



CITY OF WHITE SALMON
City Council Regular Meeting – Wednesday, February 3, 2021
Via Zoom Teleconference

Council and Administrative Personnel Present

Council Members:

Jason Hartmann
David Lindley
Ashley Post
Jim Ransier
Joe Turkiewicz

Staff Present:

Marla Keethler, Mayor
Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer
Ken Woodrich, City Attorney
Russ Avery, Operations Manager
Mike Hepner, Police Chief

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

All council members were present.

3. Public Comment

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer read an email from Sasha Bentley regarding legislative priorities asking the city to consider adding COVID-19 response as a priority.

4. Changes to Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

5. Presentations

a. Recognition of Black History Month

Jim Ransier, Council Member introduced a Ted Talk video with Titus Kaphar titled "Can Art Amend History?"

b. White Salmon Metropolitan Pool Park District Update, Lloyd DeKay

Lloyd DeKay presented information to the city council on the status of the new pool noting that the district hopes to open the pool in May 2022.

c. COVID-19 Public Health Update

Marla Keethler, Mayor provided an update on vaccine status in Klickitat County.

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer read a statement from Erin Quinn, Klickitat County Public Health Director regarding COVID-19 in the county.

Council Members and Paul Moyer, Klickitat County Public Health Board Member discussed that status of Klickitat County in the Governor's Road to Recovery phases.

6. Proclamation Guidelines

Marla Keethler, Mayor presented guidelines for developing proclamations.

Council members and the mayor discussed the guidelines. It was noted that the mayor issues proclamations and the city council adopts resolutions and that proclamations are primarily used for recognizing celebrations, events or individuals.

7. Legislative Priorities 2021

Marla Keethler, Mayor said she is following up with the city council on legislative priorities after the discussion at the last council meeting. She said it was her understanding that the city council wanted to focus on the singular priority of the bridge.

Jim Ransier, Council Member said he is support of the singular issue and does not see it as a distraction from the focus on COVID-19. He said he thinks the legislative issue is an opportunity to educate people outside of the region.

David Lindley, Council Member said he agrees with Ransier. He said he supports focusing on the singular issue and likes the way it is written.

Moved by Ashley Post. Seconded by Jim Ransier.

Motion to adopt the White Salmon Hood River Bridge Project as the 2021 legislative priority. CARRIED 5-0.

8. Jewett Water Main Improvement Project – Change Order No. 6

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer review Change Order No. 6 for the Jewett Water Main Improvement Project. She noted that this is the final change order for the project and reconciles costs and dates. Brending said the change order provides for a decrease in the construction contract price from \$2,504,837.62 to \$2,350,983.07 – a decrease of \$153,854.45 and changes the Date of Substantial Completion from November 25, 2020 to December 3, 2020 and changes the Date Ready for Final Payment from December 25, 2020 to January 29, 2021.

Moved by Jason Hartmann. Seconded by David Lindley.

Motion to authorize approval of Jewett Water Main Improvement Project Change Order No. 6 with a decrease in contract price of \$153,854.45 from \$2,504,837.52 to \$2,350,983.07, changing Date of Substantial Completion from November 23, 2020 to December 3, 2020 and changing the Date Ready for Final Payment from December 25, 2020 to January 29, 2021. CARRIED 5-0.

9. Approval of Crestline Construction Payment No. 10 and USDA Reimbursement Request No. 10

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer said this is the final payment authorization to Crestline with a payment to be made later for retainage. She noted that the USDA Reimbursement Request amount should be \$220,212.77 instead of \$222,212.77. Brending said the city council will approve a final USDA Reimbursement Request at a future meeting as the city moves toward closing the project tout.

Moved by Jason Hartmann. Seconded by Joe Turkiewicz.

Motion to approve Crestline Construction Payment No. 10 in the amount of \$174,155.75 and USDA Reimbursement Request No. 10 in the amount of \$220,212.77. CARRIED 5-0.

- 10. Consent Agenda**
 a. Approval of Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2021
 b. Approval of Vouchers

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 February, 2021.

Type	Date	From	To	Amount
Claims	2/3/2021	EFT	EFT	3,480.00
	3/3/2021	36819	36856	130,634.17
			Claims Total	134,114.17
Payroll	2/5/2021	EFT	EFT	111,650.98
	2/5/2021	36816	36818	1,044.19
			Payroll Total	112,695.17
Manual Claims				
			Manual Total	0.00
			Total All Vouchers	246,809.34

*Moved by Joe Turkiewicz. Seconded by Jim Ransier.
 Motion to approve consent agenda. CARRIED 5-0.*

- 11. Department Head and Council Member Reports**
Mike Hepner, Police Chief said that Officer Josh Lewis should be working by himself in two weeks. Hepner reviewed the police log that is provided to council members. He said there continue to be a lot of calls at Harvest Market including face masks issues or alcohol thefts. Hepner said the police department has a new webpage on the city’s website which was developed by Office Madelynn McIlwain. He noted that Office McIlwain is on desk duty because she is pregnant and then will be on maternity leave for 12 weeks beginning in May.

David Lindley, Council Member said he wants to acknowledge the work that was done on the police webpage. He said it looks good.

Jim Ransier, Council Member said he agrees with Lindley and appreciates the effort. He said the information is very thorough.

Marla Keethler, Mayor said Officer McIlwain was a huge assets in getting the webpage live.

Russ Avery, Public Works Operations Manager said the public works crew has been working on leaks and meter change outs. He noted that Jeff Cooper has been promoted to Public Works Foreman.

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer reviewed upcoming committee meeting dates. She reminded council members that she is seeking comments on the Comprehensive Plan Update draft elements.

Jim Ransier, Council Member said the Community Development Committee will meet on February 11 and will consider the tenant housing code, climate crisis resolution and associated task force.

Ashley Post, Council Member said the Tree Board will meet on Monday, February 8 and will discuss the heritage tree section of the critical areas ordinance and 2021 tree maintenance.

Jason Hartmann, Council Member said he met with a resident who is interested in performing some bank stabilization. He said it will be discussed at the upcoming city operations committee meeting.

David Lindley, Council Member said he attended a site visit at Gaddis Park with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to review the fire fuel break project. He said it was a good visit with stakeholders and looked at what treatments might be used. Lindley said the feedback was that it was important to provide a balance of fuel reduction while maintaining some understory because of an interpretive trail in the area. He said DNR is open to that.

Marla Keethler, Mayor said that business license renewals were due the end of January but that the opportunity to renew through the Department of Revenue continues.

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer noted that at this time late fees and penalties are not being charged per the Governor's orders. She said the information for pending business licenses will remain available for 120 days after the expiration date.

Marla Keethler, Mayor said that she has been attending a variety of meetings addressing topics such as local investment networks, broadband infrastructure, economic development, youth and art, and the Hood River bridge. She noted that as presented tonight, the pool project is moving forward and that the city will need to focus this year on the removal of the old pool.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned 7:39 p.m.


Marla Keethler, Mayor


Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer