

**Town of Carbonado
Regular Session of the Town Council
Monday, November 7, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was opened on November 7, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Vesey.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Councilmember Tom Argo, Clint Emry and Terry Carter.
Absent: Councilmember David Rodway and JJ Sandin.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Police Chief Arsanto and Tavis Argo.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Vesey led those in attendance of the council meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Vesey opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. regarding the 2023 Preliminary Budget Hearing. Citizens comments: None. Mayor Vesey closed the Public Hearing regarding the 2023 Preliminary Budget Hearing at 6:30 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Vesey opened the Public Hearing at 6:31 p.m. regarding the First Reading of the 2023 Revenue Hearing. Citizens comments: None. Mayor Vesey closed the Public Hearing regarding the First Reading of the 2023 Revenue Hearing at 6:31 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Vesey opened the Public Hearing at 6:31 p.m. regarding Ordinance No. 521, Amending the Carbonado Municipal Code Section 14.100.070, Impact Fee Costs to add a deferment option.
Citizens comments: None. Mayor Vesey closed the Public Hearing regarding Ordinance No. 521, Amending the Carbonado Municipal Code Section 14.100.070, Impact Fee Costs to add a deferment option. at 6:32 p.m. and opened the regular council meeting at 6:32 p.m.

ABSENCE EXCUSAL

Mayor Vesey asked for a motion to excuse the absence of Councilmembers Rodway and Sandin from the meeting.
Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Emry to approve the absence of Councilmembers Rodway and Sandin from the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Argo and carried 3-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the November 7, 2022, Agenda.

Approval of the minutes from the October 10, 2022, Council meeting.

Approval of Claim Warrants 17711 THRU 17735, Columbia Bank OCTOBER 2022 and OCTOBER 2022 DOR in the amount of \$48,687.10.

Approval of Payroll Warrants 17696 THRU 17710 and Direct Deposit Run 10/17/2022 and Direct Deposit Run 11/1/2022 in the amount of \$25,690.87.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Emry to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Argo and carried 3-0.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

ORDINANCE NO. 521 – IMPACT FEE DEFERRAL

Mayor Vesey asked for a motion to approve Ordinance No. 521, amending Carbonado Municipal Code Section 14.100.070, Impact Fee Costs to add a deferment option.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Argo to approve Ordinance No. 521, amending Carbonado Municipal Code Section 14.100.070, Impact Fee Costs to add a deferment option. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carter and carried 3-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 522 – AMENDING ORD. NO. 519, LEVY CERTIFICATION

Mayor Vesey asked for a motion to approve Ordinance No. 522, Complying with RCW 84.55.120 requesting the highest lawful levy for 2023 and amending Ordinance No. 519.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Emry to approve Ordinance No. 522, Complying with RCW 84.55.120 requesting the highest lawful levy for 2023 and amending Ordinance No. 519. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Argo and carried 3-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 523 – AMENDING ORD. NO. 520, EMS LEVY CERTIFICATION

Mayor Vesey asked for a motion to approve Ordinance No. 523, establishing the amount of EMS Tax Levy necessary to meet the estimated authorized taxes to support expenses for the year 2023 and amending Ordinance No. 520.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Emry to approve Ordinance No. 523, establishing the amount of EMS Tax Levy necessary to meet the estimated authorized taxes to support expenses for the year 20203 and amending Ordinance No. 520. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Argo and carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 368 – INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH BUCKLEY FOR POLICE SERVICES

Mayor Vesey asked for a motion to approve Resolution No. 368, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Buckley, Pierce County, Washington for police services.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Emry to approve Resolution No. 368, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Buckley, Pierce County, Washington for police services. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Argo and carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 369 – MRSC SMALL WORKS ROSTER CONTRACT RENEWAL

Mayor Vesey asked for a motion to approve Resolution No. 369, authorizing the Mayor to enter contract with Municipal Research and Service Center for use of the Small Works and Consultant Rosters.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Emry to approve Resolution No. 369, authorizing the Mayor to enter contract with Municipal Research and Service Center for use of the Small Works and Consultant Rosters. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Argo and carried 3-0.

NEW TOWN BUSINESS:

FIRST READING OF THE 2023 PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARING

Daillene Argo asked the council to approve or deny the 4% increase for the current employees as well as bringing the hourly pay rate for Public Works Lead up to \$35.00 per hour and the hourly pay rate for Utilities/Maintenance Worker up to \$30.00 an hour. She also would like the council to make a decision on paying half of the medical cost for employees' families if they choose to be on the high-deductable plan. Once these decisions have been made, she can get the budget done and presented to council for final approval at the December meeting.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Emry to approve the 4% increase for the current employees as well as bringing the hourly pay rate for Public Works Lead up to \$35.00 per hour and the hourly pay rate for Utilities/Maintenance Worker up to \$30.00 an hour. She also would like the council to make a decision on paying half of the medical cost for employees' families if they choose to be on the high-deductable plan. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carter and carried 3-0.

2023 REVENUE HEARING

Daillene Argo informed the council that the sewer fund is looking good. Garbage rates will increase in March of 2023, but the town doesn't know what that increase will be until Murrey's Disposal lets us know the percentage of increase on their side first. She also stated that the water fund is in need of an increase and suggests they raise the base rate by 5% and raise the unit rate by \$1 per unit. If council approves the increase, that will cover the deficit for 2023 which will include estimated cost increases. Lastly, she suggested to council to pay for the emergency roof for the fire station out of the 301 fund, which will be discussed in further detail at the workshop meeting.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 10, UTILITY REPLACEMENT SCHEDULES A THROUGH E, G & O

Mayor Vesey asked for a motion to approve Change Order No. 10, for the Utility Replacement Schedules A through E project, in the amount of \$6,653.79.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Argo to approve Change Order No. 10, for the Utility Replacement Schedules A through E project, in the amount of \$6,653.79. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carter and carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY DESIGN LOAN

Daillene Argo recommended to council that they pay for the Waste Water Feasibility Study (WWFS) our of fund 402 instead of taking the loan from the Department of Ecology (DOE). She stated that there was plenty of money in that fund to do so. Mayor Vesey asked for a motion to deny the loan money from the DOE and pay for the WWFS from fund 402 instead.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Emry to deny the loan money from the DOE and pay for the WWFS from fund 402 instead. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Argo and carried 3-0.

PEARSON CONSULTING SERVICE CONTRACT

Mayor Vesey asked for a motion to approve the Consulting Service Contract for Sue Pearson.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Argo to approve the Consulting Service Contract for Sue Pearson. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Emry and carried 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

REPORTS:

MAYOR

Mayor Vesey informed the council that the Town was awarded a \$1,026,735 grant for the WWTP Replacement and LOSS Conversion Project from the ARPA Sewer and Water Utility Infrastructure Grant Support Program.

PUBLIC WORKS

CLERK-TREASURER

Dailene Argo asked Councilman Argo if he would help with the General Sewer Plan/Water System Plan checklist.

COUNCIL

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a workshop scheduled for Monday, December 5, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

The next regular scheduled council meeting will be on Monday, December 12, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Action: Councilmember Argo made a motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:02 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Emry and carried 3-0.



Sandi Carlson, Clerk-Treasurer



Kevin Vesey, Mayor