

UNION GAP CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
UNION GAP COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Union Gap, Washington
October 26, 2020, 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 telephonically.
<u>Staff Present</u>	Police Chief Cobb, Civil Engineer Dominguez, Public Works and Community Development Director Henne and Finance and Administration Director Clifton were present. City Manager Fisher, City Attorney Brown and Fire Chief Markham were present telephonically.
<u>Audience Present</u>	See attached list.
<u>Consent Agenda</u>	<p>Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Galloway to approve the consent agenda as follows:</p> <p>Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated October 12, 2020 as attached to the Agenda and maintained in electronic format.</p> <p>Claims Vouchers – EFT’s, and Voucher Nos. 101900 through 101951 for October 26, 2020, in the amount of \$391,856.61.</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<u>Items from the Audience</u>	Friends of the Union Gap Library and Community Center 501 (c) (3) committee member Mark Crochet addressed the council stating that they have raised over \$1,800 from a recent book sale thanks to donors, and they are still working with Arlene on a cost estimate from BORA regarding the cost for a larger building.
<u>General Items</u>	
<u>Public Works & Community Development</u>	
Ordinance No. – 2994 – Amending Union Gap Municipal Code Section 9.24.020 (4) – Main Street	Public Works and Community Development Director Henne explained that it has been recommended by Washington State Dept. of Transportation staff, that the City consider reducing the speed limit on a portion of Main Street. Council Member Schilling asked if businesses

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Speed Limit

on Main street have been asked and if a survey could be sent out first. Henne responded that businesses had not been contacted. The recommendation is in response to a possible financial award to put in pedestrian crossings for safety. Chief Cobb stated that a reduction in the speed limit would most likely reduce the number and severity of collisions in the area.

Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Murr to adopt Resolution No. – 2994 – amending Union Gap Municipal Code section 9.24.020 (4) and reducing the maximum lawful speed on Main Street from thirty-five to thirty miles per hour.

Voting on the motion – Ayes – Murr, Wentz, Hansen, Schilling (with the condition to re-visit if there are a lot of complaints) and Hodkinson. Nays - Galloway. Motion passes.

Finance & Administration

Current Expense Revenue Update

Finance and Administration Director Clifton presented the 3rd Quarter Financial Update.

City Manager

2020 Draft Budget Message and Draft Final Budget

City Manager Fisher stated that the 2021 proposed Budget has been submitted to the Council and would like to answer any questions; Would be willing to answer questions on the small business loan application process. 54 applications received, 34 approved by YCDA and she will bring the information to Council for final approved Nov. 2, 2020.

City Council

Yakima Valley Greenway Update

Council Member Schilling stated that she had submitted a map showing Yakima Valley Greenway path updates and was hoping that the Council would support the project. Mayor Hodkinson stated that he would like more information. Finance and Administration director Clifton stated that she would resend the link to all Council Members so they could access the map online.

Items from the Audience

Mike Brown asked why the speed limit on Ahtanum Rd. between 3rd and the railroad tracks changed. Public Works and Community Development Director replied that complaints had been received and after a review was done, it was determined that it should be reduced. Helen Canatsey asked what the speed limit was on 4th street and stated that people are continuously speeding. Mayor Hodkinson stated that he also sees a lot of speeding on 2nd street, but believes the police

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department is doing a good job patrolling the streets. Cobb stated that a lot of the speeding is due to the detour around the Main Street project.

Communications/Questions/
Comments

None.

City Manager Report

City Manager Fisher stated that she had no new updates; Thanked Council for their patience during COVID-19 budget process, her goal is to survive to the end of the year with the current budget and not have to request a rainy day allotment. Council Member Daily questioned if face masks will again be distributed. Fisher replied that they are available at the Civic campus and will include information in the next newsletter.

Development of Next Agenda


Council Member Schilling will bring information to the Council in regards to a Reverse Christmas Parade for discussion. Mayor Hodkinson stated more discussion in regards to traffic and speed limits should also be brought back.

Adjournment of Meeting

Mayor Hodkinson adjourned the regular meeting at 6:50 p.m.


Arlene Fisher-Maurer, City Manager

ATTEST:


Karen Clifton, City Clerk