

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 by President, Kathie Halicki. The **minutes** of October 12, 2022 as appeared on line were approved.

Treasurer reports a balance of \$4,236.52. The Zoom bill of \$149. was paid to Jeff Hood. \$200 was transferred to the Main Street account for Halloween treats.

City Manager John Williams said Jules is the projected winner for the state house seat. The city will need to elect a new mayor in May according to the City charter. If Jules resigns, the Council can appoint an interim mayor.

March will be the election of two new Council members. The two with terms ending can stay on until replaced or resign.

Failure of the water bond will delay/cancel the water line replacement. \$15 million costs may be partially covered by the state. West Linn will use water rates to deter costs.

Emergency preparedness will be covered next month by Dylan. Possible snow will be a topic. He will welcome advice from residents on how city can communicate effectively with residents.

A general discussion followed on sensitivity training with the police force when dealing with emotionally charged, possibly criminal, situations. This resulted from a presentation at council earlier in the week. Victims of sexual abuse by Dr. Farley testified that they did not receive sympathetic attention when initially interviewed. They felt they had received excuses reflecting a broken system.

Mr. Williams explained the process was complicated and involved many layers of jurisdiction: a medical review board, the grand jury and the FBI.

A Citizen Oversight Committee of WL police is being developed.

A Waterfront Advisory Committee is being formed to aid in the development of a 2 mile stretch of the Willamette. Planner John Floyd will begin the process which will include sight visits, zone changes, and citizen suggestions. Previous vision studies will be included.

Sidewalks Chelsea Winn spoke for “Safe Walks to School” issue: specifically for sidewalks on a portion of 19th street. This area receives a lot of through traffic and there is very little space for safe walking. Luke Borland, community contact for Public Works, said there was an existing list of needed street improvements and will be sure Lance Calvert’s attention is drawn to this problem. Lance will come to the WNA December meeting and Chelsea was encouraged to attend.

Brandon Place is the proposed west entrance to the new Athey Creek Middle School. Residents of the River Heights neighborhood have only one exit onto Dollar Street and propose a plan to have limited exit to WF Drive through the school property on the new Brandon Place. A map suggesting access was presented. A large number of neighbors support this plan. Although the

presentation was very clear, it was suggested that Ron accompany it with a signed petition from his neighbors because sometimes there is contention as well as support. There was support and a little skepticism from the WNA.

Swimming pool Luan Lierman is a water safety and swimming teacher. She gave a thorough presentation for the need of a community pool in West Linn.

She is hoping that a privately funded pool could be built on city owned property.

Her contact is: Luswimschool@gmail.com. A goal of \$20million would be needed. The discussion covered previous efforts for a pool, location, construction and maintenance. It was suggested that Luan bring evidence of financial support as an important first step for endorsement.

Main Street Rebecca reported a very successful Halloween event with over 1000 kids participating. A scavenger hunt was a favorite activity.

November 20th will be Small Business Saturday with gift cards, caroling and tree lighting at 6pm. There will be a Holiday Market from 9 to 4, a scavenger hunt and perhaps a hayride.

Food Pantry is seeing a steady increase in the number of families needing food boxes. Over 125 Holiday Food boxes are anticipated. They need canned goods, egg cartons, personal hygiene products. They purchase perishable items like milk, cheese, meat, fruit. Money is always welcome.

The WNA will vote next month on a financial donation.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25

Elizabeth Rocchia, secretary