



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023
HELD IN-PERSON & REMOTELY**

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SESSION

INVOCATION: Given by Councilmember Dunne.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Kaminskas, City Council and City Staff.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Kaminskas called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

City officials who physically attended the meeting: Mayor Kaminskas, Mayor Pro Tem Folyer, Councilmembers Spencer, Van Orman, Dunne, Sahlberg, Cargill and Kurtz, Mark McAvoy, City Administrator, Todd Henderson, IT Technician, Darin Morgan, Police Lieutenant, Sean Boutz, City Attorney, Jandy Humble, Library Director, Lisa Key, Director of Planning & Engineering, David Goehner, Communications Specialist, and Kelsey Hardy, City Clerk.

City officials who remotely attended the meeting via Zoom: Kyle Dixon, Finance Director, Jen Camp, Operations & Maintenance Director, Derek Kosanke, Streets Lead, Tait Hunter, Office Assistant, Amy Mullerleile, Senior Planner, David Williams, City Engineer, and Damon Simmons, Police Chief.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Mayor Pro Tem Folyer moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Van Orman seconded, which carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Joan Berkowitz spoke the Library Ordinance.

Joy Moore spoke regarding the Library Ordinance.

Joe Pitt spoke regarding the Library Ordinance.

Travis Hunt spoke regarding the Library Ordinance.

Lynn Atkins spoke regarding the Library Ordinance.

Kristin Anderson spoke regarding the Library Ordinance.

Natalie Gauvin spoke regarding the Library Ordinance.

Brad Hamblet spoke regarding the Library Ordinance.

Kim Schmidt spoke regarding the Library Ordinance.

Linda Ball spoke regarding the Library Ordinance.

Ava Chaker spoke regarding the Library Ordinance.

Erin Zasada spoke regarding the Library Ordinance.

Christine Holbert spoke regarding the Library Ordinance.

Max Parker spoke regarding the Library Ordinance.

Jamie Baird spoke regarding the Library Ordinance.

Dg Garcia spoke regarding the Library Ordinance.

The City Clerk acknowledged written public comment received from Gerald D. Bishop, Sandra

B. Bishop, Nancy James, Lori Romain, Sue Hagner, Lorraine Tuna, Sandy Margis, Lisa Salazar, Hugh Severs, Pamela A Oberg, Melissa Pitt, Daniel Holbert, Taylor Holbert, Su Sawyer, Josie Moore and Christine Holbert.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / PROCLAMATIONS / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Presentation – Family Promise: Joe Ader, Executive Director, presented information on homelessness including causes, prevention efforts, shelter options and efforts to assist with stable futures. Questions asked and answered.

Presentation – HUB Sports Center: Phil Champlin, Executive Director, presented results from their feasibility study of a potential new sports complex including cost/benefit projections, phased project timeline, programming and outreach, and partnerships. Phil then requested City Council's consideration to waive permit fees for construction and consideration of TIF reimbursement. Questions asked and answered.

Proclamation – Arbor Day: The city clerk read the proclamation. Councilmember Cargill moved to support the proclamation. Councilmember Van Orman seconded, which carried unanimously. Mayor Kaminkas then proclaimed May 15, 2023 as Arbor Day.

REPORTS & INQUIRIES:

City Council: Councilmember Sahlberg reported on Asian Pacific American Heritage Day, WinterGlow golf tournament, and the Homeless Symposium.

Councilmember Dunne reported on the AWC small city connector event.

Councilmember Spencer reported on the upcoming AWC Conference.

Mayor: Mayor Kaminkas reported on the Visit Spokane and Annual Manual catalogues, Valley Chamber government action committee, SRTC board meeting and administrative committee, Health Symposium, Civil Service Commission interviews, Legacy Ridge HOA meeting, Visit Spoke CEO tour around Liberty Lake, and GSI and AWC Legislative wrap ups.

