



CITY OF WHEATLAND

CITY COUNCIL MEETING STAFF REPORT

July 9, 2024

SUBJECT: Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No.____ Amending Wheatland Municipal Code Section 2.04.020 Relating to City Council Compensation

PREPARED BY: Bill Zenoni, City Manager

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council waive the second reading of, and adopt Ordinance No.____ amending Section 2.04.020 of the Wheatland Municipal Code relating to City Council compensation.

Background and Discussion

Section 2.04.020 of the Wheatland Municipal Code provides that “each member of the city council shall be paid a salary in the amount of one hundred dollars per month.” City Council compensation was last adjusted by Ordinance No. 397 in August 2006. Prior to that action, City Council compensation was set at \$40 per month. California Government Code Section 36516 provides that a City Council may enact an ordinance establishing City Council member salaries based upon the population of the city. Given Wheatland’s population, the City Council compensation may be up to \$950 per month. Based on the provided survey of the city council compensation in surrounding cities, City staff has determined that a monthly salary of \$300 per city council member is commensurate with the surveyed cities. Since City Council compensation has not been adjusted during the past 18 years, staff is recommending that the City Council consider adjusting the monthly compensation from \$100 to \$300.

	Monthly Compensation
	City Council
Wheatland	\$100
Auburn	\$300 plus healthcare
Lincoln	\$655
Live Oak	\$656.37
Marysville	\$300
Paradise	\$300
Rocklin	\$685
Yuba City	\$600

Ordinance No. 397 also set the compensation of members of the Planning Commission at \$50 per month. Based upon a survey of other cities, as identified below, no change to the current Planning Commission compensation is recommended at this time.

	Planning Commission
Wheatland	\$50 per month
Auburn	\$25 per meeting
Lincoln	\$100 per month
Live Oak	\$25 per meeting up to \$50 per month
Marysville	\$15 per meeting
Paradise	\$0
Rocklin	\$300 per month (meet twice per month)
Yuba City	\$75 per meeting

On June 25, 2024, the Wheatland City Council introduced and waived the first reading of an ordinance amending Wheatland Municipal Code Section 2.04.020 relating to City Council compensation.

Alternatives

The City Council may choose not to adopt the ordinance, or it may choose to direct staff to make revisions to the draft ordinance.

Fiscal Impact

The adoption of this ordinance will increase the salary of the five City Council members by \$200 per month.

Attachment

1. Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 498

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF WHEATLAND, CALIFORNIA,
AMENDING WHEATLAND MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.04.020 RELATING TO
CITY COUNCIL COMPENSATION**

The Wheatland City Council ordains as follows:

SECTION 1: Purpose and Authority.

The purpose of this ordinance is to revise the provision of the Wheatland Municipal Code related to City Council compensation. This ordinance is adopted pursuant to Article XI, section 7 of the California Constitution; Government Code section 36516; and other applicable law.

SECTION 2. Findings.

The Wheatland City Council finds and determines as follows:

- A. In 2006, the City Council adopted Ordinance 397, which amended the compensation paid to members of the City Council and members of the Planning Commission.
- B. California Government Code Section 36516 provides that a city council may enact an ordinance that provides each member of the city council a monthly salary based on the population of the city.
- C. California Government Code 36516 further provides that city council salaries approved by ordinance in cities with populations up to and including 35,000 may be set an amount up to nine hundred and fifty dollars (\$950 per month).
- D. City staff has conducted a review of the monthly salaries of city council members in neighboring cities and has determined that a monthly salary of \$300 per city council member is commensurate with similarly situated cities.
- E. The Wheatland City Council finds it necessary to pass and implement this proposed ordinance to adjust city council compensation consistent with the provisions of California Government Code 36516 and that doing so will promote the health and general welfare of the citizens of Wheatland by promoting the City's ability to attract qualified candidates for City Council.

SECTION 3. Ordinance.

- A. Section 2.04.020 of the Wheatland Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Each member of the city council shall be paid a salary in the amount of three hundred dollars per month.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, that portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and the holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be enforced thirty (30) days from and after the date of its adoption.

SECTION 6. Posting. Within fifteen (15) days from the date of passage of this ordinance, the City Clerk shall post a copy of it in at least three public places in the City.

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I **HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and adopted at a regular meeting of the Wheatland City Council, held on the 25th of June, 2024, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 9th of July, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Rick West, Mayor
City of Wheatland

ATTEST:

Lisa Thomason, City Clerk
City of Wheatland