

1. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Meeting of the Millwood City Council was called to order by Mayor Kevin Freeman at 7:00 pm, September 13, 2016 at the Millwood City Hall. Council members present: Shaun Culler, Brian Ellingson, Dan Sander, and Andy Van Hees. Also present: Paul Allen, Public Works Director, Debbie Matkin, Treasurer, Tom Richardson, City Clerk/Planner and Brian Werst, City Attorney. Mayor Freeman announced a quorum was present.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Paul Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. CONSENT AGENDA: Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 9, 2016; August Payroll of \$58,805.97 and Claims of \$116,679.76; Treasurer's Report for August, 2016. Council received the August Claims and Payroll Registers, and a list of Claims to be paid September 13, 2016. Mr. Ellingson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion seconded and carried.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mike Ellis, 3101 N Fowler, said the speed of traffic on Fowler between Trent and Empire has gotten bad. Two cars drove on his lawn. There are no sidewalks, centerline or street lights. The mayor said the public works director has been working with the city's engineer on traffic calming measures.

Ron and Judy Seaman, property owners at 9001 E Frederick, presented a petition requesting that the city take the necessary steps to establish a quiet zone, eliminate the use of train horns and replace them with locomotive bells for the railroad crossings in Millwood. The mayor explained the process for approving quiet zones and the railroad's position on them. Bob Ernst, 8945 E Frederick, asked if there was an ordinance controlling train horn noise and how long trains are allowed to block the crossings, and asked about the state's rules for oil trains. Brian Werst said the federal government regulates railroads; the city has no authority. The mayor said the city would work on the feasibility of establishing the quiet zone.

Ward Andrews, judicial candidate for Spokane County Superior Court, introduced himself to the council.

5. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: None.

6. STA PROP 1 – RESOLUTION 16-11: Mayor Freeman introduced the proposed resolution supporting STA's Proposition 1 which will be on the November ballot. Brian Werst explained the proposition which would raise the sales tax rate for STA's Moving Forward program. The mayor said the council would provide an approximately equal opportunity for its members or others to express opposing views to the resolution. The mayor said the Moving Forward plan will provide the access to public transportation which is essential for Millwood, and he asked council to approve the resolution. Mr. Sander supported the resolution, saying that a viable transit system is vital to Millwood. The mayor asked if anyone would like to speak on the measure. There was no one. Mr. Sander moved to approve Resolution 16-11 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Van Hees. Motion carried unanimously.

7. VACANT COUNCIL POSITION – DISCUSSION: The mayor said he was contacted by Connie Smith who is interested being appointed for the remainder of Dick Schoen's council position. He said she is very well qualified and provides a voice from the business community on the council. He requested that council vote on her appointment at the next meeting.

8. STAFF REPORTS: Debbie Matkin said she attended the AWC municipal finance conference in Leavenworth in August. She is working on the budget which will be on the next agenda.

Paul Allen reported that the backflow prevention program has gone very well. He has gotten a quote for replacing the pump at Old Park well which is our emergency backup well. He said Welch Comer has requested an additional fee to cover unanticipated work involved in the Standpipe Recoating project, notably the tie off points and the addition of "Millwood" to the paint scheme. He is working with Welch Comer on traffic calming measures for Empire. He said the city submitted an application for TIB funding for chip sealing of Buckeye, Sargent and Grace by the County. The crew is getting the new leaf vac ready for leaf pick up next month. WUTC has approved the city's application for funding for the Marguerite railroad crossing signals. He received a lot of compliments on our pool staff this year. He said the city is obtaining the easement for the entrance sign and bus shelter.

Tom Richardson said he would have the update of the Capital Facilities chapter of the Comprehensive Plan on the next agenda.

9. LEGAL REPORT: Mr. Werst said he attended the Council of Governments meeting last week. He described the draft ordinance on aggressive begging which will be discussed at the next meeting.

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mr. Sander asked how do we address the street light issue? Mr. Allen explained Avista's procedure for requesting a new street light. Shaun Culler said he would be attending the Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting next week. Mr. Sander said he attended his first SRTC board meeting, and said he would be interested in being reappointed when his term expires at the end of the year. Mr. Culler nominated Dan Sander for the SRTC small cities representative for 2017-2019. Motion seconded and carried.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Shirene Young, Millwood Community Association, thanked the city for the help on the Millwood Daze events.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The mayor requested an executive session to discuss matters of real estate under RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) and (i) regarding the selection of real estate for acquisition by the city and litigation that may be commenced by the city or legal risks of a proposed action by the city, for 20 minutes beginning at 8:26 pm.

The council reconvened in regular session at 8:45 pm.

14. ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Culler moved to adjourn. Motion seconded and carried. Mayor Freeman adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Approved:


Kevin Freeman, Mayor

Attest:


Thomas Richardson, City Clerk