

**UNION GAP CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**UNION GAP COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**Union Gap, Washington**  
**June 26, 2023, 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 Wentz, Galloway, Schilling, and Dailey were present.

Staff Present

City Manager Bounds, City Attorney Foltz, Fire Chief Markham, Police Chief Cobb, Public Works/Community Development Director Henne, Civil Engineer Dominquez, Deputy Clerk Treasurer Bisconer were present.

Audience Present

See attached list.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Galloway led the pledge of allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Galloway to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated June 12, 2023, as attached to the agenda and maintained in electronic format.

Claims Vouchers – EFT’s, and Voucher No. 106658 through 106719 for June 26, 2023, in the amount of \$360,985.18.

Motion carried unanimously.

General Items

Police

Ordinance No. – 3047 –  
Amending UGMC Chapter  
8.12 Sections 230 – 240 and  
Adding Section 245  
Regarding the Possession  
and use of drugs and drug  
paraphernalia

City Attorney Foltz gave an overview, and explained that this Ordinance will amend UGMC Chapter 8.12 230 to remove some adopted RCW’s that are no longer valid, or not needed, and to update the current codes to reflect State law in regard to knowing of possession of drugs, which is a gross misdemeanor, as well as the knowing of public use, which is also a gross misdemeanor.

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Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Galloway to adopt Ordinance No. – 3047 – amending Union Gap Municipal Code section 8.12.230 “Controlled Substances”, Section 8.12.235 “Possession of a Controlled Substance without a prescription”, Section 8.12.240 “Drug Paraphernalia – Possession Prohibited”, and adding a new section 8.12.24 “Possession of less than 40 grams of cannabis – Penalty.”. Motion carried unanimously.

Excuse Council Member

Motion by Council Member Schilling, second by Council Member Wentz to excuse Council Member Hansen. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager

Councilmember Selection Process and Interviews

City Manager Bounds explained the process to be followed while interviewing applicants for the open Council position, number 2.

Applicant number 1, Jacee Brost’s focus was being more involved with youth and keeping the kids busy and that a Council Member’s role is to be a voice for the community members, and to push for change.

Applicant number 2, Imelda Vargas’s focus was on roads and street improvements, Library and Community Center, possible City pool, parks, graffiti, homelessness, achieving goals through discussion and collaboration, and that a Council Member’s role is to be a voice of the neighbourhoods and businesses. Vargas volunteered her time to assist with fund raising and educating others of the Union Gap Library and Community Center, volunteering at her children’s school, a petition regarding the City of Granger’s pool closure, and health fairs.

Applicant number 3, Gregory Sewell focused on improving animal control, sidewalks, crosswalks, truck noise, and boarded up vacant homes, and that a Council Member’s role is to listen to the people and determine the City government administration policies, adopting budgets and legislation. Sewell has had no experience but has lived in the community for 20 plus years.

Committee Reports

Mayor Hodkinson stated that one of the staff Members of the Crime Lab is a certified trainer of the bullet machine, and that they are just waiting for the secure line cable to be connected between them and the feds, and they will be ready to go.

Items from the Audience

Katie Haynes addressed the Council with concerns regarding cars

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speeding on Main, and 1<sup>st</sup> Streets, as well as loud vehicle muffler noises. She is aware of at least one animal that has been hit, and does not want to be the one that witnesses the next accident. Haynes stated that she would be happy to be part of the solution, and not just bring the complaint.

Helen Canatsey distributed flyers regarding another Dining for Dollars, to help the Library & Community Center, which will be held at Reno's on the Runway Wednesday, June 28, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tom Naaz stated that he has noticed the speed problem, and would like to know what the plan of action will be. Police Chief Cobb stated the he just looked, and between 9:00 and 3:30 today, they had stopped seven cars on Main Street. Main Street is part of the focus, they know it is an issue, and is part of the summer-wide emphasis, but as for 1<sup>st</sup> Street, they will need to do a census to get a feel for what is actually going on, in terms of speeding.

City Manager Report

None.

Communications/Questions/  
Comments

None.

Development of next  
Agenda

Council Member Galloway stated that they needed to appoint YVCOG representative.

Recess to 10 Minute  
Executive Session

At 6:40 p.m., Mayor Hodkinson adjourned to executive session to evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office, per RCW 42.30.110 (h); and the Council may be taking action after the executive session. City Council, City Manager and City Attorney attended. At 6:50 p.m., Mayor Hodkinson announced a five (5) Minute extension.

Reconvene & Appoint  
Council Member

At 6:55 p.m., Mayor Hodkinson reconvened the regular Council meeting. Council Member Galloway nominated Gregory Sewell for the open Council position number 2, second by Council Member Wentz. Wentz thanked all of those who applied, and asked that they stay involved and active, because it's needed as much as possible. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment of Meeting

Mayor Hodkinson adjourned the June 26, 2023 regular Council meeting at 6:57 p.m.

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*Sharon Bounds*

Sharon Bounds, City Manager

ATTEST:

*Karen Clifton*

Karen Clifton, City Clerk

