

**City of Zillah
Study Session Minutes
Hybrid Meeting
April 17, 2023**

This meeting was available to be attended via ZOOM meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carmack called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

ROLL CALL

The following were:

Present: Mayor Scott Carmack, Councilmembers Beth Husted, Doug Stewart, Wes Argo, and Brian Williams Janice Gonzales

Also Present: City Administrator Michael Grayum, Community Development Director Ardele Steele, Public Works Director John Simmons, and Police Chief Tim Quantrell

Absent: Councilmember Janice Gonzales

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Review minutes of the Study Session Meeting dated April 17, 2023.
- B. Review minutes of the Council Meeting dated April 17, 2023.
- C. Review claim voucher numbers 56836 to 56892 dated May 1, 2023, in the amount of \$119,069.56.
- D. Review payroll voucher numbers, 34681 to 34687 dated April 28, 2023, in the amount of \$121,537.27
- E. Review Liquor License for Zillah Market, Five Star Grilli, and Cherry Patch

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discuss Housing Action Plan – Albert Miller YVCOG
- B. Review Proclamation / Building Safety Month
- C. Review Ordinance No. 1555 / Garbage Rates
- D. Review Resolution No. 2023-13 / Interlocal Agreement Yakima County

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Tracey Hunter and Chad Short, the Executive Director and Eastern Washington Wastewater Technician from the Evergreen Rural Water Association of Washington highlighted the importance of the City of Zillah's work at the wastewater treatment plant to protect both the health of the residents and the environment. They presented the city with the national award for the "tastiest" drinking water contest. The City of Zillah was rated second in the entire nation. Tracey and Chad also honored Tyson as the Wastewater Treatment Operator of the Year. Tyson was recognized for the way he takes on and solves complicated issues with vigor and tenacity. The Evergreen Rural Water Association honored his work to

go above and beyond on a constant basis to keep our community within compliance and how he leads with humility by asking for assistance whenever a problem arises that he may not know about. Tyson and his team produce one of the highest quality effluents in all of Eastern Washington, which is a testament to his professionalism and dedication.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Scott Carmack highlighted the events and festivities of Community Days, which will include a parade, carnival, dunk tank, beer garden, vendors, food, and fireworks. Mayor Carmack thanked the volunteers working together through the Associated Clubs of Zillah to make this event possible.

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS

City Administrator Michael Grayum updated the Council and the public about the city's goal to create a Memorial Day event in partnership with the American Legion. This was a priority specified in the budget adopted by Council and will require an allocation of funds and a temporary road closure to ensure public safety. The events will honor the servicemembers of our military who made the ultimate sacrifice with a memorial that will be placed near the flag along Vintage Valley Parkway, followed by a commemorative run/walk to create a living memorial and tribute to the soldiers and their families.

City Administrator Grayum also informed the Council of two park improvements. The first was in regard to the change in location for Splash Park from Loges Park to Stewart Park. City staff requested and the State Recreation and Conservation Office supported the move because it will reduce costs and increase accessibility because the new location is more prominently situated in the city with large, existing parking lots and sidewalks. The mayor also noted the location change will create a better experience for kids and families because it will avoid the mosquito issues at Loges Park.

The second update was regarding the cracked tennis courts that prevent a safety hazard. The City successfully secured funds in the State Capital Budget to refurbish and restore the courts and transform them into pickleball courts. The growing popularity of this sport will help attract more people to the historic downtown core to support more businesses and increase both recreation and economic development. There is currently skateboard equipment on top of the dilapidated tennis courts. That equipment will be removed and the City will host a community conversation to determine if there is interest in building a proper, fully quipped skate facility at Loges Park or another community site.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.



Michael Grayum, City Administrator



Dr. Scott Carmack, Mayor

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carmack called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro-Tem Beth Husted led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following were:

Present: Mayor Scott Carmack, Councilmembers Beth Husted, Doug Stewart, Wes Argo, and Janice Gonzales

Also Present: City Administrator Michael Grayum, Community Development Director Ardele Steele, and Police Chief Tim Quantrell

Absent: Councilmember Brian Williams and Public Works Director John Simmons

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Argo moved, seconded by Ms. Gonzales to approve the Consent Agenda, items A through E as follows:

- A. Approve minutes of the Study Session Meeting dated April 3, 2023.
- B. Approve minutes of the Council Meeting dated April 3, 2023.
- C. Approve claim voucher numbers 56787 to 56835 dated April 17, 2023, in the amount of \$145,075.18.
- D. Approve payroll voucher numbers, 34676 to 34680 dated April 15, 2023, in the amount of \$86,453.44.
- E. Approve Monthly Close-Out dated March 31, 2023.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Vote on Resolution No. 2023-10 / Yakima County Waste Plan: *Ms. Gonzales moved, seconded by Ms. Husted that City Council approve Ordinance No. 1555 establishing garbage collection rates effective June 1, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.*
- B. Vote on Resolution No. 2023-11 / HLA Amendment No. 1: *Ms. Husted moved, seconded by Mr. Stewart, that City Council approve Resolution No. 2023-11 Approving*

Amendment No. 1 to the Task Order Number 2022-03 and authorize the Mayor to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

Mayor Scott Carmack encouraged Council and the public to attend the Chamber Auction to support scholarships for students and the many award recipients.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.



Michael Grayum, City Administrator



Dr. Scott Carmack, Mayor