

ASOTIN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
March 8, 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: Deputy Clerk, Tina Davidson

PRESS: None

AUDIENCE: None

III. PUBLIC HEARING: None

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS- PUBLIC COMMENT: None

V. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. **Minutes of February 22, 2021 Regular Meeting**
- b. Expense Checks-#43687-#43718 \$33,125.74 To Include EFT's
- c. Payroll Checks-#43679-#43686 \$26,811.21 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. **AWC Center for Quality Communities 2021 Scholarship Application forwarded to AWC for consideration.**

The committee has selected Cole Devorak for the AWC Center for Quality Communities 2021 Scholarship Application to be forwarded to AWC for consideration.

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, March 25, 2021 1:30pm City Hall
FOURTH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

f. **ASOTIN DAYS:** TBD

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

Steve Cowdrey- Councilmember Cowdrey had a question regarding the Metropolitan Area federal mandates and would they affect our MPO. Mayor Paris stated no, that our MPO would not be affected.

Lori Loseth- None

Tim Ottmar- Councilmember Ottmar stated he was going to go defrost the freezer at the cookshack, however it has been unplugged all winter. Therefore, it doesn't need to be defrosted.

Mervin Schneider- None

David Weakland- None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Save the Dams Letter from Port of Clarkston

Councilmember Cowdrey made a motion to approve Mayor Paris to sign the letter to Representative Mike Simpson. Seconded by Councilmember Weakland. All Ayes. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

Water Survey

Stillman Norton of Keller Associates, Inc. will be meeting with the city to start the process for the water survey.

Community Center

Mayor Paris stated the city needs to decide whether we want to try for grants to update Asotin Community Center or sell it. The options are to go for grants in the amount \$400,000 to \$500,000 just to bring up to compliance. The city would have a 10–50% match. Windows, Paint and Ceiling could cost up to around \$60,000. The city does have the title and it is owned by the city and it is a Historical Landmark. Need to do a Survey /Assessment to find out estimate of costs. Mayor Paris will research costs for survey/assessment and will find out what all is involved to possibly sell. The question to the council: Should the city try for grants OR should the city look at selling it? Some thoughts were the possibly the Museum would want it or contact Victor Dalosto who once had an interest in buying it. Mark Heuett might also be interested. Council will think about options and come back with some ideas.

XI. RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: RCW 42.30.110: (1) (i) Contracts 15 minutes 5:50pm- 6:04pm

Councilmember Cowdrey made a motion to have Mayor Paris sign the Asotin County Prosecutor's contract for \$800.00 per month to be the City of Asotin's Prosecutor. Seconded by Councilmember Loseth. All Ayes. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Councilmember Schneider. Seconded by Councilmember Cowdrey. There was no discussion. All Ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.

Mayor Paris

Deputy Clerk, Tina Davidson