

UNION GAP CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
UNION GAP COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Union Gap, Washington
March 22, 2021, 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, Schilling, and Dailey were present virtually. Council Member Murr lost internet connection.
<u>Staff Present</u>	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.
<u>Audience Present</u>	See attached list.
<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	Mayor Hodkinson led the pledge of allegiance.
<u>Consent Agenda</u>	Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Galloway to approve the consent agenda as follows. Regular Council Meeting Minutes, dated March 8, 2021 as attached to the Agenda and maintained in electronic format. Payroll Vouchers – EFT’s and Voucher No. 102505 through 102593 for February, 2021 in the amount of \$434,364.95 Claims Vouchers – EFT’s and Voucher No. 102594 through 102647 for March 22, 2021, in the amount of \$281,689.64. Motion carried unanimously.
<u>Items from the Audience</u>	Mark Crouchet stated that he is working on donations for the Library and Community Center, and wanted to thank the Sergeant for giving them a hand.
<u>Public Works & Community Development</u>	
Ordinance No. – 3003 – Creating a new Chapter 11.38 to the UG Municipal Code entitled	Public Works and Community Director Henne stated that there had recently been multiple committee meeting discussions in regards to Wireless Service facilities, and he is recommending the following Ordinance approvals. Council Member Hansen inquired where the

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Communications – Use of Right-of-Way by Wireline and Wireless Service Providers

request was being initiated from. Henne replied that due to new 5G technology, companies will need to add additional equipment in our community. Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Dailey to adopt Ordinance No. – 3003 – creating a new Chapter 11.38 to the Union Gap Municipal Code entitled Communications – Use of Right-of-Way By Wireline and Wireless Service Providers. Motion carried unanimously.

General Items

Presentation

Discussion – Update on Activities at Camp Hope

Mike Kay, Executive Director of Camp Hope addressed the Council to discuss Camp Hope and the activities that are happening there. Kay stated that they are an Emergency shelter off of Nob Hill Blvd. and can house about 100 people with 89 staying there right now. They have everything from the elderly, families, single adults and veterans, so forth. They are low barrier, meaning that people staying there can be under the influence of narcotics or alcohol but cannot use on the property. They have backed that up with their own drug dog to ensure that they do not have people there doing those various things. They have an education center, a resource center, and rap around case management helping people find housing, jobs and so forth. They are unique in that they have a serve team, which means they have members who volunteer to do community service, and gave some examples. The Police Chief, or any of the Business owners or community members can call their hotline, and the Homeless Outreach Team will come out to pick up individuals with their belongings and pets, and bring them to any available shelters. The police department can also transport individuals to their location. Council Member Schilling asked about the two rules of Camp Hope that she had heard about. Kay replied that people staying there have to be respectful of themselves and others, and can't have any weapons, narcotics, or alcohol on the property. Council Member Hansen asked where the camp was located. Kay replied, that they are behind the old K-Mart on Nob Hill, which is now U-Haul. Kay stated that they are excited about recently modifying four portable classrooms into dormitories that will be opening within the next three weeks. Due to Covid-19 they are increasing their capacity from 100 to about 250 people. Council Member Schilling asked what percentage was of the staff going out and contacting people that might need to be brought to the facility. Kay replied that they are currently going out about three times a week, averaging about 8 people per week that will go back to the shelter, contacting about fifty people who may or may not want to go to the shelter. Council Member Hansen asked what the percentage of success was. Kay replied that last year they moved about 70 people into housing, with 548 individuals coming into Camp Hope, and estimates about twenty-five percent success. Mayor Hodkinson asked if they were hooked up to

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power and water. Kay responded by saying they were hooked up to power, however for the definition of a temporary facility, they can't be hooked up to water and sewer, so the modulars do not have bathrooms in them, but they do have a bathroom trailer. Mark Crouchet asked if there was a dental facility on sight. Kay responded that they did not, but work with Yakima Neighbourhood Health and are negotiating a partnership with Farmworkers Clinic. They also have access to Union Gospel Mission's services. Kay stated that they look forward to expanding services by working with The City of Union Gap, and that any member of the Council is welcome to take a tour anytime they would like.

