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Minutes for the Woodburn City Council Meeting on August 16th, 2021:

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

Chief's Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: Nothing to report.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the August 2nd meeting. After discussion, Councilman Martin moved to accept the minutes from the August 2nd meeting as corrected, second by Councilman Thompson, all in favor. 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 is one home remaining that has not resolved their illegal sump pump connection. Fees are still accumulating to the owner of the property as described in the notice provided on April 1st which began to accrue on June 1st. The Clerk-Treasurer will prepare a sewer lien for all outstanding penalties that have accrued through July 31st regarding this subject unless a payment plan is established beforehand or payment in full has been received by City Hall. All required liens will be filed no sooner than September 13th. The Clerk-Treasurer asked if Council had any final recommendations for changes towards the City of Woodburn's Employee Benefits Policy. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to approve the proposed Employee Benefits Policy, 05-06-2021, as presented, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor.

Councilmen's Report: The Mayor had suggested that the Council confirm the renaming of the fire territory that the City of Woodburn has recently consolidated into with other local agencies. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to approve the change of the name of the fire territory from 'Woodburn – New Haven Fire Protection Territory' to 'East Central Fire and EMS Protection Territory', second by Councilman Thompson, all in favor. This name change will presumably take place in the near future at the further direction of the fire territory. Councilman Martin asked about the function of the code enforcement officer position. Councilman Thompson announced that the Santa Toy Patrol will take place on December 10th.

Audience: A resident gave the Council updates regarding the upcoming mural project. A resident inquired about next steps regarding work done on his street from a few years ago. The work done in front of his home was not done well by his assessment. After discussion, it was determined to go back to the original contractor and see what can be done to fix this issue. A resident explained plans to build another duplex. This would require a survey and the lot would need to be rezoned. After discussion, it was determined that the Council would have no issues with the proposal once it is formally submitted by the Allen County Planning Department to the Woodburn Council for final determination.

Councilman Voirol moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Thompson all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.

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