

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WINTHROP CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 01, 2021

The Winthrop City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, September 01, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. Mayor Gerald Dennie presiding. Council Members present: Melissa Hesner, Brian Kelchen, Mark Kress, Ann Myers and Lee White. Individuals Present: John Kerkove, Mike Becker-E.B. Telephone, Sean Baragary, government students, PWD Nick Krum and City Clerk Mary Ryan. M/S/C= Motion, Second and Carried.

M/S/C Kress, Hesner to approve the Consent Agenda: prior minutes (August 4, 2021), current bills, current financial report and Trick-or-Treat Hours (Sunday, Oct. 31st, 4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. All ayes. (Myers absent.)

Mike Becker, E.B. Telephone, presented activity report and broadband grant submission details. Myers arrived.

Public hearing opened at 6:41 p.m. on building variance for Sean Baragary. Code requires 10' side walls, variance request for 16' sidewalls. Variance consideration due to lower land elevation on building site vs. residence, extremely high traffic streets on south and east side of property, and high traffic commercial areas on south and west side of property. Required public hearing notices sent to all surrounding property owners. No oral or written comments received. Council weighed special permit standards A-G and found compliance. M/S/C White, Kelchen to close the public hearing. All ayes. Public hearing closed at 6:48 p.m. M/S/C Kress, Kelchen to grant Baragary building permit variance, contingent on assessor's site showing all lots as one parcel. All ayes.

John Kerkove presented overview of potential development site. Discussion on existing sewer location, depth, boring, digging and access. Discussion on development costs, sub-dividing lots, variances, street surfacing materials, curb-and-gutter, storm water runoff, and number of potential residences. Council will review ordinance for discussion on variances next month.

American Rescue Money, \$126,521.09. Potential infrastructure projects discussed. Leading project, remote water meters for all homes. Meets Covid-19 need, serves entire population; including elderly and low-to-moderate income individuals, potential increase in water revenue due to more sensitive capture of water usage, and lower expenses eliminating water meter reader. Final decision next month.

M/S/C Myers, Hesner to approve signing contract with IAMU, Safety Education Program, \$1549.77. All ayes.

M/S/C Kelchen, White to advertise for sealed bids at next meeting for sale of sewer flat bottom boat and three-point blade for tractor.

Mayor expressed his extreme gratitude for everyone that volunteered and helped residents during storm damage clean-up!

Thank you to Erin Kelchen for her years of service to the pool board!

M/S/C Myers, Kress to adjourn. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.