Public Works and
Community Development

Ordinance No. – 3004 –
Creating a new Chapter
17.32 to the UG Municipal
Code entitled Wireline and
Wireless Communication
Facilities

Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by council Member Galloway to Adopt Ordinance No. – 3004 – creating a new Chapter 17.32 to the Union Gap Municipal Code entitled Wireline and Wireless Communication Facilities. Motion carried unanimously.

Police Department

Ordinance No. – 3005 –
Criminalizing the
Possession of a Controlled
Substance Without a
Prescription

Police Chief Cobb addressed the Council to explain that the Ordinance brought to them for approval is to address a Supreme Court ruling regarding RCW 69.50.4013(1). Cobb stated that the ruling is eliminating incentives for people to enter treatment or obtain necessary social services and would negatively impact the health, safety and welfare of the City's inhabitants.

Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Schilling to adopt Ordinance No. – 3005 – amending Chapter 8.12.230 Controlled Substances of the Municipal code and creating a new section 8.12.235 Possession of a Controlled Substance without a prescription. Council Member Schilling stated that she has spoken with other Mayors throughout the State, and the Marysville Mayor stated that his community has been in support of similar action. Motion carried unanimously.

Items from the audience

Kathy Cluck stated that she has seen such tremendous success with women and toddlers that have come through the Camp Hope program, and to know that they are partnering with Habitat, as well as other organizations makes her excited for the City of Union Gap to join their efforts.

Council Member Hansen inquired about an armoured vehicle involved incident. Chief Cobb replied that over the weekend there was a vehicle

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pursuit that initiated in Benton County and continued to Yakima County. The individual was suspected of shooting at Benton County deputies, the Grandview police department deployed their armoured vehicle in an effort to effect that arrest, and thought that they were successful at doing so. Cobb stated that it was a text book example of why sometimes a police department does need specialized vehicles to safely apprehend suspects without lethal force. Cobb stated that similar vehicles may be taken away from the departments, despite all the efforts used with the legislature, and asked that people contact their legislatures to help defeat house bill SHB 1054.

City Manager Report

City Manager Fisher stated that she had sent out a revised budget on the Library and Community center, and explained that the numbers are basically the same, but explained that there has always been seven alternates, and she had recently met with Public Works and Community Development Director Henne, and Matt to discuss alternates if the bids come in over budget, and thought they may need to eliminate alternates #8-11; They will adhere to the March 30th date of advertisement for bid being published, and they are planning on opening the bids mid-April. Council Member Wentz inquired about the interior amenities, and Public Works and Community development director explained that the interior amenities include items similar to the Civic Center such as the benches and windows, and that due to lumber shortage the costs may be higher than expected.

Communications/Questions/
Comments

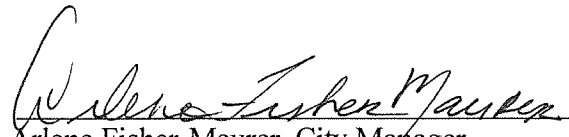
Council Member Hansen asked when they would be meeting in the Chambers again. City Manager Fisher replied that she had a meeting with surrounding City Managers, and none of them are back in session chambers at this time because of COVID, and a lack of guidance.

Development of Next
Agenda

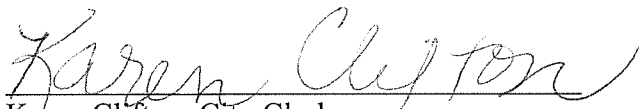
None.

Adjournment of Meeting

Mayor Hodkinson adjourned the regular meeting at 6:46 p.m.


Arlene Fisher-Maurer, City Manager

ATTEST:


Karen Clifton, City Clerk