

ASOTIN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 22, 2021
Asotin City Hall, 121 Cleveland Street, Asotin WA

I. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Paris called the City Council Meeting to order at 5:30p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Paris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Steve Cowdrey, Lori Loseth, Tim Ottmar, Mervin Schneider, David Weakland

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer, Tiffany Rogers, Deputy Clerk, Tina Davidson

PRESS: None

AUDIENCE: Charlotte Tuttle

III. PUBLIC HEARING: None

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS- PUBLIC COMMENT: None

V. CONSENT CALENDAR:

a. Minutes of February 8, 2021 Regular Meeting

b. Expense Checks- #43648-#43678 \$80,333.54 To Include EFT's

c. Payroll Checks- #43644-#43647 \$14,906.95 To Include EFT's

d. Voids-None

Councilmember Cowdrey made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Seconded by Councilmember Weakland. All Ayes. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

Approval of Unexcused and/or Excused Councilmember's absence: None

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

VII. NEW BUSINESS: None

VIII. CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR REPORTS: None

IX. CLERK'S REPORT:

1. Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board Name Change for PAR HAWAII, LLC/Cenex Zip Trip To the new trade name of nomnom

Clerk/Treasurer, Tiffany Rogers stated Zip Trip has officially changed their name to nomnom.

DEPARTMENTS:

a. POLICE DEPARTMENT: None

b. CITY ATTORNEY: None

c. FIRE DEPARTMENT: None

d. **PLANNING COMMISSION:** None

e. **ASOTIN MUNICIPAL COURT:**

- Next Asotin Municipal Court will be Thursday, February 25, 2021 1:30pm City Hall
FOURTH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

f. **ASOTIN DAYS:** TBD

**X. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS
COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS**

Steve Cowdrey- None

Lori Loseth- Councilmember Loseth reported on the Asotin County Public Health meeting she attended today. Two new COVID cases reported today. The new variant is 1½ times more infectious than the other however, they are doing a lot to track it. Councilmember Loseth shared a chart that has tracked cases since March 2020. We are on the downward side. Recommended protocol is to keep social distancing, wear masks and work on distributing vaccinations. One issue that is difficult to track is when people live in Idaho but work in Washington. So how should they be tracked. The smaller schools are excited about getting back into the classroom. Clarkston School District is having a difficult time due to there is not the space to socially distant the students. The Department of Health website is updated daily with current information. Only 40 percent of people that are eligible to have the vaccine have chosen to receive the vaccination. Counties are worried if they don't abide by the guidelines, they will have their vaccines taken away. Whitman County did not abide by the guidelines, and their vaccines were sent elsewhere.

Tim Ottmar- None

Mervin Schneider- None

David Weakland- None

XI. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Asotin County Fair Board

Mayor Paris stated he was approached by the Asotin County Fair Board regarding the carnival and the parade. Mayor Paris told Asotin County Fair Board President, Peggy Hansford as long as they are within the COVID guidelines the Asotin County Fair can use the city streets for the parade and the marina/Chief Looking Glass location for the carnival.

Asotin-Anatone School District Facility Use Agreement for the Community Center

Mayor Paris stated the Asotin-Anatone School District's music department is going to rent the Asotin Community Center from March 1st – June 11th. They will be using the upper level for the music class room for seven students. This will allow the school to use the band room as a bigger classroom for social distancing.

Grant for the Community Center

Mayor Paris stated the Public Works Department is looking into grant funding to update the Asotin Community Center. It is in need of new paint on the outside and new windows. This will be a costly project as the paint is lead based and will be removed accordingly. This project will be done in phases. A group will be meeting Thursday to discuss the beginning phases. The grant funding agency will prepare a presentation in March.

Asotin-Anatone Football Game

Friday, February 26th 7pm is the first home football game for the Asotin-Anatone School District. The school, Mayor Paris and Police Chief, Monte Renzelman have been working with WSDOT to be able to close off certain streets so parents and spectators can watch the game safely by parking along the guard rail on the State Highway. Phase two COVID rules allow for a sports venue to occur with 200 people. Taking in consideration the players, coaches, referrers, only the senior parents, medical staff and personnel to operate the game. There are a set of rules and guidelines that have to be followed. By blocking the streets this only allows for additional spectators. It does not allow, tailgating, fire pits and/or alcohol. Must stay within your car. If your car is not moved by the time the game is over, it will be towed. There will be volunteers directing traffic and distributing the rules. Police Chief, Monte Renzelman will be directing traffic and monitoring the traffic flow.

Resolution 2021-14 A Resolution Conveying Ownership of a Motorola 1500 Mobile Radio to the City of Asotin from the City of Lewiston

Mayor Paris stated the City of Lewiston has equipment that is surplus and offers to local agencies. The Resolution is offering a Motorola 1500 Mobile Radio that will be installed into the new brush truck. Mayor Paris needs permission to sign the City of Lewiston's Resolution #2021-14 to accept the radio. Council agreed to have the Resolution signed.

XII. RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

- 1. Resolution #2021-686** of the City Council of the City of Asotin, Washington, Terminating the Contract with Marko Morgan or Morgan Industries Paving and Landscaping and Close Out the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) Small City Preservation Program (SCPP) 4th Street Pavement Project from Harding Street to Wilson Street Project #2-E-921(001)-1 Councilmember Weakland made a motion to approve Resolution #2021-686 of the City Council of the City of Asotin, Washington, Terminating the Contract with Marko Morgan or Morgan Industries Paving and Landscaping and Close Out the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) Small City Preservation Program (SCPP) 4th Street Pavement Project from Harding Street to Wilson Street Project #2-E-921(001)-1. Seconded by Councilmember Cowdrey. All Ayes. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: RCW 42.30.110: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Councilmember Schneider. Seconded by Councilmember Ottmar. There was no discussion. All Ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:51pm.

Mayor Paris

Clerk/Treasurer, Tiffany Rogers