



COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday September 27,2022

1. Call to Order Time: 6:00PM

At this time Mayor Ruelas took this time to amend the agenda changing new business Item B to New Business item C on the regular Council Meeting.

2. Old Business

A. Discussion of Budget Retreat location and time.

There was some discussion on the budget retreat time and location. Mayor Ruelas talks about the possibility of having the retreat at the new city hall and having breakfast. Mayor Ruelas asked each councilmember if they were in agreeance. All councilmembers agreed to 8:00am at the new city hall.

B. Discussion of Cemetery Ordinance (Fence)

There was discussion on the cemetery ordinance fence issue. The councilmembers took time to address the pictures in the council packets that illustrated the current issues. Councilmember Diana mentioned conversations with residents that expressed concerns about weeds not being pulled from headstones that are fenced. There were some suggestions to send letters to the plot purchasers however, it was explained that the city did not have updated phone numbers or addresses. Councilmember asked for clarification on where fences would be accepted. Mayor shared her thoughts. It was explained that having a fence in front of the headstone would be ok. The issue was the wire fence and bottles. Vera and Mayor express their thoughts of just having two small fences allowed in the front but not having them all the way around. Councilmember Antonio suggested charging a fee if the owners chose to have a fence all the way around. It was then decided that it was to much work. After discussion, mayor said she would have pictures taken of those plots before removing things to have on file in the case of families being upset, she could show them what exactly was in violation of the ordinance.

3. New Business

A. Discussion of October Dump Day- Material to be provided at meeting.

There was some discussion on the October Dump Day. City Treasurer josh went over the last dump day event. It was explained that there was a small turn out of residents. Only 32

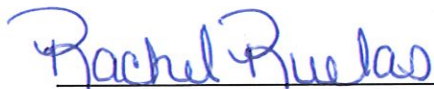
and 11 being their second load. The city charged 355.00 in total. The total bill for the city was 438. The total loss for the city was \$83.55. It was then explained by Josh that to cover all costs, the city could charge ten dollars a load. Mayor suggested ten dollars a load and six for the second one. It was then agreed upon to charge ten dollars the first load and six dollars after. October 29, 2022 was the day set for dump day 8am-11am.

B. 2023 Preliminary Budget Presentation- Material to be presented at meeting. Item B was moved to Item C on the regular council meeting as amended at the beginning of the council study session.

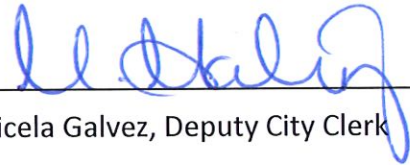
Mayor Ruelas gave the opportunity for Yakima County Commissioner Ladone Linde to speak at this time in regards to the ARPA application. Ladone explains the total number of applicants received was 152 with a total request of about 155 million dollars. The total amount they have available was 35 million. Ladone explains possibly being able to help the city with One million towards a project or maybe a little over. Jamin from G&O joined the conversation. Jamin explains that G&O assisted with the application for the city and explained that the projects the city had listed were scalable. Ladone requests an email with information to amend the proposal in order to submit to the other commissioners to help fund the city.

4. Executive Session: Start Time: _____ End Time: _____

5. Adjournment: Time: 6:31p.m



Rachel Ruelas, Mayor



Maricela Galvez, Deputy City Clerk