

**CITY OF TOLEDO  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 4, 2021**

**MAYOR STEVE DOBOSH CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT THE TOLEDO SENIOR CENTER. THE MEETING WAS ALSO TELEVISED LIVE ON YOU TUBE. THE FLAG SALUTE WAS LED BY MAYOR DOBOSH.**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Emily Morgan, Gary Reboin, Michelle (Shelly) Thomas, and Ron Neumann.

**EMPLOYEES PRESENT:** Michelle Whitten, City Clerk/Treasurer; Sam Patrick, Police Chief; Mike Fisher, Public Works Superintendent; and Deavon Jacobson, Clerk's Assistant.

**ABSENT:** Glend Forga was excused.

**GUESTS:** Steffanie Fisher, Cindy Samco, Ric Kindle, Sheriff Snaza, Napavine Chief Brockmueller, and Andrea Galetto.

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVING CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2021, AND PAYROLL AND CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$86,720.89.** Emily motioned to approve the consent agenda; Ron seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Steve Dobosh – Mayor:** Mayor Dobosh asked for a moment of silence for Lewis County Commissioner Gary Stamper.

**Mike Fisher – Public Works:** The meter project is still in progress with a possibility of a new hire today to help with it. Nine digesters of solids were hauled off last week. Last year we paid \$20 a ton and this year it was \$25 a ton, but we did not have to pay to have it weighed and disposal was closer.

There are still some electrical glitches at the waste water treatment plant with something not working with the computer system. They have been having to manually do the work that the computer system should be doing. Gray and Osborne will be coming down next week to help in diagnosing.

**Sam Patrick – Police Department:** Sam thanked the City Council for the opportunity. He informed Council of the calls and some were helping out Napavine while they had no officers on duty. Operations are normal other than down an officer. Emily asked if we will be hiring, yes, we plan on hiring another officer.

**Michelle Whitten– City Clerk/Treasurer:** Housing Coalition is October 14<sup>th</sup> for those that signed up. Michelle did get a chance to speak with Glenda and she sounds great. They are hoping she will be able to come home next week. Budget Workshop after Council meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None

**Special Presentation: LC EDC & Twin Transit – LC Energy Innovation Coalition.** Andrea Galetto, who works for Twin Transit, presented the goals of the coalition. The purpose is to get clean energy to Lewis County. Recently the E-Transit Station was complete for the electric buses and car charge station. They then realized how popular this project was and are looking into other clean energy projects. Andrea went through a PowerPoint presentation and gave City Council a report. They are also working for an energy innovation center, where businesses can come in for advice and help. They are working on the first large scale clean energy project in Western Washington.

This will bring high paying jobs and grant dollars coming into the community.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Oath of Office for Chief Sam Patrick.** Mayor Dobosh administered the Oath of Office to Chief Sam Patrick. Lewis County Sheriff Snaza and new Napavine Police Chief Brockmueller pinned on the chief stars and badge.

**Water Leak Reduction Request – 530 N. Sixth St.** Ron moved to accept the water leak request; Emily seconded. Ron asked questions about the request and if it was out of scope like a toilet leak. Michelle responded that it was different than our normal ones due to the fact they only disconnected it but did not fix it. If they do hook it back up and it leaks, they will not be able to request another water leak reduction. Motion carried unanimously.

**Park Host Rebuttal.** Ric Kindle wanted to ask questions of the Council as to why he is being dismissed as the park host. Ron answered that the contract has been in effect the last ten years and they are looking to change the scope of the contract. In order to do this, they need to terminate the existing contract. There will be additional tasks in the new contract. The original contract states either party can terminate with 30 days' notice with no accountability as to why. When the new agreement is ready Ric can apply. There will be more physical requirements to the contract with cleaning of boat launch restrooms.

Ric stated he has checked with nine other camp hosts and seven get paid and do far less. Stuff has previously been done by maintenance. He feels this as a slap in the face after 19 years of service, he is a veteran. He worked to get the Veterans parade in Toledo for 6 years which was successful. Ron said we appreciate his service and reminded him that the parade is not part of the camp host agreement.

Ric mentioned he has spent his own money on the park and purchased a zero-turn mower. He then asked how much time does he have going into the winter it may be difficult. He was asked if he has other options which he stated most of family is in east of mountains. Ric then left.

Emily said we need to establish the 30 days and need to take feelings out of the equation and deal with facts. She herself checked the park two days ago and did not like what she saw. He is not doing the work. Emily moved to start 30 day written notice to terminate position of current park host, Shelly seconded. Gary asked if before we terminated do we have a description of the new contract. Ron said we need to give the 30 days at this time of year because there is not much to do in the park like there is in the summer months. The Park will be closing soon for winter. Emily said the Lions Club may be able to help him. Shelly asked about allowing him to camp at a different spot. He would need to pay, but we only allow one week at a time without council approval. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**OTHER BUSINESS: None.**

**COVID-19.**

**PUBLIC:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Gary made a motion to adjourn, Shelly seconded. Motion carried.

These minutes are not verbatim. If so desired, a recording of this meeting is on file and can be heard.

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**Steve Dobosh – Mayor**

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**Michelle Whitten – City Clerk**