City Administrator: Mark McAvoy, City Administrator, reviewed upcoming events and reminders, updates to the drug possession law, and set the table for staff to provide updates. Chief Simmons spoke regarding National Police Week. Mark then provided an opportunity to ask questions about department reports and acknowledged Public Service Recognition Week. David Williams, City Engineer, provided an update on capital projects. Lastly, Kyle Dixon invited councilmembers to attend the audit entrance meeting. Questions asked and answered throughout.

Parks & Arts Commission: John Bahr, Commissioner, provided an update on the Never Forget Monument Dedication, StoryWalk project at Orchard Park, Hooptown USA court mural, strategic plan discussions, Liberty Lake garden contest, and outdoor master gardener presentations.

Library Board of Trustees: Jandy Humble, Library Director, and Teresa Tapao-Hunt, Library Board Trustee member, provided an annual report on Library users, operating expenses, statistics on the Library collection, technology updates, and program statistics. Questions asked and answered.

Planning Commission: Richard Siler, Commission Chair, provided an update on the 2023 annual docket including public utility distribution, clear view triangle standards, fencing standards for utilities, engineering standards, and River District code amendments for open space and signage standards.

Liberty Lake Sewer & Water District: Kottayam Natarajan, District Commissioner, provided an update on backflow prevention test requirements, unlawful camping regulations, and fencing considerations for utilities.

At 9:28 p.m. Mayor Kaminkas announced a 5-minute break. Council reconvened at 9:34 p.m.

WORKSHOP DISCUSSIONS:

Farmer's Market Participation: Mayor Kaminkas and City Council discussed participation at the Farmer's Market during an election year. Councilmember Kurtz moved to allow anyone unopposed as of 5:00 p.m. Friday to man the Farmer's Market booth, with a sign noting no campaigning. Councilmember Sahlberg seconded. Councilmembers Sahlberg, Spencer, Dunne, Van Orman and Kurtz voted in favor; Councilmembers Cargill and Folyer voted opposed. The motion carried with a final tally of 5-2.

Councilmember Cargill moved to extend the meeting until 10:30 p.m. Councilmember Spencer seconded, which carried unanimously.

City Insurance Update: Kyle Dixon, Finance Director provided an update on the process for exploring quotes received for insurance coverage. Questions asked and answered.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Folyer moved to approve the consent agenda, item 10A was to approve the May 2, 2023 city council meeting minutes, item 10B was to approve the May 16, 2023 vouchers and the May 11, 2023 manual check in the total amount of \$638,226.11. Councilmember Dunne seconded, which carried unanimously.

Action Items:

Mayor Pro Tem Folyer moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement for fitness classes in the park provided by Jennifer Morton. Councilmember Sahlberg seconded, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Folyer moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement for fitness classes in the park provided by Erin Kramer. Councilmember Spencer seconded, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Folyer moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement for fitness classes in the park provided by Disa Jennings. Councilmember Van Orman seconded, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Folyer moved to approve moving forward with the StoryWalk project at Orchard Park as recommended by the Parks and Arts Commission. Councilmember Sahlberg seconded. Following brief discussion, the Mayor called for the vote which carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Folyer moved to authorize the purchase of a Tool-Cat in the amount of \$89,520.93. Councilmember Kurtz seconded, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Folyer moved to authorize the purchase of a heated pressure washer in the amount of \$10,999.99 plus tax. Councilmember Dunne seconded. Following brief discussion, the Mayor called for the vote which carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Folyer moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement for children's classes in the park provided by ThinkPlaySpeak LLC. Councilmember Sahlberg seconded, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Folyer moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the lease agreement between the City of Liberty Lake and Legacy Church for the property at 23123 E Mission Ave. Councilmember Dunne seconded. Following brief discussion, the Mayor called for the vote which carried unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: No comments at this time.

PUBLIC HEARINGS / APPEALS:

Public Hearing on Development Code Amendments-Building Heights Definition & RV/Mini-Storage: Lisa Key, Director of Planning & Engineering presented an overview of the two proposed code amendments.

