

ASOTIN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 9, 2024
Asotin City Hall, 121 Cleveland Street, Asotin WA

- **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Paris, called the City Council Meeting to order at 5:30p.m.
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Paris led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **ROLL CALL:** Steve Cowdrey, Lori Loseth, Craig Stein, David Weakland, Tim Ottmar
- **STAFF PRESENT:** Tina Davidson, Clerk -Treasurer
- **PUBLIC PRESENT:** Glenda Benn & Mary Krempasky & another Lady
- -Proclamation Signing
- **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS- PUBLIC COMMENT:** US CONSTITUTION PROCLAMATION – Mayor Paris stood with the three ladies and read the Proclamation.
- **CONSENT CALENDAR:**
- **Minutes of August 26th, 2024 Regular Meeting**
Payroll 8/31/2024 Ck# 46663 - 46667 Including EFT's; \$24,574.88
Expense Claims 9/9/2024 Ck# 46668 - 46692 Including EFT's; \$112,111.48
Voids: Ck#
- **Motion to approve the consent calendar by Cowdrey/Loseth, motion passed 5/0**
- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS: American Cell Towers – Lease Agreement of Telecom Easement:** Working with Title Company on closing cost and the portion of that amount we will be responsible for paying.
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
- **CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR REPORTS:** None
- **CLERK'S REPORT:**
Tina Reported that Budget time, she will be working with Department Heads to gather information thru the next couple weeks.
- **DEPARTMENTS:**
 - **POLICE DEPARTMENT:** None
 - **FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Dwayne reported that there is a 2012 Ambulance for sale from the Lewiston Fire Dept. It is currently on Govdeal.com. There is a reserve of \$9,000 on it. Dwayne explained that him and Chief Balzer have discussed that asset this piece of equipment would be to the City Fire Department. This would help with equipment and EMS care storage that they currently do not have.
- **Motion to allow Mayor to negotiate purchasing of Ambulance by Cowdrey/Stein, motion passed 5/0**
 - Dwayne also stated that the County has agreed to sell us the B53 Brush Truck that we have been using of theirs. We can pay what we can at this time and work into budget for future payments. This truck currently has county logos on it, but when paid off this would become another piece of equipment for the City Fire Department.
- **Motion to authorize payment agreement with the county for the B53 Truck by Cowdrey/Ottmar, motion passed 5/0**
 - Dwayne also discussed that we will never be able to afford replacing the fire station. But we can work on improving what we got. We could look at adding storage for the vehicles and would open the station up for more room.
 - **PLANNING COMMISSION: Next Meeting Oct 3, 2024 at 7:00pm**
- **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS - COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS**
 - **Lori Loseth** –. None
 - **Craig Stein**- None

- **David Weakland** – None
- **Tim Ottmar** – Insurance Comparison report with Steve.
Tim also asked about the PUD Contract and he had Tina get a copy for him to review. After some discussion, it was decided that Tim will contact Tim Simpson at the PUD and get some answers to the contract and bring it back to the next meeting.
- **Steve Cowdrey** – Insurance Comparison report:
Steve reported that this is a hard one to compare apples to apples, but from what he has reviewed he thinks we are on the right track of looking at other options. He has asked Tina to reach out to other cities and see what they are doing and are they looking at other options. We will continue researching and bring back what we find out.
- **MAYOR’S REPORT:**
Dwayne presented the 911 Emergency Telephone System Proclamation. He read the Proclamation that states, Sept 11 will proclaim to be 9-1-1 Day!
Dwayne reported that the Sales Tax money that we opted into this year from the County was definitely a good decision. This has increased our revenue, to where next year we would like to try and hire a police officer. This is something that we will watch as the funds generate thru the rest of the year. He will have Monte start looking at the hiring on another officer.
- **RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES: None**
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION: None**
- **ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Cowdrey/Ottmar, Motion passed. 5/0**
Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.

Dwayne Paris, Mayor

Tina Davidson, Clerk-Treasurer