

Pendleton Town Council
September 14th, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The Pendleton Town Council met September 14th, 2023, at 6:00 pm at the Pendleton Town Hall. All documents presented are on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's office and may be reviewed upon request. Town Council President, Marissa Skaggs, called the meeting of the Pendleton Town Council to order.

ATTENDEES

Council Members present were President Marissa Skaggs, Vice President Shane Davis, Jennifer Roberts, Steve Denny and Jerry Burmeister with a quorum established. Also in attendance were Town Attorney Jeff Graham, Clerk-Treasurer Willie Boles, Town Marshal Marc Farrer, and Town Manager Scott Reske, Park Superintendent Aaron Burris and Fire Chief Chris Nodine. After a moment of silence, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Garry Brammer.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Steve Denney and 2nd by Shane Daviss to approve the meeting minutes for the two August meetings. Motion approved 5-0.

CLERK TREASURER'S REPORT

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Willie Boles reported on the claims for August. The financial report was given. Motion to approve was made by Shane Davis and seconded by Steve Denny.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police- Marc Farrer presented the report.
Park- Aaron Burris presented his report.
Plan- Denis McKee presented Hannahrose Urbanski's report.
Town Manager – Scott Reske presented his report.

South Madison Fire Protection Territory – Chris Nodine presented his report. They are still waiting to see if they received a SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) Grant. This would allow the department to hire more firefighters at the beginning of 2024. Assistant Chief Jacob Gardner then spoke about the need for a ladder truck. Town of Ingalls and Fall Creek Township each pledged \$40,000 and the department would like the Town of Pendleton to match.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 23-25 Overnight Parking

The ordinance was amended from the last meeting to include the word "certain" public parking lots. After another discussion, the council wanted an edited version to add that the vehicle would be towed per our lease agreement. Edited ordinance will be presented at the October meeting.

Motion to approve Ordinance 23-25 as an edited version was made by Shane Davis and seconded by Jennifer Roberts. Motion approved 5-0.

Ordinance 23-28 Electric Rate Study

Buzz Krohn gave a presentation on the results of the electric rate study. The average electric bill will see an increase of around \$17.00 a month. The last electric rate study was conducted 15 years ago.

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Open Public Hearing: 6:54pm

Garry Brammer, owner of The Bank Restaurant, voiced concern over the rate increase. Vonn Manifold asked questions concerning the age some of the wooden electric poles that needed replaced. The increase will help in the replacement of these poles at a faster rate.

Closed Public Hearing: 7:25pm

Motion to approve 2nd reading of Ordinance 23-28 was made by Shane Davis and 2nd by Jennifer Roberts. Motion approved 4-1 with Jerry Burmeister dissenting.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 23-29 Budget for 2024

Open Public Hearing 7:25

No questions from the audience.

Closed Public Hearing 7:28

Motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 23-29 for the 2024 Budget was made by Steve Denny and 2nd by Shane Davis. Motion approved 5-0.

Ordinance 23-30 2024 Salary Rates

President Skaggs asked if the council had any concerns. After a brief discussion about the IT Director's pay rate, there were no other concerns raised by the council.

Motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 23-30 was made by Shane Davis and 2nd by Steve Denny. Motion approved 5-0.

Ordinance 23-31 Amending the UDO

The updated UDO received a favorable recommendation from the Plan Commission.

Motion to approve Ordinance 23-31 was made by Jerry Burmeister and 2nd by Jennifer Roberts. Motion approved 5-0.

Ordinance 23-32 Stop Signs at the Intersection of Water Street and Broadway Street

The ordinance will place the stop signs next to the pedestrian crosswalk by the park.

Motion to approve Ordinance 23-32 was made by Shane Davis and 2nd by Steve Denny.

Motion approved 5-0.

Motion to suspend the rules for a second reading was made by Shane Davis and Steve Denny 2nd.

Motion approved 5-0.

Motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 23-32 was made by Shane Davis and 2nd by Steve Denny. Motion to approved 5-0.

Ordinance 23-33 Stop Signs at the intersection of High Street and Pendleton Avenue

The ordinance will place a stop sign at the intersection. The goal is to slow traffic down coming into town.

Motion to approve Ordinance 23-33 was made by Jerry Burmeister and 2nd by Shane Davis. Motion approved 5-0.

Motion to suspend the rules for a second reading was made by Shane Davis and 2nd by Jennifer Roberts. Motion approved 5-0.

Motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 23-33 was made by Shane Davis and 2nd by Jerry Burmeister. Motion approved 5-0.


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Public Comments

Fletcher Owens thanked the council for their work.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.

Prepared by 

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Approved by 

Marissa Skaggs
Council President