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Minutes for the Woodburn City Council Meeting on July 19th, 2021:

The meeting began at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance was Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls as well as Councilmen Voirol, Martin (via phone), Thompson (via phone), Gerig, and Watts. Chief Parker was not present.

Chief's Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: The Superintendent showed a sample of the media that Artesian has replaced for the water supply to filter through. He will check with them to see if the final bill can be reduced in consideration to previous work that did not last according to expectation.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor went over details regarding the bids that were opened on July 15th for the Stellar Mainstreet Project. He also described current projects and what the City's spending will look like next year.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the July 6th meeting. After discussion, Councilman Voirol moved to accept the minutes from the July 6th meeting as presented, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor except Councilman Martin, who abstains. The warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. The Clerk-Treasurer explained that there are two homes remaining that have not resolved their illegal sump pump connections. Fees are still accumulating to the owners of these properties as described in the notice provided on April 1st which began to accrue on June 1st. He also mentioned that a correction was posted for \$76.48 for the month of June. The Clerk-Treasurer asked to extend the monthly sewer discount from 7/15-8/15 for those residents who are still awaiting the meters that are on backorder. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved as proposed, second by Councilman Watts, all in favor. The Clerk-Treasurer wanted input from Council regarding what the City's American Rescue Plan dollars should go towards. Information was gathered and will be included in an Ordinance for official adoption at the next meeting.

Councilmen's Report: Councilman Martin inquired about the timeline for the destruction of the old American Legion Building. The Superintendent clarified that this will take place at the end of August or the beginning of September, based on when NIPSCO can respond to a pending request to remove natural gas service from that location.

Audience: A resident came to the City Council meeting to describe his position regarding his sump pump violation fees. After discussion, it was determined that the customer would still need to pay this fee, but he would be allowed until the end of the year to pay in full. Francis was present to answer questions from Council as the new Code Enforcement Officer. A resident couple explained that their water service is currently shut-off and came to inquire as to what can be done to remedy their situation. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to resume water service at this address and that a payment plan be determined by the Clerk-Treasurer, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. Two residents came to discuss concerns regarding the potential of Fort Wayne Utilities acquiring and/or absorbing the Allen County Regional Sewer District, as they are current customers of the latter.

Councilman Watts moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm.

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