



CITY OF WHITE SALMON
City Council Regular Meeting – Wednesday, June 3, 2020
Via Zoom Teleconference

Council and Administrative Personnel Present

Council Members:

Jason Hartmann
David Lindley
Joe Turkiewicz

Staff Present:

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

1. Call to Order

Marla Keethler, Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. There were approximately 93 people in the audience (by video or telephone).

2. Roll Call

*Moved by Jason Hartmann. Seconded by Joe Turkiewicz.
Motion to excuse Ashley Post. CARRIED 3-0.*

3. Public Comment

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer read into the record comments received by e-mail as follows:

John Edwards, White Salmon sent written comment asking the city council if they could support a resolution that simply states "black lives matter" and what can the police department do to ensure that no member of the community feels threatened.

4. Changes to Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

5. Interagency Agreement with WA State Department of Commerce – Coronavirus Relief Fund for Local Governments

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer said the agreement provides for the \$78,300 in Coronavirus Relief Funds for the period March 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020. She said the funds must be used for expenditures directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic and cannot be used to supplant funds already in the city's budget. Brending said staff recommends the city council authorize the mayor to sign the interagency agreement.

Moved by Jason Hartmann. Seconded by David Lindley.

Motion to authorize the mayor to sign Interagency Agreement with Washington State Department of Commerce through Coronavirus Relief Fund for Local Governments for the period March 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020 in the amount of \$78,300. CARRIED 3-0.

6. **Authorization of Crestline Construction Payment No. 3 & USDA Reimbursement Request No. 3**
 Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer presented the 3rd Crestline Construction payment and USDA reimbursement request.

Moved by David Lindley. Seconded by Jason Hartmann.

Motion to approve Crestline Construction Payment No. 3 in the amount of \$152,5793.99 and USDA Reimbursement Request No. 3 in the amount of \$168,210.94. CARRIED 3-0.

7. **COVID-19 Phase 2 Reopening**

Marla Keethler, Mayor provided information to the city council regarding how the city is handling Phase 2 of the Governor’s Phase Reopening approach. She outlined how the city will review Phase 2 COVID-19 plans for all businesses with a physical presence in the city and contractors doing work in the city. Keethler said the police department will continue to monitor overall compliance with the Phase guidelines. She said City Hall will continue to be closed to visitors during Phase 2 but staff will make arrangements for contractors to drop off and pick up materials by appointment. Keethler said the Public Works department will be returning to full duty but working in two or more groups as of June 8. She noted that public restrooms will continue be closed through Phase 2 with the Heritage Plaza (Information Center) restrooms reopening in Phase 3 and a revaluation of the park restrooms at that time.

8. **Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of Meeting Minutes – May 20, 2020
- b. Approval of Meeting Minutes – May 28, 2020
- c. April 2020 Budget Report
- e. Approval of Vouchers

Type	Date	From	To	Amount
Claims	6/3/2020	EFT	EFT	3,174.00
	6/3/2020	36156	36191	217,923.16
			Claims Total	221,097.16
Payroll	6/5/2020	EFT	EFT	102,952.69
		36150	31655	1,488.58
			Payroll Total	104,441.27
Manual Claims				
			Manual Total	0.00
			Total All Vouchers	325,538.43

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 3rd day of June, 2020.

**Moved by Jason Hartmann. Seconded by Joe Turkiewicz.
Motion to approve consent agenda as presented. CARRIED 3-0.**

9. Department Head and Council Reports

Pat Munyan, City Administrator said that public works will be wearing face masks and practicing social distancing. He said Public Works has been dealing with several broken pipes caused by the ground vibration of the construction project and the fact the pipes are not in good shape. Munyan said it is the city's goal to eliminate old infrastructure over time. He said the park restrooms remodel and the TIB Garfield project will be going out to bid soon. Munyan noted that the Washington State Department of Transportation has postponed the Highway 141 paver until 2023 due to financial reasons.

Russ Avery, Public Works Operations Manager said the city is seeing an increase in demand for new water services.

Ken Woodrich, City Attorney said the city council will have to continue with virtual meetings at least through June 17 but noted that the Governor has lifted the limitation related to "necessary and routine" business items. He said the city will be able to conduct public hearings via teleconference but must have a reasonable means of allowing the public to testify. Woodrich said, that in light of the George Floyd case, he recommends the police department review its "use of force" policies.

Mike Hepner, Police Chief said the department uses Lexipol to keep the policies up to date with the latest federal and state requirements.

Marla Keethler said she has discussed the issue with Chief Hepner, and they are working on information to present to the council at a future meeting. She noted some community members have asked questions about everyone being treated equitably and fairly.

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer said she is monitoring the budget closely particularly sales tax revenues, property tax revenues and gas tax revenues. She said the city will not know the full impacts on sales tax revenues until the end of August due to the state extending filing deadlines for the first quarter of 2020. She noted that investment interest for May was 1/3 of what it was in January.

Marla Keethler, Mayor said staff is reviewing guidance from the state regarding meetings and will be presenting information at a future meeting. She noted that June is Pride Month and that a pride flag is being flown in Rheingarten Park and that ribbons will be tied to the light poles on Jewett. Keethler said she has received emails for citizens concerned that law enforcement is recognizing and protection all citizens equally. She said she believes Chief Hepner and the offices have been a positive influence in the community.

Jason Hartmann, Council Member said he attended a webinar regarding a composting grant. He said that stakeholders who attended were Dirt Hugger, Community Upcycle and Underwood Conservation District. He said commercial composting with credits issued back to the community was discussed.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.



Marla Keethler, Mayor



Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer