

City of St. Helens

CITY COUNCIL

Regular Session Minutes

February 15, 2017

Members Present: Rick Scholl, Mayor
Doug Morten, Council President
Keith Locke, Councilor
Susan Conn, Councilor

Members Absent: Ginny Carlson, 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
Seann Luedke, New Police Officer
Cindy Phillips, Municipal Judge

Others: Steve Watson Nicole Thill Ernie Martin
Art Leskowich Joe Wonderlick



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

Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Scholl

Oath of Office

Municipal Court Judge Cindy Phillips swore in our new Police Officer Seann Luedke. Congratulations, Seann, and welcome aboard!

Invitation to Citizens for Public Comment

♦Art Leskowich. He really likes the LED lights. He appreciates that the City took on this sustainable project.

♦Steve Watson. He is the Director of Columbia 911. He is here to give an update.

- Increased staff by three over the last six months. They have 11 fully-certified dispatchers. They are still a few short of the budgeted number.
- Working on a new computerized system that will be shared with Washington County 911, Clackamas 911 and the City of Lake Oswego. It will track all incoming calls and all resources dispatched.
- They are constantly upgrading radio systems.
- Text to 911 is in full operation. They have not received a lot of calls that way but expect it to increase.

Council President Morten asked if Steve is interested in placing receivers for the radio systems on City property, particularly on the watershed property and at high elevation water towers. Steve said they might be. They will be conducting coverage studies and will keep that in mind. Morten

also asked how much they rely on ham radio operators. Steve said they do not rely on them on a day-to-day basis but utilize them for emergencies. It's a County managed program.

Councilor Locke pointed out that there is a huge antenna on the Boise property that is not being utilized. Steve will take a look at it with staff.

Chief Moss thanked Steve and C-COM staff. They are very supportive.

Ordinances – Final Readings

A. **Ordinance No. 3212:** An Ordinance Amending St. Helens Municipal Code Section 2028 Pertaining to Number of Library Board Members

Mayor Scholl read Ordinance No. 3212 by title for the final time. **Motion:** Upon Morten's motion and Locke's second, the Council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 3212. [Ayes: Locke, Conn, Morten, Scholl; Nays: None]

Ordinances – First Readings

A. **Ordinance No. 3213:** An Ordinance to Amend the City of St. Helens Comprehensive Plan Map for Certain Property from Suburban Residential (SR) Designation to the General Residential (GR) Designation and the Zoning District Map from Moderate Residential (R7) Zone to the General Residential (R5) Zone

Mayor Scholl read Ordinance No. 3213 by title for the first time. The final reading will be held at the next regular session.

Resolutions

A. **Resolution No. 1777:** A Resolution of the City Council for the City of St. Helens, Oregon, Recommending Restoring Recreational Immunity Rights

Mayor Scholl read Resolution No. 1777 by title. **Motion:** Upon Locke's motion and Morten's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1777. [Ayes: Locke, Conn, Morten, Scholl; Nays: None]

B. **Resolution No. 1778:** A Resolution Determining that a Nuisance Exists Upon Property Located as Listed in Exhibit A Within the City of St. Helens and Directing that Notice to Abate the Nuisance be Posted on Said Premises

Mayor Scholl read Resolution No. 1778 by title. **Motion:** Upon Conn's motion and Locke's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1778. [Ayes: Locke, Conn, Morten, Scholl; Nays: None]

Public Comments – Proposed Increase in Solid Waste Franchise Agreement Rate

No comments received.

C. **Resolution No. 1779:** A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a New Solid Waste Franchise Agreement

Mayor Scholl read Resolution No. 1779 by title. **Motion:** Upon Locke's motion and Conn's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1779. [Ayes: Locke, Conn, Morten, Scholl; Nays: None]

Public Comments – Proposed Increase in Garbage & Recycling Rates

No comments received.

D. Resolution No. 1780: A Resolution Establishing Garbage & Recycling Rates and Superseding Resolution No. 1754

Mayor Scholl read Resolution No. 1780 by title. **Motion:** Conn moved to approve Resolution No. 1780. Morten seconded.

Question. Council President Morten commented that the City has been with Hudson Garbage for years. They have exceptional service. He appreciates their support.

The Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1780. [Ayes: Locke, Conn, Morten, Scholl; Nays: None]

Approve and/or Authorize for Signature

- A. Commercial Lease with Masonic Building, LLC for Parking Area (Lots 8 & 9, Block 18)
- B. Easement with Comcast for Broadband Communications Services to Wastewater Treatment Plant
- C. Contract Extension with Hasa, Inc. for Sodium Hypochlorite at the Wastewater Treatment Plant
- D. Contract Payments

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

Consent Agenda for Acceptance

- A. Accounts Payable Bill List

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

Consent Agenda for Approval

- A. Council Work Session and Regular Session Minutes dated November 2, 2016
- B. Declare Surplus Property – Municipal Court B&W Copy Machine
- C. Accounts Payable Bill List

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

Council Reports

Mayor Scholl reported...

- He appreciates how patient everyone has been with him. He is looking forward to going through the budget process.

Councilor Locke reported...

- Nothing to report.

Council President Morten reported...

- Thanked the Public Works and Parks crews for their work during the weather conditions. They are appreciated.

Councilor Conn reported...

- Nothing to report.

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...

- Nothing to report.

City Administrator Walsh reported...

- The City partnered with boat captains, helicopter pilots and public safety officers by allowing the use of the Council Chambers for training during water practice drills this morning.
- It was good to hear positive feedback on the LED lighting project.

Mayor Scholl thanked Art for coming to the meeting and sharing his thoughts on the LED lighting project.

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