

City Council
January 23, 2024

Mayor Burkett called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Upon roll call the following members were present: Smith, Anderson (via Zoom), Burbank, Bergerson, Bender, and Green.

Also present were: City Administrator Brunell, Officer Johnson, Police Chief Alfano, Sergeant Fetter, Police Records Clerk VanWieringen, Assistant Police Chief Northam, Sergeant Garrett, City Attorney Olbrechts, Police Records Clerk Burkett, Court Administrator Cash, Judge Berry, Officer Huntley, Fire Chief Skogen, and City Clerk Percival.

Council member Smith moved to excuse Council member Arsanto. Council member Green seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Burkett stated that there was an amended agenda at everyone's spots and asked if there were any other additions, deletions, or changes to the agenda.

Council member Smith moved to approve the agenda as amended. Council member Green seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, APPOINTMENTS, AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Burkett administered the Oath of Office to new City of Buckley Police Officer Paul Johnson.

Mayor Burkett recommended the following be appointed to the Lodging Tax Advisory Commission:

- Norma Jean Contreras
- Denise Trivelas
- Joe Singh
- Carolyn Robertson Harding, and
- Council member Bergerson as Chair

Council member Burbank moved to confirm the Mayor's recommendation of LTAC appointments. Council member Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Meagan Rhoades – Ms. Rhoades shared information from the youth forums that the White River Partnership held at the schools. She recommended everyone read the full report as there is a lot of interesting information.

Jean Contreras – Ms. Contreras came to share some information about the Historical Museum. She said that during and after COVID they have received a lot of new volunteers. They are hoping to have the museum open five days a week. There has been a large increase in visitors recently. They are working on a strategic plan for 2025. She also shared some upkeep that is happening at and around the museum.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Burkett shared that there will be a ribbon cutting at the new Rainier Fresh Hometown Market tomorrow at 10:00 A.M. He also shared that they are trying to get an update on the progress of the trail bridge from Buckley to Enumclaw.

Council Member Comments & Good of the Order:

Council member Green shared an update from the latest PCRC meeting. He said the main topic was around UGAs. Council member Green also shared that Mayor Penner stood up for Buckley and the small cities. They held further discussion on potential UGA banking. They are also reviewing their workplan for the year so if you have any input, please share with him.

Council member Smith shared that there are some crazy laws coming out of the legislature this year so be sure to contact your legislators and share your opinions. He also stated that there are some City signs that are not standing upright and he would like to see those fixed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Green moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council member Burbank seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes of October 24, 2023, City Council Meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA

ORD No. -24: Comcast Franchise Agreement

First Reading Only!

STAFF REPORTS

4th Quarter 2023 Public Safety Report – Chief Alfano asked if there were any questions regarding his report that was included in the Council packet. He also shared that the next Citizen's Academy begins on February 1st.

Council member Smith emphasized the need for the Council to get involved with the current legislation that is tying the hands of our Police.

Fire Chief Skogen shared that the Fire Department has moved to a new records management system and they are still receiving training on the new system. He stated that he should have more to share at the February Study Session.

4th Quarter 2023 Municipal Court Report – Judge Berry wanted to remind Council they are welcome any time to come to get to know her and the court. She shared the updates to the court offices and court rooms. They are currently evaluating their process for running cases through the Court to see if they can be more efficient and effective. She also shared that she is looking forward to being out in the community more and being able to educate the public. She has enjoyed being able to be a part of sharing information at the Police Citizen's Academy. Lastly, she shared with everyone that May 1st is National Law Day.

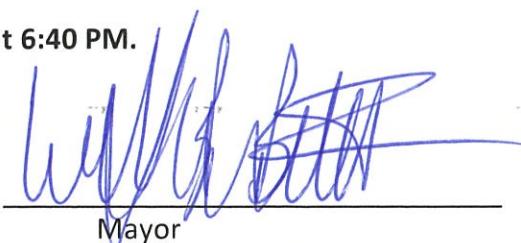
City Administrator Update – City Administrator Brunell shared that we have received a couple of amendments to Comcast Franchise Agreement, the City attorney is reviewing and it will come back in a month or so. She also shared that the Chamber of Commerce has pledged some money to have banners on the light poles. Lastly, she shared that Chief Skogen would be back next month to talk about options with AMR.

Council member Smith moved to adjourn. Council member Green seconded the motion. Motion carried.

With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.



City Administrator



Mayor

Prepared by: Treva Percival, City Clerk