

City of Woodland Park

March 6, 2025 at 6:30 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Case called the regularly scheduled Council Meeting to order. The following Councilmembers were in attendance: Mayor Case, Mayor Pro-tem Nakai, Councilmember Baldwin, Councilmember Geer, Councilmember Jones, Councilmember Harvey and Councilmember Smith.

The following staff members were also in attendance: City Manager Vassalotti, Deputy City Manager/City Clerk Leclercq, Utilities Director Wiley, Communications Manager Higginbotham, It Technician Barnes, Human Resources Assistant Stein, Operations and Technology Manager Felts and Deputy City Clerk Sauer.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. CEREMONIES, PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

- A.** Consideration of application to the Board of Adjustment. (A)
(Presenter Deputy City Manager/City Clerk Leclercq)

Deputy City Manager/City Clerk Leclercq shared that there were currently two alternate positions available on the Board of Adjustment and that these positions would expire on January 1, 2028. Leclercq has been routinely advertising for this position and recently received an application from Marshall Caillouet interested in this position. Leclercq shared that Mr. Caillouet was in the audience and available for questions. Following a brief interview with Mr. Caillouet the following motion was made.

Motion: to appoint Marshall Caillouet to the Board of Adjustment as an alternate member. Harvey/Nakai. Motion carried 7-0.

- B.** Presentation of the Lead Service Line Inventory and Report.
(Presenter Utilities Director Wiley)

Utilities Director Wiley shared information on the Service Line Report. Wiley shared the following information with the Council and the public:

What is a Service Line Inventory Report? - The State's inventory reporting protocol aims to identify service lines that may contain lead, as lead has the potential to leach into drinking water. Service lines are made of varying materials, not all of which are still considered safe options. As old service lines are found, the City is able to work with homeowners to replace those lines. Homes built after 1981 will already have updated lines.

Details about the Reporting Requirement:

- On January 15, 2021, the EPA published the Lead and Copper Rule Revision
- Specified a deadline of October 16, 2024 for water systems to comply
- In October 2024, EPA finalized the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements which delayed many of the LCRR requirements.
- LCRI compliance date of November 1, 2027.
- By October 16, 2024, water systems must:
- Complete submission and availability of initial service line inventory
- Initial notification of service line material for lead, galvanized requiring replacement or unknown service line within 30 days of completion of the inventory
- Tier 1 public notification of a lead action level exceeding above 15 parts per billion and associated reporting

Wiley reviewed the three-tier notification system with the Council.

- Tier 1: highest level-requires no later than 24-hour notice to customers-induces serious adverse health effects that can occur within hours or days after consumption.
- Tier 2: required for violation and situations of serious concern. It provides information about risks that can harm people's health. Mail or hand-deliver notification to all customers.
- Tier 3 - - required for violations and situations that do not directly impact human health. Mail or hand-deliver notice included in CCR.

Wiley continued to share what work resulted in the violation. Wiley shared that the City worked with the State Health Department in the creation of the water service line inventory and the City staff submitted numerous service line inventory reports. Wiley shared that the City staff did submit the service line inventory before the deadline and that the submitted report did not meet the satisfaction of the State Health Department. The City at that time received a tier 2 violation. Wiley also shared that the City had not been charged a fine and the only cost incurred was the mailing of the notice letters.

Wiley also shared that the City Council did not allow this to happen and that the service line inventory report is a City staff responsibility. The City Council had no duties or influence over these circumstances. The Council was alerted to the concern just before the public. Wiley also shared that the City sent the notices out on February 19, and it was also posted on the City's Website, in the Courier and all social media platforms.

Wiley shared that the city's water is safe to drink. The last required reading was taken in July and the City was well below the state's safety parameters. Wiley reviewed with the Council that the service lines are the pipes that run from the City's main lines, usually located under roadways, to each home or building throughout the community. Property owners are responsible for the portion of service pipe from their dwellings to the Point of Shutoff, while the section from the Point of Shutoff to the main is the City's responsibility. Wiley reviewed that if a resident's house was built after 1981, the City of Woodland Park updated its engineering specs to more eco-friendly sustainable material and that they have no concern about line made out of lead. Wiley stated that most of the residents in the City would fall into this group.

