



CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON

City Council MEETING MINUTES

November 4, 2021

Regular Meeting - 6:30 PM

GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Ron Onslow	Councilor	Absent	
Lee Wells	Councilor	Absent	
Don Stose	Mayor	Present	
Jen Lindsay	Councilor	Present	
Rob Aichele	Councilor	Present	
Judy Chipman	Councilor	Present	
Rachel Coker	Councilor	Present	

MOTION: Council Member Aichele moved to excuse Council Member Onslow and Wells from the meeting.

SECOND: Council Member Chipman.

Motion passed.

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

PROCLAMATION

Make a Difference Month

PUBLIC COMMENT

None received.

CONSENT AGENDA - MOTION TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jen Lindsay, Councilor
SECONDER:	Rachel Coker, Councilor
AYES:	Stose, Lindsay, Aichele, Chipman, Coker
ABSENT:	Onslow, Wells

1. Approval of Claims And/Or Payroll

2. Approval of Minutes from the October 28, 2021 Meeting

3. Appointment Confirmation of Judge Andrew Wheeler as Municipal Court Judge

PRESENTATION

1. 3Rd Quarter 2021 Financial Report

PUBLIC HEARING/BUSINESS

1. Public Hearing on 2022 Property Tax Levy and Revenues

The 2022 revenue budget totals \$59,852,747, including \$18,246,707 associated with internal transfers from existing funds, \$7,901,280 in new grant funds, \$6,130,000 in new debt funding. In comparison the 2021 amended revenue budget was \$43,349,657, with \$12,917,046 associated with internal transfers from existing funds. The overall net increase in the proposed revenue budget when compared to the 2021 amended budget is approximately \$16.5 million, an 38.1% increase.

Mayor Opened the Hearing: 7:06PM

No testimony received.

Mayor Closed the Hearing: 7:06PM

BUSINESS

1. First Reading of Ordinance No. 1353 – 2022 Property Tax Levy - Kirk Johnson, Finance Director

The 2021 levy amount was \$1,659,764. The statutory 1% increase would raise the property tax levy \$16,598. In addition to the 1% increase, the Clark County Assessor's office has preliminary estimates showing the City assessed value for new construction will add approximately \$318.7 million to the City's assessed values, adding approximately \$251,104 in property tax revenue. The Department of Revenue is still in the process of valuing state assessed utilities. These numbers should be available shortly. The value for the 2021 tax roll for state assessed utilities was \$17.5 million. To date the estimated 2022 taxable assessed values for Ridgefield is \$2639,246,206.

First reading only.

2. First Reading of Ordinance No. 1354 - 2022 Storm Water Utility Rate Code Amendment - Kirk Johnson, Finance Director

The 2022 expense operating budget is expected to increase 51% over the 2021 operating budget. The main reason for the increase is capital outlay related to the purchase of a vacuum truck and tools to manage storm water drainage. Additional staff hours have been allocated to the storm maintenance work to continue to prepare for additional NPDES permit requirements. The City has completed multiple storm water projects over the past 4 years using most of the available reserve balances outside of policy reserves. Increasing the rate 3% with expected growth will allow the city to meet the needs of the storm water maintenance program. Revenue is expected to increase 21.8% due to growth in accounts and the recommended rate increase. Ordinance proposes a 3% rate increase or \$0.65 per bi-monthly billing, per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU). The 2022 rate would be increased to \$20.30 per EDU.

First reading only.

3. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1352 – Fall 2021 Ridgefield Municipal Code Updates - Claire Lust, Community Development Director

Staff propose a series of amendments to Titles 13, 14, and 18 of the Ridgefield Municipal Code. The purpose of the proposed amendments is to keep the code up-to-date and to address current issues in order to better serve the Ridgefield community.

MOTION: MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1352 AS PRESENTED.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rachel Coker, Councilor
SECONDER:	Rob Aichele, Councilor
AYES:	Stose, Lindsay, Aichele, Chipman, Coker
ABSENT:	Onslow, Wells

4. Resolution No. 599 – Approval of Grant Program for Non-Profit Organizations - Kirk Johnson, Finance Director

The purpose of this temporary emergency program is to assist Non-Profit organizations who serve Ridgefield residents and the City of Ridgefield mission and goals and have suffered negative economic conditions during the Covid-19 health crisis. The Ridgefield City Council approved the expenditure of \$200,000 of CLFRF grant funds awarded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). An estimated \$70,000 is remaining in the budget for the approved spending plan.

City Council discussion.

MOTION: MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 599 AS PRESENTED.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rob Aichele, Councilor
SECONDER:	Jen Lindsay, Councilor
AYES:	Stose, Lindsay, Aichele, Chipman, Coker
ABSENT:	Onslow, Wells

PUBLIC COMMENT

None received.

COUNCIL/PRESIDING OFFICER/STAFF REPORTS

Council

Council Member Lindsay - Attended Trunk N Treat at RORC.

Council Member Aichele - Attended Nature Park planning meeting with Council Member Onslow and Public Works Director Bryan Kast.

Council Member Coker - Kudos to staff on putting together “Make a Difference Month” activities.

Mayor

Provided a list of all activities during the month of November for “Make a Difference Month”.

City Manager

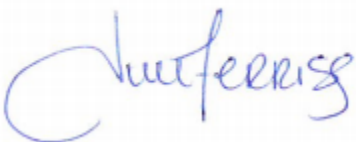
City Manager Steve Stuart - Clark County elections update, Officer Marvitz and RPOA recognized Raymond Mitchell, TLC Towing driver who died while retrieving a disabled vehicle on I-5 and reminding drivers to slow down and move over if you see lights flashing.

Public Works Director Bryan Kast - Royle Road project update. Erosion control update.

Deputy City Manager Lee Kottnerus - Events update provided.

Police Chief John Brooks - Provided an update on the new hire, Officer Cuneta.

ADJOURN - [7:44 PM](#)



Julie Ferriss, City Clerk

Don Stose, Mayor