

ASOTIN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 24, 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

PRESS: Lewiston Morning Tribune, Kerri Sandaine

AUDIENCE: Charlotte Tuttle, Judy Floch, Jane Richards, Wes Vaughn
There were more public present than signed the attendance form.

III. PUBLIC HEARING: 5:35pm –5:37pm

Mayor Paris stated a public hearing is being held regarding surplus of City of Asotin real property located at 130 2nd Street, Asotin WA 99402 Legal Description: Schank & Reeds Add'n Lot 18 Blk 33 Parcel # 1-047-33-018-0000. Those wishing to make statements on this matter may do so at this time.

Jane Richards wants to know the reason why the city is surplus the building. Mayor Paris stated it is due to budgets, funds and it is a liability to keep renting the building as it needs updates. Clerk/Treasurer, Tiffany Rogers will provide Jane Richards with the liability list. Mayor Paris explained to Wes Vaughn the city will be moving forward to have the building appraised and start the bid process. The asking price will be the appraisal value and any expenses the city has occurred for surplus and items related to selling the building. Public hearing closed at 5:37pm.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS- PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident, Charlotte Tuttle stated the Cattlewomen had a meeting at the city park. They were very pleased with the updates in the bathrooms. Very nice and professionally done. Mayor Paris stated the Public Works Department installed new motion sensor touchless sinks, toilets, urinals and light fixtures. They also installed new sturdy stall partitions. The floor will be painted when weather permits.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Minutes of May 10, 2021 Regular Meeting
- b. Expense Checks- #43881-#43910 \$29,562.93 To Include EFT's
- c. Payroll Checks- #43876-#43880 \$16,348.45 To Include EFT's
- d. Voids-None

Councilmember Cowdrey made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Seconded by Councilmember Schneider. 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:

1. FEMA Draft Asotin County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Mayor Paris stated the FEMA Draft for the Asotin County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan is ready for the City of Asotin's review. Councilmember Schneider made a motion to approve the draft of the City of Asotin portion. Seconded by Councilmember Cowdrey. All Ayes. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

VIII. CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR REPORTS: None

IX. CLERK'S REPORT:

1. Memorial Day Ceremony at the City of Asotin Cemetery Monday, May 31, 2021 11am
Mayor Paris is the special guest speaker.

2. Asotin Blood Drive, Asotin City Fire Department- Engine Bay Wednesday, May 26th 12pm-5:30pm

Clerk/Treasurer, Tiffany Rogers stated there will be a blood drive this Wednesday, May 26th from 12pm-5:30pm at the Asotin City Fire Department. You can schedule your appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org Sponsor code: Asotin or call 1-800-733-2767 or show up at the Asotin Fire Department.

DEPARTMENTS:

a. POLICE DEPARTMENT: None

b. CITY ATTORNEY: None

c. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

City of Asotin Fire Lieutenant, Dwayne Paris asked the council to go outside for a demo of the new brush truck. He wanted to thank the city employees for helping with the upgrades to the truck. The Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator and the Public Works Department were able to install a new high-powered pump and replace parts that were needed for operation. The new brush truck is too large to store inside the fire department building; therefore, it will be stored at various secure fenced locations.

d. PLANNING COMMISSION: None

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:

Asotin Days Chairman, Judy Floch has received calls about Asotin Days. She asked the council if Asotin Days will be allowed this year. If so, they would like permission to block off 2nd Street for a vendor fair on Saturday along with the community wide yard sales. The LIONS BBQ, Horse Shoe Tournament and Chrome on the Creek will be at the city park on Sunday. Mayor Paris stated it's a go as long as there are no restrictions placed from the governor and the state keeps things open. Asotin Days is the 2nd full weekend in August. August 14th – 15th. Asotin Days Chairman, Judy Floch will send emails. Charlotte Tuttle stated the Asotin County Fair & Hells Canyon Rodeo is having a rodeo the weekend before Asotin Days. It will be a Friday and Saturday rodeo with a parade on Saturday. More details to come.

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

Steve Cowdrey- None

Lori Loseth- Councilmember Loseth attended the Board of Health meeting. She reported on the COVID cases, vaccinations and admissions to the hospital. The Board of Health would like to encourage everyone to get their vaccinations as there are more available. The Asotin County Health Department has hired an employee that will be in active enforcement of environment cleanup. Making sure septic tanks are clear of debris and trash build up on properties. This person will be more visible than before.

Tim Ottmar- None

Mervin Schneider-Councilmember Schneider stated there were six people for the cemetery cleanup day. Three were weed eating and three were cleaning the grave stones, removing faded, torn plastic flowers and removed a cracked vinyl fence. Mayor Paris thanked Councilmember Schneider for being in charge of the project. Councilmember Ottmar mentioned sending a thank you to the six that helped.

David Weakland- None

MAYOR'S REPORT: None

XI. RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

- 1. Resolution 2021-689** A Resolution of the Council of the City of Asotin Being A Resolution Declaring Certain Property Surplus 130 2nd Street, Asotin WA 99402. Councilmember Cowdrey made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-689 A Resolution of the Council of the City of Asotin Being A Resolution Declaring Certain Property Surplus 130 2nd Street, Asotin WA 99402. Seconded by Councilmember Ottmar. All Ayes. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: RCW 42.30.110: (i) Contracts 5:57pm-6:10pm

Mayor Paris called for a thirty-minute executive session regarding contracts. No decisions were made.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Councilmember Schneider. Seconded by Councilmember Weakland. There was no discussion. All Ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:11pm.

Mayor Paris

Clerk Treasurer, Tiffany Rogers