

City of St. Helens

CITY COUNCIL

Regular Session Minutes

November 18, 2015

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

Staff Present: John Walsh, City Administrator
Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder
Margaret Jeffries, Library Director
Terry Moss, Police Chief
Sue Nelson, Public Works Engineering Director

Others: Luanne Kreutzer Kannikar Petersen
Police Department staff and family members



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

Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Peterson

Presentation of Lifesaving Award

Police Chief Terry Moss presented Officer Jon Eggers with a lifesaving award.

On September 6, 2015 Officer Jon Eggers along with two other St. Helens Police Officers and a Columbia County Sheriff's Deputy were dispatched to a residence on the report of a man in a mental health crisis. It was reported that he wrapped a plastic zip tie around his neck and was attempting suicide. From the time of the call, to the arrival of the officers, six minutes had passed.

Officer Eggers found the man, sitting behind the wheel of a vehicle, parked in the garage. The zip tie was around his neck and he was struggling to breathe.

In just about any case, the removal of a zip tie is simple. A sharp knife pressed against the plastic is usually enough to break through it. But in a stressful situation, involving a human being in a race against the clock, it's not that easy.

With the help of a witness, the very quick thinking, Officer Eggers was able to find a pair of cutters in the garage. Officer Eggers was able to cut through the zip tie without causing any injury to the man and immediately restore his airway. The man was transported by ambulance to a hospital where he received treatment.

If asked, Officer Eggers will tell you that "it was no big deal." He will deflect the attention given to him tonight by reminding you that other officers were present. He might also tell you that "any of them could have done it."

The actions taken by Officer Eggers caught the attention of his peers and made a significant impact. It was his peers who saw the quick, decisive and selfless action that saved the life of another human being. It was his peers who unanimously suggested that he receive this award. I could not agree more.

Officer Eggers, you have brought honor to yourself and every member of this Department. For your meritorious service, it gives me great pleasure to present you with the St. Helens Police Department Lifesaving Award.

Recognition of Arts & Cultural Commission Resigning Members

Councilor Conn recognized Luanne Kreutzer and Joan Youngberg for their years of service on the Arts & Cultural Commission.

Invitation to Citizens for Public Comment

No comments received.

Ordinances – Final Readings

- A. **Ordinance No. 3199:** An Ordinance to Repeal St. Helens Municipal Code Chapter 2.60, Tourism Committee

Mayor Peterson read Ordinance No. 3199 by title for the final time. **Motion:** Upon Morten's motion and Conn's second, the Council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 3199. [Ayes: Locke, Carlson, Conn, Morten and Peterson; Nays: None]

Ordinances – First Readings

- A. **Ordinance No. 3200:** An Ordinance Updating St. Helens Municipal Code Chapter 13.08 Regarding Cross-Connections

Mayor Peterson read Ordinance No. 3200 by title for the first time. The final reading will be held at the next regular session.

- B. **Ordinance No. 3201:** An Ordinance Amending St. Helens Municipal Code Section 2.04.110, Process for Approval of Special Solicitation Methods and Exemptions

Mayor Peterson read Ordinance No. 3201 by title for the first time. The final reading will be held at the next regular session.

Resolutions

- A. **Resolution No. 1723:** A Resolution Assessing Costs to Abate the Nuisance Upon Property Located Within St. Helens and Creating a Lien (224 S. 20th Street)

Mayor Peterson read Resolution No. 1723 by title. **Motion:** Upon Conn's motion and Locke's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1723. [Ayes: Locke, Carlson, Morten, Conn and Peterson; Nays: None]

- B. **Resolution No. 1724:** A Resolution Assessing Costs to Abate the Nuisance Upon Property Located Within St. Helens and Creating a Lien (274 N. 9th Street)

Mayor Peterson read Resolution No. 1724 by title. **Motion:** Upon Conn's motion and Locke's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1724. [Ayes: Locke, Carlson, Morten, Conn and Peterson; Nays: None]

- C. **Resolution No. 1725:** A Resolution to Establish Water, Sewer and Storm Drainage Utility Rates

Mayor Peterson read Resolution No. 1725 by title. **Motion:** Upon Morten's motion and Conn's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1725. [Ayes: Locke, Carlson, Morten, Conn and Peterson; Nays: None]

Approve and/or Authorize for Signature

- A. Extension of Agreement with Pauly, Rogers and Co., PC for Auditing Services
- B. Contract Payments

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

Consent Agenda for Acceptance

- A. Accounts Payable Bill List

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

Consent Agenda for Approval

- A. Accounts Payable Bill List

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

Council Reports

Mayor Peterson reported...

- The marijuana business license and impact agreement was discussed earlier today. He requested staff bring an amended ordinance back to the next meeting, based on what was discussed. Those changes included a community impact fee of 7% for retail establishments and increase the business license fee for grow operations and retail establishments. Council concurred.

Councilor Conn reported...

- Nothing to report.

Council President Morten reported...

- Nothing to report.

Councilor Carlson reported...

- The high school band raises money by playing Civil War fight songs around town. She would like the Council to participate by having it performed at the senior center during lunch. Council concurred.
- She read that the County is pursuing a canine officer. Chief Moss confirmed that Officer Eggers has been involved in the County's pursuit for a canine.

Councilor Locke reported...

- Nothing to report.

Department Reports

Police Chief Moss reported...

- Canine Officer Lycos lost the use of his shoulders over the weekend. Sadly, he was put to sleep yesterday.

Public Works Engineering Director Nelson reported...

- Congratulations to Officer Eggers on his award.

- Condolences for retired Officer Lycos.

Library Director Jeffries reported...

- Nothing to report.

Deputy City Recorder Scholl reported...

- Nothing to report.

City Administrator Walsh reported...

- Nothing to report.

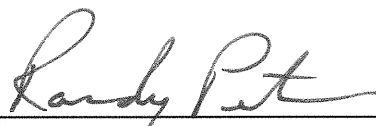
Adjourn - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.



ATTEST:



Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder



Randy Peterson, Mayor