

ASOTIN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 8 2023
Asotin City Hall, 121 Cleveland Street, Asotin WA

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dwayne Paris called the City Council Meeting to order at 5:30p.m.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Dwayne Paris led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. ROLL CALL:** Steve Cowdrey, Lori Loseth, Craig Stein, and David Weakland
- IV. STAFF PRESENT:** Tina Davidson, City Clerk Treasurer, Dessa Myrick, Deputy Clerk
PUBLIC PRESENT: Vikki Bonfield, Elaine Nagle, Lorraine & Frank Snyder, Alicia Heier, Steve Nash, Charlotte Tuttle, George & Penny Elliott, Jenni Light
- V. PUBLIC HEARING: 5:35pm NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**
The City of Asotin, WA does hereby give notice of a Public Hearing to be held on Monday 5/8/23 at 5:35 p.m. at Asotin City Hall, 121 Cleveland, Asotin, WA. The hearing will be held on the Proposed Year 2023–2028 City of Asotin six-year Transportation Plan. Those wishing to make oral or written statements on this matter may do so during the hearing.
Public Hearing opened for comments at 5:35. Hearing no comments, the public hearing closed at 5:37pm.
The Resolution will be approved under Resolutions at the end of the agenda.
- VI. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS- PUBLIC COMMENT:**
Vikki Bonfield stated that she would like to address the Community Center and the issues that the city is having with repairs. She stated that she is interested in helping do some research on Grants that might be available or some kind of funding to preserve the history of the “Church”. She stated that she would like to put a group together and do some research on what or if there is funding available.
Steve Nash – also commented that he has concerns about letting the building closing down. He wants to help with research to find some source of funding, even if it would be a “go fund me” acct.

Mayor Paris replied by clarifying any rumors that the city is not tearing down the church., We have some repairs that need to be done and the costs could be very expensive. How expensive he does not know until we get a professional to look at it. Right now, we have a water leak and so we are turning off the water. Therefore, we are closing off the downstairs so that no one will need to go down there. The current renters have been notified and they understand and will use the park restrooms.
- VII. CONSENT CALENDAR:**
Minutes of April 24th, 2023 Regular Meeting
Payroll 4/30/2023 Ck# 46144-46151 including EFTs; \$21,103.64
Fire Payroll 5/1/2023 Ck# 46132-46143 including EFTs; \$12,075.90
Expense Claims 5/8/2023 Ck# 46153-46194 including EFT’s; \$60,065.57
Voids: Ck#’s:
Motion to Approve Consent Calendar, Cowdrey/Loseth, motion passed 4/0
Cowdrey made a Motion to Approve of Excused Councilmember Tim Ottmar absence, Weakland/Loseth, motion passed 4/0
- VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
Mayor Paris stated that last meeting he tabled the introduction of new Planning & Zoning Committee Member. He would like to introduce Sam Hill the applicant for P&Z. Sam introduced himself and stated he is interested in getting involved and thought this would be a good start to see what goes on with the city and would like to learn more.

Motion to Approve Sam Hill P&Z Committee Member, Cowdrey/Loseth, motion passed 4/0

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

X. CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR REPORTS:

XI. CLERK'S REPORT: Tina reported the Street Fair was a great success. We had 35 paid vendors and about 5 non-profit vendors so the place was full. The carnival was a great asset to our event. It kept people shopping all day. The weather was awesome and it came off as another successful event.

XII. DEPARTMENTS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT: None.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: None

PLANNING COMMISSION: Mayor Paris addressed in Unfinished business.

XIII. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS - COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

Steve Cowdrey-None

Lori Loseth- Stated the Playground looks awesome, she had to work, therefore was not able to attend the opening, but has heard wonderful comments regarding it. She thanked all that helped put it together as well as the grand opening event. She Stated that she would like to serve on the committee that Vikki is addressing for the Community Center. She will be the council member part of the group. She did attend the EMS meeting, however nothing vital to report at this time.

Tim Ottmar- Absent

David Weakland- Dave announced that his son will be teaching the second grade at Asotin School next year. Glad to hear that Teaching stayed in the family.

Craig Stein- None

XIV. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Paris stated that the PAYGROUND RIBBON CUTTING was a great success. We had the 2nd graders from Asotin school come over for lunch. They all came with their sack lunches and had lunch under the covered area and then came and gathered around the entrance and waited patiently for Mayor Paris to cut the ribbon, and once he did the kids bombarded the playground area. They were all so excited to finally get to play on it. The Tribune was there and took pictures and interviewed kids and will have an article in the paper regarding the Ribbon Cutting. He stated that they will be staining the Gazebo and Avista will be putting in light poles to make the park available in the evenings, as well keeping the area well lite for safety.

XV. RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

1. Resolution 2023-772 – A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASOTIN WASHINGTON AMENDING THE SIX YEAR TRANSPORTATION PLAN – JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2028

Motion to Approve Resolution 2023-772, Weakland/Cowdrey, motion passed 4/0

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

XVII. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Loseth/Cowdrey, Motion passed. 4/0

Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.

Mayor Dwayne Paris

Tina Davidson, City Clerk-Treasurer