

City of St. Helens CITY COUNCIL

Regular Session Minutes

January 20, 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
Margaret Jeffries, Library Director
Terry Moss, Police Chief
Neal Sheppard, Public Works Operations Director
Sue Nelson, Public Works Engineering Director
Jacob Graichen, City Planner

Others: Steve Topaz Nicole Thille



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

Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Peterson

Invitation to Citizens for Public Comment

◆Steve Topaz. Earlier today, Tina Curry mentioned that she spoke to several organizations about taking on the 4th of July activities and they all refused. It's very difficult to get people to volunteer. Diane Dillard said that Boise used to donate about \$18,000 for fireworks. We don't have anyone who has taken that on. Steve used to go to the bank branches located here, with offices out of state, asking for donations. They told him they only had \$25 per year to put into the community. Burgerville no longer contributes much anymore either. The evening news talked about what's happening at the wildlife refuge in Bend. That shows that we don't want outsiders here. He criticized Council President Morten for saying that fireworks is a waste of money. Comments have been made about the "old boys' network." Morten's family has been here forever. For a long time in Oregon you could not vote unless you owned property. One-third of the people in St. Helens who are not registered voters, could register but have given up. When Morten says he doesn't like fireworks, the historic pattern shows that he's running the town and no one would say anything. Steve does not think we have a community spirit. How do we change that?

Council President Morten voiced his concerns that there is no room for name calling or labeling. He denied ever saying that he didn't like fireworks and they were a waste. He, however did say, that fireworks do not make you patriotic. He was drafted during the war and served this community. That is patriotic.

Steve pointed out that Morten's family has been here for a number of generations. The perception is that the old families in town are the "good ole boys." Morten expressed his disagreement.

Councilor Conn spoke of Steve's criticism for some of the local businesses not helping with fundraising efforts. She pointed out that Wauna Federal Credit Union, St. Helens Community Federal Credit and Burgerville have all been very helpful to nonprofits.

Deliberations

Applicant: City of St. Helens

Proposal: Amendments to the Development Code regarding clarifying uses in the HI zone, general housekeeping amendments, and amendments to help facilitate off-street trail development in accordance with the recently adopted Parks & Trails Master Plan.

Motion: Upon Carlson's motion and Conn's second, the Council unanimously approved the amendments to the Development Code as presented by staff and approved by the Planning Commission, with the addition of changing the permitted use of mining to a conditional use in Heavy Industrial zones.

Resolutions

A. **Resolution No. 1730:** A Resolution Determining that a Nuisance Exists Upon Property Located at 515 North 10th Street within the City of St. Helens and Directing that a Notice to Abate the Nuisance be Posted on Said Premises

Mayor Peterson read Resolution No. 1730 by title. **Motion:** Upon Locke's motion and Morten's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1730. [Ayes: Locke, Carlson, Conn, Morten, Peterson; Nays: None]

B. **Resolution No. 1731:** A Resolution Determining that a Nuisance Exists Upon Property Located at 496 South 13th Street within the City of St. Helens and Directing that a Notice to Abate the Nuisance be Posted on Said Premises

Mayor Peterson read Resolution No. 1731 by title. **Motion:** Upon Conn's motion and Carlson's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1731. [Ayes: Locke, Carlson, Conn, Morten, Peterson; Nays: None]

Award Bid for Sewer Lateral Abatements Project

Motion: Upon Locke's motion and Carlson's second, the Council unanimously awarded the bid for the sewer lateral abatements project to Inland Company in the amount of \$26,935.

Approve and/or Authorize for Signature

A. Contract Payments

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

Appointments to City Boards/Commissions

Budget Committee (3-year terms)

- Bill Eagle's term expires 12/31/2015. He is interested in being reappointed.

Status: A press release to recruit members was sent out on November 6 with a deadline to apply of December 4. One application was received. On January 11, Councilor Conn and Mayor Peterson interviewed Gretchen Williams and found that there was a conflict of interest.

Recommendation: Councilor Conn will recommend reappointment of Bill Eagle to the Committee.

Motion: Upon Conn's motion and Locke's second, the Council unanimously reappointed Bill Eagle to the Budget Committee. His term will expire on 12/31/18.

Consent Agenda for Acceptance

- A. Planning Commission Minutes dated December 8, 2015
- B. Memorandum of Agreement with Building Codes Division Relating to Delegated Building Inspection Program
- C. Accounts Payable Bill List

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

Consent Agenda for Approval

- A. Council Work Session, Public Hearing and Regular Session Minutes dated January 6, 2016
- B. Amended Library Assistant Job Description
- C. Accounts Payable Bill List

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

Council Reports

Mayor Peterson reported...

- He may not be here on February 3. He is having knee surgery on February 2.

Councilor Conn reported...

- Nothing to report.

Council President Morten reported...

- Nothing to report.

Councilor Carlson reported...

- Nothing to report.

Councilor Locke 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...

- Roll Tide!

Finance Director Ellis reported...

- Nothing to report.

City Recorder Payne reported...

- Nothing to report.

City Administrator Walsh reported...

- The Chamber has hired Gretchen Williams to run the visitor's center.

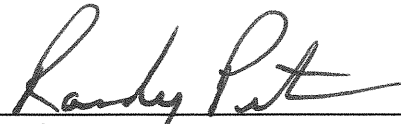
Adjourn - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.



ATTEST:



Kathy Payne, City Recorder



Randy Peterson, Mayor