

City of St. Helens

CITY COUNCIL

Regular Session Minutes

January 4, 2017

Members Present: Rick Scholl, Mayor
Doug Morten, Council President
Keith Locke, Councilor
Ginny Carlson, Councilor

Members Absent: Susan Conn, Councilor

Staff Present: John Walsh, City Administrator
Matt Brown, Finance Director
Kathy Payne, City Recorder
Margaret Jeffries, Library Director
Terry Moss, Police Chief
Neal Sheppard, Public Works Operations Director
Sue Nelson, Public Works Engineering Director
Bob Johnston, Building Official
Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder

Others: Ray & Micky Scholl Ryan Scholl Don Patterson
Yvonne, Nick & Sarah Scholl Bill Allshouse Floyd Harrison
Shauna Harrison
There were a lot of supporters of Mayor Scholl to see him being sworn in.



7:00PM – Call Regular Session to Order – Mayor Scholl

Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Scholl

Ceremonial Swearing In of New Mayor Rick Scholl

Circuit Court Judge Ted Grove administered the oath of office to new Mayor Rick Scholl. Mayor Scholl thanked everyone for their support.

Invitation to Citizens for Public Comment

♦Floyd Harrison. He was issued a nuisance abatement and was given 30 days to clean it up. He is requesting extra time due to the inclement weather and being banged up and disabled. He is asking for an additional 45-60 days. As soon as the weather warms up he can work outside more.

The Council was in concurrence to extend the deadline for Mr. Harrison to the end of March.

City Recorder Payne reported that notices were sent to 12 property owners. She does anticipate more requests of this nature. Is Council willing to grant them the same extension?

Council was in concurrence to give the other properties an additional 30 days to abate their nuisance. If they need more than that, they need to approach the Council with their request.

♦Bill Allshouse. He received an abatement letter too. He cuts up lumber and burns limbs and wood for heat. He doesn't think he should have to give up his fire wood. There are rows and piles stacked.

Councilor Locke told Bill he was granted an additional 30 days to have it cleaned up and looking neat. Building Official Bob Johnston referred to pictures of Bill's property. The wood is not the issue. It's the discarded debris, scrap metal, etc.

Councilor Carlson informed Bill that he is not allowed to scrap metal within City limits, you can't have debris, car parts and stuff that is unsightly to your neighbors. You can have lumber and wood. They understand he is using it to heat his home. The City is giving him time to clean up.

♦Shauna Harrison. Requested flags be lowered to half-staff for Chief Ralph Painter.

Ordinances – First Readings

- A. **Ordinance No. 3211:** An Ordinance to Amend the City of St. Helens Zoning District Map for Certain Property from Highway Commercial (HC) Zone to the Apartment Residential (AR) Zone

Mayor Scholl read Ordinance No. 3211 by title for the first time. The final reading will be held at the next regular session.

Resolutions

- A. **Resolution No. 1772:** A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of St. Helens, Oregon, Adopting Benefit Changes for Full-Time Unrepresented Personnel, Superseding Resolution No. 1771

Mayor Scholl read Resolution No. 1772 by title. **Motion:** Upon Locke's motion and Carlson's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1772. [Ayes: Locke, Carlson, Morten, Scholl; Nays: None]

PUBLIC COMMENT: Increase in Sewer Rates for McNulty Water PUD Customers

No comments received.

- B. **Resolution No. 1773:** A Resolution to Establish a Fixed Sewer Utility Rate for Outside City Limits Customers on McNulty PUD Water

Mayor Scholl read Resolution No. 1773 by title. **Motion:** Upon Carlson's motion and Locke's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1773. [Ayes: Locke, Carlson, Morten, Scholl; Nays: None]

Approve and/or Authorize for Signature

- A. Amendment No. 1 to IGA with Oregon Building Codes Division for Building Services
- B. Grant Agreement with Columbia County Cultural Coalition for Ukulele Instructional and Performance Equipment
- C. Hold Harmless Agreement with S.A.F.E. of Columbia County for Use of the Columbia Center for Support Group Meetings
- D. Extension of Agreement with Pauly, Rogers and Co, PC for Audit Services
- E. Contract Payments

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

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. Accounts Payable Bill List

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

Council Reports

Mayor Scholl reported...

- He is glad to be on board. He looks forward to serving with everyone and getting familiar with everything.

Councilor Locke reported...

- It was nice to see a full house tonight.

Councilor Carlson reported...

- Agreed with Locke. It's nice to see new faces.

Council President Morten reported...

- Agreed with Locke and Carlson. Encouraged by Scholl's enthusiasm and support.
- He is very excited about what is happening with the waterfront property.

Department Reports

Police Chief Moss reported...

- Nothing to report.

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...

- Congratulated Mayor Scholl and looks forward to working with him. She has worked here for 15 years and is very proud to work for the City.

City Administrator Walsh reported...

- Congratulated Mayor Scholl.
- After discussion, Council set a retreat date of January 25.

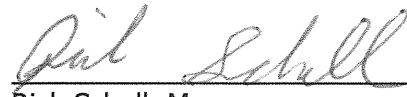
Adjourn - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:


Kathy Payne, City Recorder


Rick Scholl, Mayor