



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 20, 2023
7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER (Via In-Person & Online Via Zoom)

Mayor Hartman called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Hartman led the Council, Staff and Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. ROLL CALL

City Council

Mayor Matthew Hartman	Present
Steven Glenn	Present
Tom FitzGerald	Present
Erin Hogan	Present
David Griggs	Present

City Staff

City Clerk Darla Reese
City Manager Brent Kirk
Deputy City Manager Jeff Balentine
Community Dev. Director Eric Jensen
Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor – Lyle Bjornson

Consultants

Emily Guildner – Thompson, Guildner & Assoc.
Police Chief Tom Dalton – S.C.S.O.
Stacey Clear, P.E. – Gray & Osborne, Inc.
Doug Welch, P.E. – Gray & Osborne, Inc.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. AB 095-2023 Approval of September 7, 2023 through September 20, 2023 claims checks #413670 through #413706 and One EFT totaling \$238,588.12**
- B. AB 096-2023 Approval of August 16, 2023 through August 31, 2023 payroll claims checks #27530 through #27533 and Twenty-Three EFT's totaling \$123,845.56**

Councilmember Hogan moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Griggs seconded. Motion carried.

5. STAFF REPORTS

Community Development Director Jensen mentioned there will be a Special Planning Commission meeting tomorrow night. He also reported on the community survey efforts.

Consultant Police Chief Dalton reported on the following items:

- Construction site; 150 gallons of fuel stolen
- IGA Theft
- Assault in front of the Teriyaki Wok/Smoke Shop
- School update; open windows and doors, stadium found open

Deputy City Manager Balentine discussed the following items:

- Department heads have turned in their budget numbers
- Passport update

City Manager Kirk gave a Public Works update on the following items:

- Galena St. Extension project update
- Alder Avenue final fixes
- Frank Mason Park (bathrooms)
- Budget numbers in from department heads
- Stormwater capacity grant = \$130,000.00 for 2 years
- Helicopter crash

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS-NON-ACTION ITEMS

There were no public comments submitted for the record. No one online opted to speak during this portion of the meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. AB 097-2023 Consideration of Proposal for Engineering Services related to development of City's required Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall Receiving Water Study Plan

Councilmember Griggs moved to approve Scope and Fee Proposal from Gray & Osborne, Inc. for Engineering Services related to development of a WWTP Outfall Receiving Water Study Plan and authorize City Manager to sign. Councilmember Hogan seconded. Motion carried.

8. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. AB 098-2023 Consideration of Bid Award to lowest responsive bidder for construction of the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade

Councilmember Glenn moved to award bid to Harbor Pacific Contractors, Inc. for Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility Upgrade in the amount of \$31,420,800.00. Councilmember Griggs seconded. Motion carried.

B. AB 099-2023 Consideration of Contract with Gray & Osbornes, Inc. for Construction Management and Administration/Engineering Services related to the Granite Falls WWTP Upgrade

Councilmember Griggs moved to approve Scope of Work and Fee Proposal from Gray & Osborne, Inc. for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Construction Administration Services and authorize City Manager to sign. Councilmember Glenn seconded. Motion carried.

9. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Hartman mentioned we are two weeks away from Railroad Days!

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Glenn mentioned the following items in his comments:

- School's back in session
- Getting good comments by people coming to football games and new construction
- Compliments heard about our Passport Office
- Railroad Days

Councilmember FitzGerald discussed the following items:

- Workshop within the next 2 months Water/Sewer construction cost increases
 - Sewer = new FCS results/costs going forward
 - GFC Cost increases
- Next 2 Friday nights = home football games at High School

Councilmember Hogan had no comments.

Councilmember Griggs mentioned he just got over Covid last week.

11. CITY MANAGER

City Manager Kirk mentioned the following information:

- GFC's = wait to discuss until January/February due to new Councilmember(s) coming onboard
 - Council to give input to City Manager Kirk regarding thoughts on this
- Department of Ecology

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss pending litigation for 15 minutes

8:53 PM –

Councilmember Hogan moved to recess to Executive Session to discuss potential litigation for 15 minutes with no action to follow. Councilmember Griggs seconded. Motion carried.

9:08 PM –

City Clerk Reese went to the Council room doors, opened them, and voiced that Executive Session had ended. All in the lobby and online were welcome to rejoin the meeting at this time.

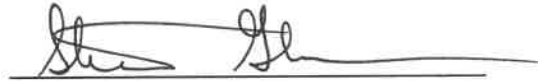
The meeting returned to regular session.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hartman adjourned the meeting.



City Clerk Darla Reese, MMC



~~Mayor Matthew Hartman~~

Mayor Pro Tem Steven Glenn