



CITY OF WHITE SALMON
City Council Regular Meeting – Wednesday, July 15, 2020
Via Zoom Teleconference

Council and Administrative Personnel Present

Council Members:

Jason Hartmann (Mayor Pro Tempe)
David Lindley
Ashley Post
Joe Turkiewicz

Staff Present:

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

1. Call to Order

Jason Hartmann, Mayor Pro Tempe called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. There were approximately 8 people in the audience (by video or telephone).

2. Roll Call

All council members were present. (Note: Council Position #4 is currently vacant.) Marla Keethler, Mayor is on maternity leave.

3. Public Comment

Kallie Kurtz, White Salmon (located in County)

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer read a public comment from Kallie Kurtz who lives in Klickitat County stating that the City Council has remained silent on the "Black Lives Matter" issue and asked the City Council to do more than adopt a diversity resolution and included a statement from Emilé Zynobia a woman of color who speaks about small, active progressives towns.

4. Changes to Agenda

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer requested that an item regarding approving Change Order No. 2 for the Jewett Water Main Project be added to the agenda after the item regarding the Cost Sharing Agreement with the Yakama Nation.

Moved by Joe Turkiewicz. Seconded by Ashley Post.

Motion to add agenda item regarding approval of Change Order No. 2 for the Jewett Water Main Project. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Pro Tempe Jason Hartmann voting.

5. Appointment of City Council Member Position No. 4

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer explained that the city council received 4 letters of interest for Council Member Position No. 4: David Dierck, Jim Ransier, Dr. Susan Abernethy, and Jenna Newcomb Barkhimer. She said that David Dierck notified the city that he was withdrawing his name for consideration.

The council interviewed the three remaining candidates, asking each candidate the same questions.

At 6:40 p.m. the city council announced that it would meet in Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110)(1)(g) to discuss the qualifications of the candidates for the position of Council Member.

The City Council resumed regular session at 6:55 p.m.

City Council members submitted ranking of the candidates with 1 being their first choice to Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer who tallied the ranking. She announced that Jim Ransier was ranked overall as the first choice.

***Moved by Ashley Post. Seconded by David Lindley.
Motion to appoint Jim Ransier as Council Member to Position No. 4. Carried 4-0 with Jason Hartmann, Mayor Pro Tempe voting.***

Jason Hartmann thanked the candidates for applying. He said that all the candidates were very well qualified and that he hopes they will continue to stay involved.

6. Resolution 2020-07-503, Establishing a Sole Source Provider and Authorizing the Purchase and Installation of Telemetry Equipment

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer said the council has been provided with a revised version of the proposed resolution that identifies the company Hach as the sole source provider. She said the city's turbidity meters need to be replaced and that due to the telemetry programming a specific brand of meters needs to be purchased in order to work with the current system. Brending noted that the city is working to upgrade its telemetry system.

Council members asked if the new turbidity meters would work with future upgrades.

Brending said yes.

***Moved by Joe Turkiewicz. Seconded by Ashley Post.
Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-07-503, Establishing a Sole Source Provider and Authorizing the Purchase and Installation of Telemetry Equipment. Carried 4-0 with Jason Hartmann, Mayor Pro Tempe voting.***

7. Cost Sharing Agreement Between City of White Salmon and Yakama Nation

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer said the cost sharing agreement is part of the White Salmon River Source Reliability Study that is funded by the Department of Ecology and the City. She said the Yakama Nation has been a key stakeholder in the process to date and will be providing \$20,000 towards the project. Brending said the agreement has been reviewed by both the city attorney and the Yakama Nation attorney.

David Lindley, Council Member said he will recuse himself from voting as he is the Aquatic Habitat Coordinator for the Yakama Nation. He said the project is a great step forward.

Moved by Ashley Post. Seconded by Joe Turkiewicz.
Motion to authorize the mayor to sign the cost sharing agreement between the City of White Salmon and Yakama Nation. Carried 3-0 with David Lindley recusing himself and Jason Hartmann, Mayor Pro Tempe voting.

8. Jewett Water Main Improvements Change Order No. 2

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer said the construction on the Jewett Water Main Improvements project revealed that the city’s existing stormwater system on Jewett from Riverwatch Drive to 1st Street needed to be restored. She said the costs are based on a lump sum basis including all materials, labor, and equipment except for surface restoration which will be paid at the unit price included in the original contract. Brending said the amount of the change order is \$25,262.50.

Moved by Joe Turkiewicz. Seconded by Ashley Post.
Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign Jewett Water Main Improvements Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$25,262.50.

9. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Meeting Minutes – July 1, 2020
- b. Approval of Vouchers

Type	Date	From	To	Amount
Claims	7/15/2020	EFT	EFT	10,064.20
	7/15/2020	36234	36260	130,092.46
			Claims Total	140,156.66
Payroll				
			Payroll Total	0.00
Manual Claims	7/6/2020	EFT	EFT	1,803.44
	7/9/2020	36261	36262	252,991.74
			Manual Total	254,795.18
			Total All Vouchers	394,951.84

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 15th day of July, 2020.

Moved by David Lindley. Seconded by Joe Turkiewicz.
Motion to approve consent agenda as presented. CARRIED 4-0 with Jason Hartmann., Mayor Pro Tempe voting.

10. Department Head and Council Member Reports

Mike Hepner, Police Chief said that a Bothell Police Officer was recently killed in the line of duty. Hepner said Council Member David Lindley has started ride alongs with the different officers. He said if any council members want to schedule ride alongs with the officer to not hesitate to contact him.

Russ Avery, Public Works Operations Manager said that the pressure reducing valves (PRVs) were set today by Crestline. He said they are also working on installing hydrants and establishing services. Avery said public works will be installing two parklets and working on pothole repairs.

Bill Hunsaker, Building Official/Fire Chief said there were no callouts to fire for Southwest Fire on the 4th of July.

David Lindley, Council Member asked Hunsaker if the Department of Natural Resources tree thinning was moving forward.

Hunsaker said that at this time it is on hold due to COVID-19.

Ken Woodrich, City Attorney said that Jim Ransier will need to be sworn in.

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer said she can make arrangements with Jim Ransier to swear him in prior to the next council meeting.

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer said that Budget Committee meeting needs to be scheduled for the first part of August. She said the city is hosting a table at Farmer's Market on Tuesdays from 4 to 7 p.m. and providing free masks to White Salmon residents, signing up White Salmon residents for free access to the Hood River pool, providing blue recycling bags and encouraging people to participate in the 2020 Census. Brending said that once the county enters Phase 3 city hall staff will be returning to city hall. She noted that building permits and land use applications are being accepted by the city.

Ashley Post, Council Member welcomed Jim Ransier to the city council.

Joe Turkiewicz, Council Member said he has received some concerns about the speed of traffic on Wauna Street and is happy to see a police presence in that area. He thanked the candidates for city council.

David Lindley, Council Member said he received 6,000 face masks which were quickly spoken for. He said the time he has spent doing ride alongs with the police officers has been well spent.

Joe Turkiewicz, Council Member asked what time did Lindley do the ride along.

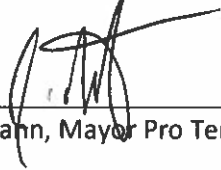
Lindley said from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Jason Hartmann, Council Member said he continues to talk with Underwood Conservation District and Dirt Huggers about curbside pickup for organic composting. He said he would also

like to see recycling materials picked up in containers versus using blue plastic bags that are not recyclable.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.



Jason Hartmann, Mayor Pro Tempe



Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer