

UNION GAP CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
UNION GAP COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Union Gap, Washington
February 8, 2021, Regular Meeting
MINUTES

- Call to Order Mayor Hodkinson called the Regular Meeting of the Union Gap City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.
- Council Members Present Council Members Murr, Wentz, Galloway, Hansen, and Schilling were present virtually.
- Staff Present City Manager Fisher, Police Chief Cobb, Public Works and Community Development Director Henne, Civil Engineer Dominguez, Finance and Administration Director Clifton, City Attorney Brown, and Fire Chief Markham were present.
- Audience Present See attached list.
- Consent Agenda Motion by Council Member Murr, second by Council Member Galloway to approve the consent agenda as follows.
- Regular Council Meeting Minutes, dated January 25, 2021 as attached to the Agenda and maintained in electronic format.
- Claims Vouchers – EFT’s and Voucher No. 102401 through 102457 for February 8, 2021, in the amount of \$163,971.81.
- Motion carried unanimously.
- Excuse Council Member Motion by Council Member Hansen, second by Council Member Galloway to excuse Council Member Dailey. Council Member Schilling inquired if there is a procedure for Council Members to call in prior to the meeting if they are unable to attend. Mayor Hodkinson agreed that they should, and for the most part they do.
- Items from the Audience Mark Crouchet stated that they are working with Arlene and Dennis to get the bricks for the Library and Community Center taken care of; working towards getting a USDA Grant; website is under construction.
- Georgia Reitmire commented that the new street lights installed on Main Street are amazing, she thinks that the Main Street Project is absolutely wonderful and she really appreciates it as a Union Gap Citizen.

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General Items

City Manager

Resolution No. - ____ -
Library Use Agreement

Council Member Wentz inquired if staff could negotiate with the Library to contribute to the long term maintenance of the Library and Community Center facility. Council Member Schilling inquired how the maintenance was handled before. Mayor Hodkinson stated that the current situation is different in that the Library is leasing the facility and that the lease could be negotiated to include overhead costs. City Manager Fisher stated that they would go back to negotiations, that there was plenty of time.

Motion by Council Member Murr, second by Council Member Schilling to table the Library Use Agreement Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

Items from the audience

None.

City Manager Report

City Manager Fisher stated that the Legislative Session has started and there are a lot of interesting bills regarding Police and Public Safety matters. Chief Cobb and Fisher are keeping a close eye on the issues; Will be attending a meeting in Seattle with WCIA February 12, 2021; AWC Zoom conference will be held this week on Wednesday and Thursday, if anyone is interested in attending, please contact her; Council Member Schilling asked about calling in to testify tomorrow with the Legislators, as per Gina Mosbrucker. Fisher replied that she hadn't heard about that, but if Schilling had information regarding the issue, she could send forward it others; Council Member Schilling inquired about the bid for the Library and Community Center. Fisher replied that they had not yet advertised, and it could be six to eight weeks before anything is received. Anyone can attend the bid opening, the date and time will be advertised.

Police Chief Cobb stated that one of the Bills causing Concern is House Bill 1054 referred to as the tactics bill, which will take away any number of tools and tactics used by the Police Department, giving examples of situations that occurred during Seattle protests. Bill 1054 would also take away K-9's. House Bill 1202 allows City's to be sued for both current cases and prior cases as laws change; 1310 Governs use of force, and gave an example of how it could affect the City of Union Gap. Cobb asked Council Members to contact their Legislators to urge them to vote No, and lobby colleges to insure that these bills don't pass. Council Member Schilling inquired how many times the armoured vehicle has been used. Chief Cobb explained first, why an armoured vehicle may be used, and that the vehicle had been used four times within the last two weeks, which is abnormal. Two were pre-planned events, two were SWAT calls. All

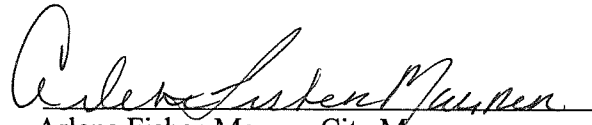
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events where outside the City limits, with one relating to a Union Gap case. The vehicle is available to mutual aid partners, and will be deployed where needed. Council Member Galloway stated that he thinks people including Union Gap citizens need to resist the effort to defund or demoralize our Police Departments.

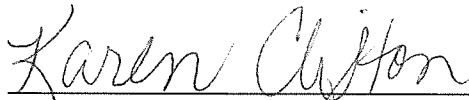
Communications/Questions/ None.
Comments

Development of Next None.
Agenda

Adjournment of Meeting Mayor Hodkinson adjourned the regular meeting at 6:34 p.m.


Arlene Fisher-Maurer, City Manager

ATTEST:



Karen Clifton, City Clerk