

UNION GAP CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
UNION GAP COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Union Gap, Washington
April 25, 2022, Regular Meeting
MINUTES

<u>Call to Order</u>	Mayor Hodkinson called the Regular Meeting of the Union Gap City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.
<u>Council Members Present</u>	Council Members Murr, Wentz, Galloway, Hansen, and Schilling, and Dailey were present.
<u>Staff Present</u>	City Manager Fisher, Police Chief Cobb, City Attorney Brown, Fire Chief Markham, Public Works & Community Development Director Henne, Civil Engineer Dominguez, Finance and Administration Director Clifton, and Deputy Clerk Treasurer Bisconer were present.
<u>Audience Present</u>	See attached list.
<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	Council Member Dailey led the pledge of allegiance.
<u>Consent Agenda</u>	<p>Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Murr to approve the consent agenda as follows:</p> <p>Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated April 11, 2022 as attached to the Agenda and maintained in electronic format.</p> <p>Claims Vouchers – EFT’s, Voucher No. 104480, through 104542 for April 25, 2022, in the amount of \$801,818.75.</p> <p>Advance Travel Vouchers – Check Nos. 1302 through 1303 in the amount of \$374.40.</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<u>Items from the Audience</u>	Helen Canatsey thanked the Council for allowing the distribution of flyers from the Friends of Union Gap Library & Community Center 501 C3 for a fund raiser, Dining for Dollars Days to take place at Jean’s Cottage Inn, April 27 th , between 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
<u>General Items</u>	
<u>Public Works & Community</u>	

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Development

Resolution No. – 22-21 – Proposal and Contract for Professional Engineering Services

Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Galloway to approve Resolution No. – 22-21 – authorizing the City Manager to sign a contract with Gray & Osborne, Inc. Consulting Engineers for On-Call Professional Engineering Services.

Voting on the motion – Ayes – Murr, Wentz, Galloway, Schilling, Dailey and Hodkinson. Nays - Hansen. Motion passes.

Resolution No. – 22-22 – Axon Master Service Agreement – Taser 7 and Body Worn Cameras

Motion by Council Member Murr, second by Council Member Wentz to approve Resolution No. – 22-22 – authorizing the City Manager to sign a Master Service Agreement with Axon, for a five-year contract to purchase Taser 7 electronic control devices and body worn cameras.

Council Member Schilling asked Chief Cobb about his experience with different interpretations of film people are watching. Chief Cobb responded that film or cameras do not replace a person’s 360 degree eye sight.

Voting on the motion – Ayes – Murr, Wentz, Galloway, Schilling, Dailey and Hodkinson. Nays - Hansen. Motion passes.

City Manager

Yakima County Profile for 2022

City Manager Fisher submitted the Yakima County profile and emphasised information on page 5, stating that in 2021 the local economy netted 2,100 more nonfarm jobs than 2020, and thought what was so special about it was that even in the middle of COVID, where we lost a lot of jobs, the Yakima Valley has enough diversity in our industry, we are bouncing back from COVID.

Items from the Audience

Carol Fredrickson addressed the Council in regards to a sign down the street from her house stating F*** Biden, and wonders about community standards for that. When she contacted City Hall she was told to contact the Police department, but didn’t think it was a police matter. Chief Cobb responded that he thought it would be a first amendment issue, and wanted to remind people of what happened in Selah recently, with usage of signage and sidewalk chalk to say some derogatory things, and how that turned out. Council Member Wentz stated that he wasn’t sure that the issue out there was the issue of profanity, and having the F word so close to the school, definitely shocks and offends the sensibilities of general family values that we want to promote here. Chief Cobb agreed and would like further research. Council Member Schilling asked if they could do something against profanity. Mrs. Fredrickson agreed with

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Schilling and then asked as an additional question of who owns the paths out by the Wide Hollow creek, and that she would like to put a bench there. Public Works and Community Development Director Henne responded that she could work with Public Works, and if she wanted to donate a bench, maybe they could put it out there for her.

City Manager Report

City Manager Fisher stated that the City hosted the Washington State Transportation last week which was well attended and Union Gap was well represented. Fisher thanked Finance and Administration Director Clifton and Deputy Clerk Treasurer for all their IT work with the group, and Public Works and Community Director Henne for his presentations to the Transportation Commission, which behoves us when in we go for grants and transportation needs, that we are well known here and that we get the projects done under budget and time; we are working diligently on updating the Municipal Code, and as we go along Council will see different chapters for approval; Association of Washington Cities will be in Vancouver June 21st through June 24th this year and would like to talk about it Monday at the next study session; the book mobile was approved by the board and will be moving forward, unfortunately it will not be this summer, but hope to have some sort of reading for the kids in Loudon park this summer; Council Member Murr asked Fisher if they could put a Resolution on the next agenda forbidding vulgar language on signage in Union Gap. Fisher replied that she will let the City Attorney guide us on that and will task Bronson Brown on that, hopefully Monday morning.

Communications/Questions/
Comments

Council Member Schilling distributed copies of a check donated by Meredith Furniture and stated that the 501C3 Treasurer stated that since the city issued them a check and they deposited it, they could not deposit the additional check. City Manager Fisher replied that her understanding was that they issued an additional check to the 501C3 and recommended that they go to Meredith Furniture and talk to them about that, it is a 501C3 matter and she has no further information.

Development of next Agenda

Council Member Wentz asked if the Summer Youth Program would be held this year. Chief Cobb responded that he needs to have a discussion with the super intendant of ESD5 to see if they are interested in staffing that. It is an evidence based program in terms of curriculum and would only continue if it remained evidence based, but will get on it shortly

Council Member Schilling suggested that Council Members read a recent Yakima Herald editorial about the history we have here.


Adjournment of Meeting

At 6:22 p.m., Mayor Hodkinson adjourned the April 25, 2022 regular Council Meeting.

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Arlene Fisher, City Manager

ATTEST:


Karen Clifton, City Clerk

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SIGN IN SHEET**

6:00 P.M. – April 25th, 2022

NAME (Please Print)

(Date)

ADDRESS

Rich Mauro	4/25/22	450 Lone Pine Ln
Imelda Vargas	04/25/2022	402 LOCUST ST
Heber Canatsey	04/25/2021	7th Avenue
JOE STEWAKER	4-25-22	334 4 ST
Stephanie Mun	4-25-22	
Lodix Galloway	4-25-22	2711-5th St.
Richard Williams	4/25/22	HLA
Carol Fredrickson	4/25/22	2903 3rd Street

04/25/2022 Council Meeting Zoom Attendees

Attendees

Lynette Bisconer

Greitmire

Bronson Brown

Benine McDonnell

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