Wiley reviewed that the residents could determine if their service line was made of lead by locating their line and performing a scratch test. He shared that they could gently scratch the pipe with a key or coin. If the area was bright and shiny, the pipe may contain lead. Wiley encouraged the residents to call the Utility Department if they had any questions.

4. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A.** Approval of the February 20, 2025, regularly scheduled Council Meeting Minutes. (A)
(Presenter Deputy City Manager Leclercq)

Council considered both items together on the Consent Agenda and the following motion was made.

Motion: to approve the February 20, 2025, regularly scheduled Council Meeting Minutes and the February 26, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes. Geer/Smith. Motion carried 7-0.

- B.** Approval of the February 26, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes. (A)
(Presenter Deputy City Manager Leclercq)

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA (1)

Carl Anderson shared information regarding Nicole Ayers a Woodland Park High School graduate who was an astronaut and would be flying to the International Space Station. Councilmember Smith asked if we could get a banner to recognize Nicole at the entrance to the City like we did in the past for another astronaut.

Nicole Wagoner shared that the Council owed Jason Ledlie an apology when questioning his character during a recent DDA appointment interview.

Tony Perry shared sentiments on doing the right thing.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(Public Comment may be heard)

8. ORDINANCES ON INITIAL POSTING

(Public comment may be heard)

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

(Public comment may be heard)

- A.** Approval of Ordinance No. 1489, Series 2025, an Ordinance of the City Council of Woodland Park. Adjusting Expenditure Appropriations to the Various Funds, for the City of Woodland Park, Colorado for the 2024 Budget Year, and Amending Ordinance No. 1466, Series 2023, (A)(Presenter City Manager Vassalotti)

City Manager Vassalotti introduced Ordinance No. 1489, Series 2025. Mayor Case opened the public comment portion of the public hearing. There being no public comment, Mayor Case closed the public comment portion of the public hearing. There being no Council discussion, the following motion was made.

Motion: to approve Ordinance no. 1489, Series 2025, an Ordinance of the City Council of Woodland Park, Adjusting Expenditure Appropriations to the Various Funds, for the City of Woodland Park, Colorado for the 2024 Budget Year, and Amending Ordinance No. 1466, Series 2023. Geer/Baldwin. Motion carried 7-0.

- B.** Approval of Ordinance No. 1490, Series 2025, an Ordinance of the City Council of Woodland Park. Adjusting Expenditure Appropriations to the Various Funds, for the City of Woodland Park, Colorado for the 2024 Budget Year, and Amending Ordinance No. 1486, Series 2024, (A)
(Presenter City Manager Vassalotti)

City Manager Vassalotti introduced Ordinance No. 14909, Series 2025. Mayor Case opened the public comment portion of the public hearing. There being no public comment, Mayor Case closed the public comment portion of the public hearing. There being no Council discussion, the following motion was made.

Motion: to approve Ordinance No. 1490, Series 2025, an Ordinance of the City Council of Woodland Park, Adjusting Expenditure Appropriations to the various funds for the City of Woodland Park, Colorado for the 2024 Budget Year, and Amending Ordinance No. 1486, Series 2024. Jones/Smith. Motion carried 7-0.

- C.** Approval of Ordinance No. 1492, Series 2025, an Ordinance of the City Council of Woodland Park, Colorado, Repealing the City Sales Tax by 1.09%. (A)
(Presenter City Attorney Wilson)

Mayor Case reviewed this ordinance on public hearing with the Council asking for their discussion. Following the Council's comments, it was clear that the Council was not going to support this item moving forward. Many of the Councilmembers shared that they heard from many, many different residents, teachers and students regarding this issue.

Mayor Case reviewed Bob's Rules of Order with the Council and shared that if the Council were all in agreement that they should postpone this ordinance indefinitely, which would "kill" it.

Mayor Case opened the public comment portion of the public hearing and the following individuals spoke:

Colter Montgomery shared that he does not want to see Ordinance No. 1492 and hopes the Council will continue to work with the School District.

Diane Reed shared that serious measures need to be taken against the School District. Reed also shared that things have changed over the years.

Brian Bosse shared that the issues with the School District should be addressed in November when the School Board has their elections.

Zoe Cole shared her concerns about the repealing of the School Tax.

Savannah Sekowski shared that if the tax is cut they will lose programs at school.

