

Willard City Council Meeting

August 22, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

Willard City Council Chambers

80 West 50 South

Officials Present:

Mayor Travis Mote

Council Member Mike Braegger

Council Member Jordan Hulse

Council Member Rod Mund

Council Member Jake Bodily

Council Member Rex Christensen

City Staff:

Colt Mund, City Attorney

Susan K O Bray, City Recorder

Chief Theron Fielding

Madison Brown, City Planner

Payden Vine, Public Works Director

City Staff excused: Jeremy Kimpton, City Manager

Others Present:

Ken & Ruth Ormond

Tanya Anderson

Kalisa & Taylor Brimberry

Nickie Richards

Melissa Marx

Chris Marx

Cody King

Nikki King

Jenny Poon

Brian Rose

Sherri Harper

Tom Harper

Lynn Murphy

Jose Mondragon

Diego Mondragon

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mote on August 22, 2024. The Mayor conducted the invocation. This was followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Council Member Hulsey.

Conflict of Interest Declaration

Mayor Mote asked if there were any conflicts of interest regarding the agenda items. No conflicts were declared.

Open Comment Period

Residents were invited to speak during the open comment period. A resident, Cammie Statin from 505 South 200 East, expressed appreciation for the improvements made at the children's park and acknowledged the efforts of public works and firefighters in installing playground structures. Mayor thanked Cammie Statin in return and then closed the open comment period.

Planning Commission Report

The rezone was tabled for Orchard Subdivision, conditional use review, planning commission member as a voting member of SLUA.

Presentations And New Business

Commendation for Several Agencies and Good Samaritans for Life-Saving Efforts

Officer Jordan Harper detailed two incidents at Willard Bay involving life-saving efforts. On August 3rd, dispatchers Nicole King and Kaylene Myer, Jenny Poon, and Tanya Anderson were recognized for their outstanding performance during the drowning incidents. Multiple local firefighters and two good Samaritans, Jose, and Diego Mondragon were acknowledged as well. Officer Jordan Harper described the night of strong storms and how critical everyone's role was, including coordination of rescues. Council Member Mund added thoughts on operations and emergency coordination.

Chief Fielding Recognition of Officer Jordan Harper

Chief Fielding recognized Officer Jordan Harper for the critical role played during both incidents at Willard Bay. Dispatcher Nikki King highlighted Officer Harper's proactive decision-making and assistance during crises, acknowledging Jordan's efforts in coordinating responses and operations under difficult conditions.

Presentation by Willard City Police Department Regarding Staffing Proposal

Officer Jordan Harper presented on the need for additional staffing in the police department due to rising calls for service. Current staffing includes one Chief, an Admin Assistant, and several patrol officers. Officer Harper expressed concerns around current coverage, safety risks associated with it, and inability to be proactive in policing. The proposal sought to expand the department over a few years, aiming for the FBI-recommended officer-to-population ratio. Audience members raised questions, and discussions highlighted incidents involving drug problems, and a need for better overtime response capabilities and training opportunities.

Issues arising from the merging of DWR with park enforcement and prospective calls from Willard Bay were discussed. Prospective funding proposals included phased hiring and potential property tax adjustments. They finally proposed setting up informational alerts for council members regarding major incidents in the community, inviting their feedback.
(packet included)

Discussion and Approval of Resolution 2024-14 Adopting Fee Schedules and Policies

The council discussed an updated fee schedule for development, planning, and business licenses to better reflect current city costs. Questions were raised by various members regarding the timing of fee schedule updates, and consensus around needing to update to match increased service demands due to city growth.

Motion by Council Member Mund to have a public hearing to adopt the fee schedules at the next City Council meeting. Seconded by Council Member Bodily. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Approval regarding the Vacating of an Easement on the Neil Braegger's Property (02-051-0093)

Discussion focused on vacating an obsolete easement that does not align with the current sewer line location. They emphasized that correcting this will also involve engagement with additional landowners once legal property descriptions are developed.

