

# City of St. Helens CITY COUNCIL

## Regular Session Minutes

May 18, 2016

**Members Present:** Randy Peterson, Mayor  
Doug Morten, Council President  
Keith Locke, Councilor  
Susan Conn, Councilor  
Ginny Carlson, Councilor

**Staff Present:** John Walsh, City Administrator  
Jon Ellis, Finance Director  
Kathy Payne, City Recorder  
Terry Moss, Police Chief  
Neal Sheppard, Public Works Operations Director  
Sue Nelson, Public Works Engineering Director

**Others:** Alicia Turner Victor Baleno  
Todd Eidem Jacob Long  
Ashley Giesbers



**7:00PM – Call Regular Session to Order** – Mayor Peterson

**Pledge of Allegiance** – Mayor Peterson

**Invitation to Citizens for Public Comment**

No comments received.

### **Protests on Sewer Lateral Abatements**

♦ Alicia Turner – 475 S. 14<sup>th</sup> Street. She believes the charges should be the responsibility of Fannie MAE. She was never told about it prior to the purchase. She had an inspection and sewer scope done. They found that the sewer line was leaking. She paid to have it replaced and a month later she received a bill from the City saying that the nuisance lateral line had been capped off. She knew something took place with the sewer line in September but did not know the charges.

Finance Director Ellis explained the posting process, which is included in the archive meeting packet.

Mayor Peterson informed Alicia that Council will review her protest and get back to her.

♦ Todd Eidem – 135 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street. He has concerns with the amount of work that was done and he was billed for. Three years ago, he received a letter in the mail that there was a 16-18 foot piece of pipe under his deck that was bad. He did the repair work himself. He purchased a permit and took photos. The City is saying he never got a permit and he can't find a receipt. He brought the pictures down here and no one would take them. A couple years later, he received a letter that the City was going to make the repairs. He told them it was already done. He met with Public Works Operations Director Sheppard, Public Works Engineering Director Nelson and a contractor. It was determined that only a small portion needed to be repaired.

The contractor stopped him on his way out and asked if he felt comfortable paying \$500 since the work was almost done. The bill includes several inaccuracies. It said we had a two-hour meeting and it was nowhere near that. Todd went on to talk about his bill not being consistent with the work done. He believes he has not always been told the truth and cannot trust the City.

Mayor Peterson asked who did the work and how much was the City charged. Nelson explained that the work was done by the contractor hired by the City. The City paid a substantial amount more than what was charged to Mr. Eidem. Nelson reviewed the charges, which are included in the archive meeting packet.

Mayor Peterson informed Todd that Council will review his protest and get back to him.

### **Ordinances – First Readings**

- A. **Ordinance No. 3206:** An Ordinance Amending St. Helens Municipal Ordinance No. 3149 to Remove the "Sunset Clause" on the McCormick Park Pet Off-Leash Area (and thus make the off-leash area permanent) by Deleting Section 4 of Said Ordinance

Mayor Peterson read Ordinance No. 3206 by title for the first time. The final reading will be held at the next regular session.

### **Resolutions**

- A. **Resolution No. 1743:** A Resolution Authorizing Submittal of a 2016 Transportation Growth Management Program Grant Application

Mayor Peterson read Resolution No. 1743 by title. **Motion:** Upon Locke's motion and Morten's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1743. [Ayes: Locke, Carlson, Conn, Morten, Peterson; Nays: None]

- B. **Resolution No. 1744:** A Resolution Determining Abatement Costs to Abate the Nuisance Upon Property Located with St. Helens, Assessing Such Costs Against Said Property and Creating a Lien

Mayor Peterson read Resolution No. 1744 by title. **Motion:** Upon Morten's motion and Conn's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1744. [Ayes: Locke, Carlson, Conn, Morten, Peterson; Nays: None]

### **Re-Appoint Margaret Jeffries to Columbia Foundation Board**

**Motion:** Upon Conn's motion and Locke's second, the Council unanimously re-appointed Margaret Jeffries to the Columbia Foundation Board.

### **Approve and/or Authorize for Signature**

- A. Oregon Cooperative Procurement Program Agreement
- B. IGA with St. Helens School District for School Resource Officer
- C. Contract Payments

**Motion:** Upon Morten's motion and Conn's second, the Council unanimously approved 'A' through 'C' above.

### **Consent Agenda for Acceptance**

- A. Library Board Minutes dated March 15, 2016
- B. Planning Commission Minutes dated April 12, 2016
- C. Accounts Payable Bill List

**Motion:** Upon Locke's motion and Carlson's second, the Council unanimously accepted 'A' through 'C' above.

### **Consent Agenda for Approval**

- A. Council Executive Session Minutes dated April 13, 2016
- B. Council Work Session, Public Hearing and Regular Session Minutes dated April 20 and May 4, 2016
- C. OLCC Licenses

**Motion:** Upon Conn's motion and Locke's second, the Council unanimously approved 'A' through 'C' above.

### **Council Reports**

**Mayor Peterson** reported...

- Nothing to report.

**Councilor Conn** reported...

- Nothing to report.

**Council President Morten** reported...

- City Talk will be airing live on Friday at 9 a.m. on KOHI. It re-airs on Sunday morning.

**Councilor Carlson** reported...

- 13 Nights on the River begins in two weeks. They still need volunteers.

**Councilor Locke** reported...

- Shout out to County Commissioner Tony Hyde. He has been a great asset to our County. He will be missed. We're losing a lot of history.

### **Department Reports**

**Public Works Engineering Director Nelson** reported...

- Nothing to report.

**Public Works Operations Director Sheppard** reported...

- Come to breakfast at the City Shops on Friday.

**Finance Director Ellis** reported...

- Nothing to report.

**Deputy City Recorder Scholl** reported...

- Nothing to report.

**City Administrator Walsh** reported...

- Nothing to report.

**Adjourn** - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:

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Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Randy Peterson".

Randy Peterson, Mayor