



**CITY OF WASHOUGAL
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, January 22, 2024
7:00 PM**

MEETING INFORMATION

Please click the link below to join the webinar:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89666140363>

I. INVOCATION

None.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Stuebe called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor David Stuebe, and Councilmembers Michelle Wagner, David Fritz, Molly Coston, Ernie Suggs, and Tia Robertson. **Absent:** Julie Russell

Motion to excuse Councilmember Russell. Suggs / Coston. No objections

Staff:

David Scott, City Manager
Robert Zeinemann, City Attorney
Daniel Layer, Finance Director/City Clerk
Rose Jewell, Community Engagement Manager
Wendi Steinbronn, Chief of Police

V. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None.

VI. PROCLAMATIONS - Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month

Councilmember Robertson read the proclamation in its entirety.

Margaret Rice, Washougal School District CTE Director, accepted the award on behalf of the district.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Yvonne Gee, Washougal resident, expressed interest on being appointed as representative to the Clark County Arts Commission.

Joey Bailey, Clark County resident, spoke on climate change and current effects in the region.

Ron Rocha, Washougal resident, expressed his gratitude towards the City for managing the

ice storm, his full support of removing the cannabis ban in Washougal, and the separation of church and state, specifically the invocations that are part of the council meetings.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

The following items will be passed by a single motion to approve all listed actions and resolutions. There will be no discussion on these items unless requested by Council. If discussion is requested, the item will be moved from the Consent Agenda and considered separately - after the motion has been made and passed to approve the remaining items.

Motion: Approve the consent agenda as read.

Ernie Suggs/David Fritz Motion Passed.

- A. Workshop Minutes of January 8, 2024**
- B. Council Minutes of December 4, 2023**
- C. Council Minutes of January 8, 2024**
- D. Payroll Claims of January 12, 2024, Totaling \$318,213.40**
- E. Accounts Payable of January 4, 2024, Totaling \$38,011.66**
- F. Emergency Utility Assistance**
AGENDA BILL #02-2024

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance: Utility Rates**

Agenda Bill #03-2024

Daniel Layer presented the staff report and recommended action.

Discussion ensued.

Motion: Pass, post, and publish the ordinance in the usual manner.

Ernie Suggs/Molly Coston Motion Passed.

- B. Clark County Arts Commission Washougal Seat – Yvonne Gee**

Yvonne Gee's application was brought forward for council's consideration.

Discussion ensued.

Motion: To forward a recommendation to appoint Yvonne Gee to the Clark County Art's Commission to represent the City of Washougal.

Ernie Suggs/Tia Robertson Motion Passed.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joey Bailey, Clark County resident, spoke on suicide prevention and the sanctity of life.

XI. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. CITY MANAGER

David Scott referenced his report presented at tonight's workshop.

B. MAYOR

Mayor Stuebe referenced his report presented at tonight's workshop. He also reported on the upcoming meetings in Olympia and his aspirations and goals for the upcoming year.

C. CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Wagner reported on:

- Art Commission and progress - Hamllik Park project - Jan-Feb 2024 commencement
- Mural on the Red Barn at Hartwood Park
- TownCenter Campanile beautification bids
- Invocation open to anyone and any religion; however, does not have to be religious
- Police complaint system
- Potential suicide prevention program at East County Family Resource Center

Councilmember Fritz reported on:

- Unite Washougal Board of Directors meeting - 1/9/2024
- Children's Home Society, now Akin, monthly unite Polish meeting on 1/25/2024
- Hope Rising book study on 1/31/2024
- Local connections at Runyan's Jewelers in Camas on 1/23/2024
- Lower Columbia Estuary Tour on 1/26/2024
- Appointment to Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Federal Legislative Priorities Committee

Councilmember Robertson reported on:

- Meeting with Public Works Department
- Meeting with Larry Keister, Commissioner, Port of Camas-Washougal

Councilmember Coston reported on:

- Special C-TRAN board meeting on 1/29/24
- Nominations for the 2024 Marshall Award are open for Clark County residents

Councilmember Suggs reported on:

- Washougal Schools Foundation meeting and preparation for the Student Stride for Education event
- Chamber meeting last week - missed meeting
- Chamber luncheon is tomorrow, 1/23/2024
- Port of Camas-Washougal meeting
- Kudos to staff for work performed during winter storm

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Agency Enforcement and Potential Litigation - RCW 42.30.110(1) (i): no action to follow

Mayor Stuebe announced the executive session at 7:44 pm with the regular meeting to reconvene at 8:00 pm.

Present at Executive Session: Mayor David Stuebe, and Councilmembers Michelle Wagner, David Fritz, Tia Robertson, Molly Coston, and Ernie Suggs

Staff:

David Scott, City Manager
Robert Zeinemann, City Attorney
Daniel Layer, Finance Director/City Clerk
Rose Jewell, Community Engagement Manager

The meeting resumed at 8:00pm.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Mayor

City Clerk