Mary Sekowski shared that the Council should not table the ordinance and that they should "kill" it.

Nate Williams spoke against the School District administration.

Nicole Wagoneer thanked the Council for listening to the people and not disregarding the people.

Gwynne Pekron shared that the vote on the school tax was the will of the people and that anything else is a direct assault on the School District.

Paul Saunier shared that he wished the Council all the very best and hoped that the Council and the School District would continue working together.

ERin O'Connell shared her sentiments on the School District concerning lack of transparency and accountability, truthfulness and openness.

Bruce Kofron spoke to the Council and shared that he was new to the community. He thanked the Council for working together and healing the wounds.

Jameson Dion shared that if the Council did not feel the School District cured the IGA that they should have followed the proper procedure to alert the Council that was laid out to them in the IGA.

Lou Ramon shared that the Council should demand transparency from the School Board to make sure that the citizens' tax dollars are being spent in the right way. Ramon also mentioned that if citizens do not feel this is being done correctly, they should take it up in November at the next School Board election.

Victor Lebario thanked the Council for the City's favorable accounting and transparency and all of the work they are doing with the School District. He also thanked Mayor Case for putting her biases aside.

Bridget Curran thanked the Council for holding the School District accountable for financial transparency.

Shawn Maddox thanked the Council for listening to the voters and shared her sentiments on the greatness of a small community.

Trina Hoeffling shared the contrasts between a City Council meeting and a School Board Meeting. She also thanked the Council for all they were doing and for whatever decision they might make.

Tim Seeker shared how long he has lived in the City of WP and that he was a graduate of the City of Woodland Park in 1976. He saluted the Council for showing class and character and appreciated them for doing what was right for the community.

Eric Lockman shared that he felt like the School District had come a long way in their reporting, and he appreciated the Council "killing" the ordinance.

Mike Perini commended the Council for their public service.

Tony Perry thanked the Council for sharing their comments out loud and shared that he hoped that the recall organizers would stand down.

Nicole Brauchi - Shared that the community deserves better and that cutting the tax would hurt the teachers' salaries.

Patricia Perry thanked the Council for holding people accountable.

Gair Gerig shared her sentiments on mis-explained expenditures with the School District and her disappointment and frustration with the attorney for the School District, Brad Miller, and the School Superintendent, Ken Witt.

Logan Ruths shared his frustration with the Council and with the School District.

Carl Anderson shared that he felt there were mistakes made on both sides and that we need to be patient and work toward problem-solving.

There being no further public comment, Mayor Case closed the public comment portion of the public hearing and asked if there was any further Council discussion.

Mayor Pro-tem Nakai shared that she never had a personal agenda regarding the sales tax and that she has listened patiently and has always used the approach to making the best decision for everyone.

There being no further Council discussion, the following motion was made.

Motion: To postpone indefinitely Ordinance No. 1492, series 2025, an Ordinance of the City Council of Woodland Park, Colorado, Repealing the City Sales Tax by 1.09%. Harvey/Jones. Motion carried 7-0.

10. NEW BUSINESS

(Public comment may be heard)

11. REPORTS

(Public comment not necessary)

A. Mayor's Report

Mayor Case shared the upcoming events for the next two weeks.

B. Council Reports

Mayor Pro-tem Nakai shared that there would be a UAC meeting next week and also a Charter Review Committee next week.

Councilmember Geer Shared an update from PRAB.

Councilmember Harvey shared there would be a KWPB meeting next week.

Councilmember Jones shared that the DDA meeting was postponed last week due to weather and would be held next week.

Councilmember Smith shared information on a suicide prevention symposium being held on Friday.

C. City Attorney's Report

None.

D. City Manager's Report

City Manager Vassalotti shared an update on the Highway 67 project.

12. ADJOURNMENT

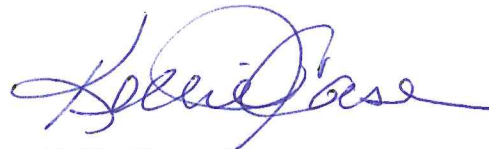
There being no further City business, Mayor Case adjourned the City Council Meeting at 9:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted:



Suzanne Leclercq MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED THIS 20th DAY OF March, 2025



Kellie Case, Mayor