Mayor Kaminskas opened the public hearing at 10:07 p.m. and invited public comments.

Mike Kennedy, city resident, commented on the proposed RV/Mini-storage amendment.

Mayor Kaminskas closed the hearing at 10:09 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS: No items at this time.

ORDINANCES:

1st Read – Ordinance No. 293: The city clerk read, by title only, Ordinance No. 293, “An Ordinance of the City of Liberty Lake, Washington, Amending the City of Liberty Lake Development Code, and the Development Code Contained in the River District Specific Area Plan.”

1st Read – Ordinance No. 115C: The city clerk read, by title only, Ordinance No. 115C, “An Ordinance of the City of Liberty Lake, Washington, Adding Chapter 9 to Title 8 of the Liberty Lake Municipal Code Related to Unlawful Camping and Storage of Personal Property on Public Property and Amending Sections 8-1A-2 and 8-1A-5 of the Liberty Lake Municipal Code for Consistency Therein.”

2nd Read – Ordinance No. 294: The city clerk read, by title only, Ordinance No. 294, “An Ordinance of the City of Liberty Lake, Washington Granting the Right of Franchise to Spectrum Fiber Network 2, LLC for the Operation of a Telecommunications System in the City of Liberty Lake.” Mayor Kaminskas invited council discussion and public comment. No discussion or comments at this time. Councilmember Dunne moved to approve Ordinance No. 294. Councilmember Sahlberg seconded, which carried unanimously.

2nd Read – Ordinance No. 119C: The city clerk read, by title only, Ordinance No. 119C, “An Ordinance of the City of Liberty Lake, Spokane County, Washington Amending Ordinance No. 119-B, Establishing the Liberty Lake Public Library and Repealing any Provisions in Conflict Thereof.” Sean Boutz, City Attorney explained the document provided in the packet and addressed questions.

Councilmember Cargill moved to amend Section 5 as recommended by the City Attorney, striking, “At the end of each year”, adding “After the second quarter”, “also”, “prior” and “including”. Councilmember Spencer seconded, which carried unanimously.

Councilmember Cargill moved to accept the modified language in Section 2 as recommended by the City Attorney to change “book bans” to “book banned”. Councilmember Folyer seconded. Councilmembers Sahlberg, Spencer, Folyer, Van Orman and Cargill voted in favor; Councilmembers Kurtz and Dunne voted opposed. The motion carried with a final tally of 5-2.

Councilmember Cargill moved to approve Ordinance No. 119C as amended. Councilmember Spencer seconded.

Councilmember Kurtz moved to extend the meeting to 10:45 p.m. Councilmember Sahlberg seconded, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Kaminskas invited citizen comments. Comments were heard from Kim Girard, Kottayam Natarajan, Brad Hamblet, Dg Garcia, Teresa Tapao-Hunt, Mike Kennedy, Lynn Atkins, and Erika Bouchetti.

Councilmember Cargill moved to extend the meeting to 11:00 p.m. Councilmember Kurtz seconded, which carried unanimously.

Council discussion ensued. The mayor then called for the vote to approve Ordinance No. 119C as amended. Councilmembers Spencer, Folyer, Van Orman and Cargill voted in favor; Councilmembers Kurtz, Dunne and Sahlberg voted opposed. The motion carried with a final tally of 4-3.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCES: No items at this time.

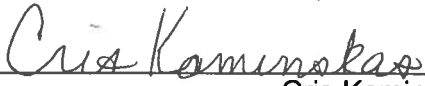
INTRODUCTION OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS: Mayor Kaminskis reviewed upcoming agenda items.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:


EXECUTIVE SESSION: No items at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:58 p.m.

These minutes were approved June 6, 2023.



Cris Kaminskis, Mayor
City of Liberty Lake



These minutes were prepared by Kelsey Hardy. This meeting was also recorded. Anyone desiring to listen to the recording may visit the city's website or contact the City Clerk.