

**ASOTIN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**April 26, 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, David Weakland

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

**PRESS:** None

**AUDIENCE:** None

**III. PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS- PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**V. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- a. Minutes of April 12, 2021 Regular Meeting
- b. Expense Checks- #43803-#43822 \$37,925.86 To Include EFT's
- c. Payroll Checks- #43798-#43802 \$14,838.26 To Include EFT's
- d. Voids-None

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

**Approval of Unexcused and/or Excused Councilmember's absence:**

Councilmember Cowdrey made a motion to table the absence of Councilmember Schneider until next meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Weakland. All Ayes. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**1. Discussion of City of Asotin real property parcel as surplus**

Councilmember Cowdrey of the Public Works Committee has recommended that the old City Hall located at 130 2<sup>nd</sup> Street be surplus and sold. Looking at the repairs and liability issues, the city does not have the funding for updates. Councilmember Cowdrey made a motion to approve Mayor Paris to go forward with the legal process of selling the property. Seconded by Councilmember Weakland. All Ayes. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS:** None

**VIII. CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR REPORTS:** None

**IX. CLERK'S REPORT:**

**1. Cemetery Cleanup Day scheduled for Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 9am**

- **Memorial Day Ceremony at the City of Asotin Cemetery Monday, May 31, 2021 11am**

## **2. Building Permit Report**

Clerk/Treasurer, Tiffany Rogers stated the January–April Building Permit Report is the largest amount of assessed value the city has had within this time frame. \$851,646 of assessed value and permit fees of \$17,850.00 from Decks, Fencing/Wall, Grading, Mechanical, Reroofing, Storage and Pole Buildings and Single-Family Dwelling permits. Last week an additional permit for a Single-Family Dwelling permit was issued for \$505,000 of assessed value and the building permit was \$7,552.00. This is a really great start to this year.

### **DEPARTMENTS:**

#### **a. POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

Mayor Paris stated Police Chief, Monte Renzelman was in the city from Friday until Sunday to attend to the Asotin County Fair. He was patrolling actively through the day and night. Mayor Paris wanted to thank him for being here as it makes the call response a lot quicker. Having someone that dedicated to service his community is an asset.

Mayor Paris encouraged the council to attend or watch the upcoming Town Hall Meeting Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> regarding the new jail. Still working on zoning wording changes.

#### **b. CITY ATTORNEY: None**

#### **c. FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

City of Asotin Fire Lieutenant, Dwayne Paris stated the fire department was on site at the fair grounds and treated bumps, scrapes, bruises and people falling down. No major incidents.

#### **d. PLANNING COMMISSION:**

- Thursday, April 29, 2021 7pm City Hall for a Public Hearing on 1212 4<sup>th</sup> Street Short Plat

#### **e. ASOTIN MUNICIPAL COURT:**

- Next Asotin Municipal Court will be Thursday, May 27, 2021 1:30pm City Hall  
Last Court Date for the Asotin Municipal Court

#### **f. ASOTIN DAYS: TBD**

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

**Steve Cowdrey-** None

**Lori Loseth-** Councilmember Loseth stated she attended the Board of Health meeting today. COVID was the number one topic. Councilmember Loseth gave an update of vaccinated percentages within the State of Washington and Asotin County. The Board of Health would like to encourage everyone to get their COVID vaccination and to return for the second COVID vaccination as well. There is a new variant called B1 17 and it is affecting the younger population which is children and young adults. This population does not have as many nasal pathogens to protect the virus from entering the nasal passage. The variant is expected to spike soon. Therefore, children and young adults need to be vaccinated as well. There was concern about how the protocols at the Asotin County Fair were followed and repercussions that may happen. Councilmember Loseth stated the symptoms are minor the day of vaccination and the more vaccinations the sooner we can get rid of the masks and start doing more. Mayor Paris stated he heard there may be a third booster

shot at 6 months. Councilmember Loseth confirmed that information but it will depend on the variants.

**Tim Ottmar-** None

**Mervin Schneider-** Absent

**David Weakland-** None

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Paris stated it was nice to see so many people at the Asotin County Fair supporting their community. He stated there were 100 less pigs this year and there were large prices for the sales of the animals.

**XI. RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: RCW 42.30.110:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Councilmember Cowdrey. Seconded by Councilmember Ottmar. There was no discussion. All Ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:52pm.

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Mayor Paris

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Clerk/Treasurer, Tiffany Rogers