

ASOTIN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
July 12, 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, Mervin Schneider

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

PRESS: None

AUDIENCE: Asotin County Fair Board President, Peggy Hansford, Planning Commission Chair,
Gary Bourassa, Asotin Days Chair, Judy Floch

III. PUBLIC HEARING: None

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS- PUBLIC COMMENT: None

V. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Minutes of June 28, 2021 Regular Meeting
- b. Expense Checks-#43989-44034 \$44,685.95 To Include EFT's
- c. Payroll Checks-#43990-#43998 \$26,999.57 To Include EFT's
- d. Voids-#43996 \$138.00 EFT \$2,865.67

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 Schneider made a motion to approve the absents of Councilmember Ottmar and Weakland. Seconded by Councilmember Cowdrey. All Ayes. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Fair Gate Tax- Peggy Hansford

Asotin County Fair Board President, Peggy Hansford stated there will not be an open rodeo in August due to funding. It is also a possibility that premiums may not be paid to patrons who entered items in the fair due to funding. The Asotin County Fair did not receive the 2021 funding in the amount of \$32,000.00 that is usually awarded by the state. They only received \$3,000.00 from the state. The 5% Tax Admissions is usually around \$1,500.00 for gate admission fees. Asotin County Fair Board President, Peggy Hansford is asking the council to waive the \$1,500.00 for the 2021 fair due to lack of funding. Councilmember Cowdrey made a motion to waive the 5% Tax Admissions fair gate fee for the year of 2021 due to financial reasons of the fair board. Seconded by Councilmember Loseth. All Ayes. Councilmember Cowdrey wanted to discuss the issue of this being a possibility of gifting public funds by waiving the fees. Mayor Paris reassured the council it was not a problem since the fair board is a public entity. Motion carried.

VIII. CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR REPORTS: None

IX. CLERK'S REPORT:

1. Building Permit Report

Clerk/Treasurer, Tiffany Rogers presented an update on the Building Permits. Total Valuation of permits issued \$1,396,375.71 and total building permit fees \$28,157.47.

DEPARTMENTS:

a. POLICE DEPARTMENT: None

b. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

City of Asotin Fire Lieutenant, Dwayne Paris, reported on the fire status. The new brush truck was an asset for this fire. It was able to go further than the old one.

c. PLANNING COMMISSION:

Planning Commission Chair, Gary Bourassa reported a letter of interest was sent by Anne Beste. The Planning Commission would like to recommend to the council she be appointed to one of the open positions. There is still one more position open. A letter of acceptance will be sent along with an application. Councilmember Schneider made a motion to approve Anne Beste be appointed to the Planning Commission Board. Seconded by Councilmember Loseth. All Ayes. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

Deputy Clerk, Tina Davidson gave an update on the Comprehensive Plan. The first review has been completed. Comments have been made and the plan will be sent in for a 60-day review.

d. ASOTIN DAYS:

Next Regular Meeting August 3, 2021 6pm at City Hall

Asotin Days Chair, Judy Floch stated Tina Davidson has sent out vendor applications. So far there are 32 vendors. Clerk/Treasurer, Tiffany Rogers will advertise the yard sale and Asotin Days on the back of the next utility billing.

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

Steve Cowdrey- None

Lori Loseth- None

Tim Ottmar- Absent

Mervin Schneider- None

David Weakland- Absent

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Update and discussion regarding the current fire situation.

XI. RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: RCW 42.30.110: (1) (c) 5:51pm-6:00pm 15 minutes

Mayor Paris asked for an Executive Session regarding property for sale RCW 42.30.110: (1) (c) for fifteen minutes

Councilmember Cowdrey made a motion to approve the minimum opening bid asking price for 130 2nd Street at \$225,000.00. Seconded by Councilmember Schneider. 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 6:01pm

Mayor Paris

Clerk Treasurer, Tiffany Rogers