

City of St. Helens CITY COUNCIL

Regular Session Minutes

September 7, 2016

Members Present: Doug Morten, Council President
Keith Locke, Councilor
Susan Conn, Councilor
Ginny Carlson, Councilor

Members Absent: Randy Peterson, Mayor

Staff Present: John Walsh, City Administrator
Matt Brown, Finance Director
Kathy Payne, City Recorder
Margaret Jeffries, Library Director
Neal Sheppard, Public Works Operations Director
Sue Nelson, Public Works Engineering Director

Others: Howard Blumenthal Cody Mann Garrett Lines
Nicole Thill



7:00PM – Call Regular Session to Order – Council President Morten

Pledge of Allegiance – Council President Morten

Visitor Comments

◆**Howard Blumenthal.** He is here to update the Council about Nob Hill Nature Park and the waterfront property.

- Someone hacked down a tree, dug a hole and pulled plants from the demonstration garden in Nob Hill Park.
- Suggested posting “no smoking” signs in Nob Hill Nature Park, as well as updating the signs in Columbia View Park.
- People are taking the fence apart to get into the waterfront property, adjacent to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He suggested putting a gate and signage on that end.
- He walks the trails and cleans up cigarette butts on the property.
- Last winter, a barge sunk near the far end of the property. It appears to be leaking oil into the river. DEQ talked to the owner today and told him it needs to be taken care of.

Ordinances – First Readings

A. **Ordinance No. 3210:** An Ordinance Amending St. Helens Municipal Code 5.16 Regarding Secondhand Dealers and Pawnshops
Council President Morten read Ordinance No. 3210 by title for the first time. The final reading will be held at the next regular session.

Resolutions

A. **Resolution No. 1759:** A Resolution Endorsing Adoption by Columbia County of the Provisions of Oregon Senate Bill 1513, a Bill Authorizing Counties to Exempt up to \$250,000 of Assessed Valuation of Each Homestead Owned and Occupied by a Surviving Spouse of a

Fire Service Professional, Police Officer, or Reserve Officer Killed in the Line of Duty from Ad Valorem Taxes Imposed by All Taxing Jurisdictions
Council President Morten read Resolution No. 1759 by title. **Motion:** Upon Locke's motion and Conn's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1759. [Ayes: Locke, Carlson, Conn, Morten; Nays: None]

B. **Resolution No. 1760:** A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of St. Helens Approving Local Criteria for Companies Applying for South Columbia County Enterprise Zone and Lower Columbia Enterprise Zone Extended Property Tax Exemptions
This item was deleted from the agenda.

Public Comment – Increase in Drop Box Rates

No comments received.

C. **Resolution No. 1761:** A Resolution Establishing Drop Box Rates and Superseding Resolution No. 1718
Council President Morten read Resolution No. 1761 by title. **Motion:** Upon Locke's motion and Carlson's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1761. [Ayes: Locke, Carlson, Conn, Morten; Nays: None]

Award Purchase of Public Works Vehicle to Emmert Motors

Motion: Upon Locke's motion and Carlson's second, the Council unanimously awarded the purchase of a Public Works vehicle to Emmert Motors.

Approve and/or Authorize for Signature

- A. User's Agreement and Software License with City of Portland for Law Enforcement Contributors of the Regional Automated Property Information Database (RAPID)
- B. Agreement with Wauna Credit Union for Sponsorship of Waterfront Stage
- C. [RATIFY] First Amendment to James W. Fowler Co. Public Improvement Contract for Godfrey Park Storm Sewer Replacement Project
- D. Contract Payments
- E. Oregon State Lands Amended and Restated Submerged and Submersible Land Lease (10474-ML)

Motion: Upon Carlson's motion and Conn's second, the Council unanimously approved 'A' through 'E' above.

Appointments to City Boards/Commissions

No appointments.

Consent Agenda for Acceptance

- A. Accounts Payable Bill List

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

Consent Agenda for Approval

- A. Council Work Session and Regular Session Minutes dated August 17, 2016
- B. Declare Surplus Property – Police Vehicles
- C. Accounts Payable Bill List

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

Council Reports

Council President Morten reported...

- The City will be participating in the Barbara Bullis Golf Tournament.
- He would really like to see City Planner Jacob Graichen attend the Council work sessions. It would be nice to have his input available. Councilor Carlson agreed with having him here during work sessions but suggested that he only come down for the department reports, so he does not have to sit through the entire meeting. Councilors Locke and Conn agreed.
- He recently noticed that Sand Island is very clean. There does not appear to be as much of a problem with garbage being left.
- Kudos to Public Works and Parks for their work on the Highway 30 corridor. It looks much better.

Councilor Conn reported...

- She thanked the Council for allowing her to attend the Northwest Economic Development course in Ellensburg, Washington. It was enlightening. Economic professionals from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Dubai led the classes. They discussed ethics, making economic development connections, managing economic development organizations, business retention and expansion, reuse and redevelopment of building sites and facilities, site location factors, finding and using data, mapping, best practices, strategic planning, entrepreneurship and leadership. It included excellent presentations and interactive class work. Four people from Columbia County attended.

Councilor Carlson reported...

- She is really excited about Spirit of Halloweentown. The issues that came out from last year have been addressed.
- This Saturday is the Suicide Awareness Walk at Scappoose High School. It begins at 10 a.m. with registration at 9 a.m. She encouraged everyone to come out and support the event.
- She appreciates that Scappoose Mayor Burge came to the meeting to talk about the Visitors Center.

Councilor Locke reported...

- He referred to Howard's comments about the waterfront property. People using the property and not cleaning up after themselves is a problem all over town and not centralized just to the downtown area. We need to show community pride and start cleaning up after ourselves and others.
- Jim Tierney was here at our last meeting and talked about the need for a housing survey. Funding was requested to help with the project. After discussion, it was decided to confirm how much funding was needed and bring it back to the next meeting for approval.

Motion: Locke moved to authorize granting \$10,000 to Community Action Team for the housing needs assessment. Conn seconded.

After discussion, it was decided to table the motion and confirm how much funding was requested.

Department Reports

Public Works Engineering Director Nelson reported...

- Nothing to report.

Public Works Operations Director Sheppard reported...

- Nothing to report.

Library Director Jeffries reported...

- Nothing to report.

Finance Director Brown reported...

- Nothing to report.

City Recorder Payne reported...

- Nothing to report.

City Administrator Walsh reported...

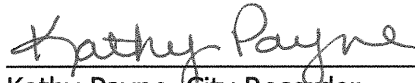
- He appreciates City staff, County staff and businesses working together for Spirit of Halloweentown.

Adjourn - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.



Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:


Kathy Payne, City Recorder


Doug Morten, Council President