



**City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 7:00 PM
Council Chambers, 616 NE 4th AVE**

NOTE: Please see the published agenda packet for item file attachments

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Steve Hogan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Marilyn Boerke, Bonnie Carter, Don Chaney, Tim Hein, Leslie Lewallen, and John Nohr

Staff: Bernie Bacon, Cliff Free, Jennifer Gorsuch, Cathy Huber Nickerson, Michelle Jackson, Mitch Lackey, Trang Lam, Alan Peters, Doug Quinn, Bryan Rachal, Heather Rowley, Connie Urquhart, and Steve Wall

Press: Kelly Moyer, Camas-Washougal Post-Record

PUBLIC COMMENTS

This is the public's opportunity to comment about any item on the agenda, including items up for final Council action.

Margaret Tweet, Camas, commented about a public affairs consultant contract.

John Ley commented about the City's utility tax ordinance.

Randal Friedman, Camas, commented about a referendum petition to City's utility tax ordinance.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Camas City Council January 3, 2023 Workshop and Regular Meeting Minutes Approval
2. \$1,147,425.09 Automated Clearing House and Claim Checks Numbered as follows: 2022 checks: 153003–153085 Total: \$795,201.47; 2023 checks: 153086–153162 Total: \$352,223.62
3. \$196,859.82 for December 2022 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Write-off Billings; \$165,761.13 for Monthly Uncollectable Balance of Medicare and Medicaid Accounts and \$31,098.69 for Ground Emergency Medical Transport funding. (Submitted by Cathy Huber Nickerson, Finance Director)
4. 2022 ADA Improvements Clark and Sons Excavating, Inc. Final Acceptance (Submitted by James Carothers, Engineering Manager)

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5. \$233,996.53 Stateline, LLC Louis Bloch Park Bleachers and ADA Improvements Bid Award with up to 10% change order authorization (Submitted by James Carothers, Engineering Manager)
6. \$43,540 Gray and Osborne, Inc., PRV Water Service Study (Submitted by Rob Charles, Utilities Manager)

It was moved by Carter, and seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

7. Staff

There were no items from staff.

8. Council

Hein announced the Ward 2 Town Hall meeting.

Boerke commented about public discourse, about a public comment item, and about the Camas-Washougal Fire Department Interlocal Agreement.

MAYOR

9. Mayor Announcements

Mayor commented about the Sister Cities Organization.

10. Council Member Don Chaney 50-Years of Service Recognition

This item has been moved to a future Council Meeting agenda.

11. Human Trafficking Awareness Month Proclamation

Mayor Hogan proclaimed January 2023 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in the City of Camas.

12. Blood Donor Awareness Proclamation

Mayor Hogan proclaimed January 2023 as Blood Donor Awareness in the City of Camas. Lauren Reagan from Bloodworks Northwest received and commented about the proclamation.

MEETING ITEMS

13. Utility Tax Review Discussion
Presenter: Doug Quinn, City Administrator

Quinn provided an overview of the Utility Tax. Discussion ensued.

The meeting was recessed at 7:33 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 7:43 p.m.

It was moved by Lewallen, and seconded, that the City Administrator read his January 11, 2023 letter to Council.

Quinn read the memo.

It was moved by Hein, and seconded, that the utility tax ordinance be placed on a future City Council Workshop meeting in the second quarter of 2023. The motion carried by a majority vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Ley commented about the utility tax discussion.

Shannon Robert, Camas, commented about the utility tax discussion.

Deb Dabinskas, Camas, commented about the utility tax discussion.

Charity Dubay, Camas, commented about the utility tax discussion.

Brian Lewallen, Camas, commented about the utility tax discussion.

Margaret Tweet, Camas, commented about the utility tax discussion.

Kerry Ticknor, Camas, commented about the utility tax discussion.

Steve Schwary, Camas, commented about the utility tax discussion.

Carrie Pattison, Camas, commented about the utility tax discussion.

Swati Wilson, Camas, commented about the utility tax discussion.

CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8:40 p.m.