Motion by Council Member Mund moved to set a public hearing on the vacation of easement for the September 26th city council meeting. seconded by Council Member Bodily. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Approval of XRAM Enterprises, LLC Subdivision Deferral Agreement

The discussion revisited prior concerns on road paving decisions. Mayor Mote discussed various aspects that were reviewed with Mr. Marks and debated alternatives to the deferral proposal such as advancing payment for future road completion. Legal counsel suggested that altering the agreement to allow an advance road payment may require SLUA input for modification, while others encouraged amending the deferral agreement for efficiency.

Motion by Council Member Mund to authorize the mayor to sign the Xram Enterprises, LLC subdivision deferral agreement. Seconded by Council Member Braegger. Roll-call vote conducted voting yes. Council Member Bodily, Council Member Mund, Council Member Braegger, Council Member Christensen, and Council Member Hulsey. Motion carried.

Discussion Regarding the Culinary Water Capital Facilities Plan

The council members requested additional time to review guideline documents linked to the city's water plan. The document needs to align with ordinance revisions, and potential ordinance call-out for work sessions for a more detailed review discussed. Mayor Mote asked Jeremy to have something ready to present by the first of November.

Certifying the Valley View Estates Annexation, Nathan Rose, and Brian Rose

Brian Rose's annexation proposal specified land for emergency tank facilities. The council aimed to ensure compliance with state requisites for desired technicalities like necessary water classifications. Determined to accept Rose's annexation request for thorough evaluation.

Motion by Council Member Christensen moved to approve Valley View Estates Annexation for further consideration. seconded by Council Member Mund. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

Approval of August 8, 2024, Minutes

Consideration of approval tabled until the next meeting.

Financial

Warrants, Vouchers, Reports

No financial reports were provided or discussed.

Department Reports

Public Works

Updates provided concerning the children's park and response to water pipe inquiries. They also discussed council inquiries into future streetlights and sidewalk repairs in a subdivision. They are waiting for material for the gazebo. Payden has put fill behind the mailbox where the mail lady was having an issue with her mail truck.

Police Department - Discussion of Designated School Zone

The status quo of necessary crosswalk layout and lack of crosswalk services up to code with incoming respective location workflow increases were talked through. Office Harper is working on a grant to help with crosswalk equipment.

Fire Department

Fire incidents were outlined, showing detailed briefings on fire equipment and recommendation progress.

Council Member Reports

Jacob Bodily

Nothing to report.

Rod Mund

Expressed concerns about ongoing developments and adherence gaps, proposing punch lists for developments.

Mike Braegger

Tramcor Trucking Company will be 50 years old, and they are having a party on September 14th from 6-8pm.

Rex Christensen

Sent out a proposal on electronic meetings. Still is actively looking into the youth council.

Jordan Hulsev

She thanked the police department, fire department and EMS. Council Member Hulsev said she has had lots of residents ask what they can comment on in the Planning Commission. The Mayor stated the general comment section is for other items not concerning the public hearing item.

Next Agenda Items

A variety of planned discussions and tabled topics were slated for following agenda deliberations to maintain procedural honesty.

Mayor's General Correspondence and Information

Mayor shared current project on highway 89 and is concerned they will nickel and dime the city for everything they can. They want the city to pay \$125,000 and the flood control to pay \$125,000. The flood control told the state they were not interested. If the state puts the 36" pipe in the highway the flood control could someday put it in for flood control.

City Manager's Report

The City Manager echoed sentiments initially communicated about improving current staff shortages for the police department.

City Planners Report

City Planner, Madison Brown asked the Mayor & Council what time would work for them for the work session regarding subdivision updates. September 12, 2024. The Mayor and Council chose 5:00 p.m.

Consideration of Motion to Enter a Closed Session

Motion by Council Member Braegger seconded by Council Member Mund. Roll-call vote was conducted, Council Member Bodily, Council Member Mund, Council Member Braegger, Council Member Christensen, Council Member Hulsey. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Mund to enter the regular city council meeting. Council Member Christensen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Regular Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Council Member Braegger. Seconded by Council Member Mund. Motion carried.