

UNION GAP CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
UNION GAP COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Union Gap, Washington
October 28, 2019 Regular Meeting
MINUTES

- Call to Order Mayor Wentz called the Regular Meeting of the Union Gap City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.
- Council Members Present Council Members Hodkinson, Murr, Butler, Matson, Schilling, and Dailey were present.
- Staff Present City Manager Fisher, City Attorney Brown, Fire Chief Markham, Public Works & Community Development Director Henne, Civil Engineer Dominguez, Finance and Administration Director Clifton, Deputy Clerk Treasurer Bisconer.
- Audience Present See attached list.
- Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Wentz led the pledge of allegiance.
- Consent Agenda Motion by Deputy Mayor Matson, second by Council Member Butler to approve the consent agenda as follows:
- Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated October 14, 2019 as attached to the Agenda and maintained in electronic format.
- Claims Vouchers – EFT’s, and Voucher Nos. 100128 through 100227 for October 28, 2019, in the amount of \$833,934.24.
- Advance Travel Vouchers – Voucher No. 1299 for the month of September, 2019, in the amount of \$46.86.
- Petty Cash Vouchers – Voucher Nos. 1909 through 1910, for the Month of September, 2019, in the amount of \$507.19.
- Motion carried unanimously.
- Items from the Audience Dave Hansen addressed the Council distributing a photo of Deputy Mayor Matson’s property stating that this is a code violation that has not been enforced for several years. Hansen said a fence around the property should be required, stating that the amount that the City has paid him for serving as Council Member should be more than enough to pay for the fence.
- Cathy Cluck addressed the Council in regards to campaign signs of Deputy

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Mayor Matson, which have recently been placed on private property, after someone had removed signs in support of Proposition 1, without authorization. Deputy Mayor Matson responded saying that he did not condone anyone removing signs.

Cathy Cluck inquired why alternative funds for the Library and Community Center operation have not been added to the 2020 proposed budget. Deputy Mayor Matson stated that in the past services were paid from the general fund and that the building has not been constructed yet.

Resident Carlos Magana addressed the Council with an interpreter in regards to ground water flooding into the basement of his residence located at 2018 Cornell Avenue. He stated that he was not contacted prior to workers coming to the property as requested but that the water had subsided and wants to know what will be done to correct the problem. Public Works & Community Development Director Henne stated that his department has temporarily resolved the problem and has attempted to identify the problem but equipment being used broke and is costly to repair. Henne stated that the City of Union Gap does not own the water line in question and that the situation may result in possible litigation, therefore suggesting that further discussion continue privately. City attorney Brown agreed that he should meet with Henne and discuss the issue with Council in an executive session due to possible litigation. City Manager Fisher stated that staff will continue to monitor and maintain the water level until it can be determined who is responsible for the line and agreed that discussion during Council meetings was not the appropriate forum for discussion.

General Items

Public Hearing

Ad Valorem Taxes and revenue sources for the 2020 Budget

At 6:21 p.m. Mayor Wentz opened the Public Hearing regarding Ad Valorem Taxes to be levied on properties, and Revenue Sources for the 2020 Budget. With no written or verbal public testimony Mayor Wentz closed the public hearing at 6:23 p.m.

Finance & Administration

Ordinance No. – 2975 – 2020 Ad Valorem Property Tax Revenues

Motion by Deputy Mayor Matson, second by Council Member Murr to adopt Ordinance No. - 2975 – fixing the estimated amount of ad valorem taxes to be levied to meet the financial requirements of the City of Union Gap without 1% Increase. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works & Community Development

Encroachment Agreement

Motion by Deputy Mayor Matson, second by Council Member Butler to

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Amendment – SHS, LLC authorize the City Manager to sign an amended Encroachment Agreement between the City of Union Gap and SHS, LLC for the installation of up to three (3) groundwater monitoring wells in the City’s right-of-way as depicted on Exhibit A.. Motion carried unanimously.

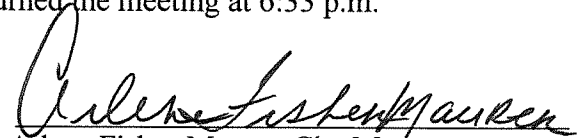
Items from the Audience None.

City Manager Report City Manager Fisher distributed 2020 preliminary budget message and stated that further information would be presented soon; Mentioned some of the 2019 accomplishments such as the two million dollar award for the Library and community center, the Main street Phase 1, Beltway, I-82 south Union Gap Interchange and YAK LLC projects; Recently hosted the Yakima County commissioners meeting located at the Civic Center; Recently attended an ICMA annual conference and learned that Union Gap is on the leading edge compared to others in the United States and thanked Council for allowing her to attend the conference.

Communications/Questions/Comments Council Member Hodkinson stated that he recently attended an AWC Workshop, getting a chance to meet with AWC, MRSC and other city officials.

Development of Next Agenda None.

Adjournment of Meeting Mayor Wentz adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.


Arlene Fisher-Maurer, City Manager

ATTEST:


Karen Clifton, City Clerk