present.

**2. Oaths of Office**

Marla Keethler was sworn in as Mayor by Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer.

David Lindley was sworn in as City Council Member by Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer.

Ashley Post was sworn in as City Council Member by Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer.

**3. Roll Call**

*Moved by Ashley Post. Seconded by David Lindley.  
Motion to excuse Amy Martin. CARRIED 3-0.*

Jason Hartmann attended the meeting via phone.

**4. Comments – Public and Council**

*Heather Kowalewski, White Salmon* said she lives within the city limits of White Salmon and is trying to get more involved. She said she would like to see more involvement with tribes and indigenous people in the area. She suggested the city council could adopt something to what Hood River has done.

**5. Changes to the Agenda**

No changes to the agenda were proposed.

**6. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore**

Marla Keethler said she would like to recommend Jason Hartmann for Mayor Pro Tempore. She said she has spoken with him and he is agreeable. Keethler noted that she will be having a baby in July and will miss several meetings. She said Hartmann has said he will be available.

Ashley Post said she supports Jason Hartmann as Mayor Pro Tempore.

David Lindley said he thinks Hartmann will do an excellent job.

**Moved by Ashley Post. Seconded by David Lindley.  
 Motion to appoint Jason Hartmann as Mayor Pro Tempore. CARRIED 3-0.**

**7. Agreement with Klickitat County for Incarceration of City Prisoners**

Jan Brending said the agreement amends last year’s contract with Klickitat County extending it for one year through 2020 with the same provisions and cost.

David Lindley asked if the incarceration contract goes out to bid.

Police Chief Mike Hepner explained that the city used to use Skamania County but because felony prisoners cannot be taken to Skamania County and some confusion in how prisoners were being logged, the city chose to negotiate a contract with Klickitat County.

Jan Brending noted that the contract with Klickitat County has save the city money.

**Moved by Ashley Post. Seconded by Jason Hartmann.  
 Motion to authorize Mayor to sign amendment to Agreement for Incarceration of City Prisoners (C19818) extending agreement through December 31, 2020 and providing for payment of \$13,000 per year for a total of \$26,000 for a two-year period. CARRIED 3-0.**

**8. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of Meeting Minutes – December 8, 2019
- b. Approval of Vouchers

Type	Date	From	To	Amount
Claims	1/2/2029	35742	35752	20,698.33
	12/30/2019	35721	35741	60,296.95
			<b>Claims Total</b>	<b>80,995.28</b>
Payroll				
			<b>Payroll Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Manual Claims	12/23/2019	35712	35712	1,346.38
			<b>Manual Total</b>	<b>1,346.38</b>
			<b>Total All Vouchers</b>	<b>82,341.66</b>

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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2020.

**Moved by Jason Hartmann. Seconded by Ashley Post.  
Motion to approve consent agenda as presented. CARRIED 2-0 with David Lindley abstaining.**

**9. Department Head and Council Reports**

**Bill Hunsaker, Fire Chief/Building Official** welcomed the new mayor and council members.

**Mike Hepner, Police Chief** welcomed the new mayor and council members.

**Russ Avery, Public Works Operations Manager** welcomed the new mayor and council members. Avery noted that one of the electronic speed signs has been installed at Fireman's Park coming up the hill from Bingen.

**Pat Munyan, City Administrator** said that the concrete sidewalk and gutter at the police department has been installed. He said the flag pole will be installed in several weeks. Munyan noted that 2020 will be a busy year with a lot of projects going on.

Mike Hepner noted that with the recent rains there were no problems in the building with water coming in.

**Ken Woodrich, City Attorney** said he has nothing to report. He said he enjoyed the 12 years with David Poucher and hopes to enjoy many more with Marla Keethler.

**Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer** said that once the 2019 budget is closed she will be proposing a budget amendment to the 2020 budget sometime in February or early March.

**Marla Keethler, Mayor** said that a Memorandum of Understanding with Goldendale, Bingen and Klickitat County implementing the housing tax will be presented at the council's next meeting. She said that the Metropolitan Park District does not have a clear answer yet from the school district and they hope to let the city know if they will be using the Whitson property in January or February. Keethler said she would like input from city council members as to what committees they would like to sit on. She noted that she will be attending AWC's City Action Days at the end of the month. Keethler said she would like to identify designated council meetings for workshop related to amending the city's codes and hoping to start in January or February.

Keethler said she is excited to be the mayor and sees a lot of potential to get citizens involved. She said she will be working with staff to identify a date for the council treat in order to help establish goals for the budget.

**Ashley Post, Council Member** said Klickitat Tree has worked on the sweet gum tree on Jewett and that it looks much improved.

**Jason Hartmann, Council Member** said he has not update.

**David Lindley, Council Member** said he is honored to serve on the council and is looking forward to diving in and looking out how to contribute.

10. **Adjournment**  
The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

  
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Marla Keethler, Mayor

  
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Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer