

City of St. Helens

City Council

Regular Session Minutes

December 6, 2017

Members Present: Mayor Rick Scholl
Council President Doug Morten
Councilor Ginny Carlson
Councilor Susan Conn
Youth Councilor Jeremiah
Youth Councilor Kaylee Ruff

Members Absent: Councilor Keith Locke

Staff Present: John Walsh, City Administrator
Crystal Farnsworth, Communications Officer
Margaret Jeffries, Library Director
Matt Brown, Finance Director
Sue Nelson, Public Works Engineering Director
Neal Sheppard, Public Works Operations Director
Terry Moss, Police Chief
Santa Claus, Patrol Officer

Others: Mrs. Claus
Steve Topaz
Julie Thompson

1) **Call Regular Session to Order**

2) **Pledge of Allegiance**

3) **Swearing In of New Police Officer**

Chief Moss swore in Officer Santa Claus as St. Helens Police Department's newest patrol office. Welcome, Officer Claus!

4) **Recognition of Student Art Work for Police Department**

Third grade students participated in a contest to create this year's Christmas card for the Police Department. The winning entry was submitted by Haviland Kennedy of McBride Elementary School. Congratulations, Haviland!

5) **Visitor Comments**

- ◆ Jeremiah, Youth Council President and Kaylee Ruff, Youth Council Vice President
 - Volunteering at Donut Day December 9.
 - Have a booth at the Toy 'N Joy bazaar selling reflectors December 9.
 - Serving dinner to the Christmas Ship captains and their first mates December 9.
 - Thankful for the opportunity to volunteer.
 - Meet every other Monday.
 - Talked about upcoming projects.

Council members thanked the Youth Council for their service.

5.a Presentation by Steve Topaz on Cooperative Educational Facility
Steve reviewed his presentation.

- Proposes a vocational center here to train people to do the job and teach the job.
- People smoking marijuana or other drugs don't cut it in machine jobs.
- The co-op would include people who need work done.
- Proposed on the waterfront property. Accessible by boat and vehicle.
- Need a nearby hotel for students attending the co-op.
- Suggests connecting with the OMIC park in Scappoose.

Mayor Scholl pointed out that Steve has attended the public presentations for the waterfront property and knows what the public wants to see. Why is he suggesting to use the waterfront property instead of the Boise industrial property? Steve said it's partially because he doesn't have information about other pieces of property. The actual location is not critical.

6) **Resolutions**

6.a Resolution No. 1805: A Resolution of the City of St. Helens Authorizing Extended Enterprise Zone Benefits for a Fourth and Fifth Year to Premier Jets Located in the South Columbia County Enterprise Zone

Mayor Scholl read Resolution No. 1805 by title. **Motion:** Upon Conn's motion and Carlson's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1805. [Ayes: Carlson, Conn, Morten, Scholl; Nays: None]

6.b Resolution No. 1806: A Resolution to Adopt Financial Policies for the City of St. Helens, Superseding Resolution No. 1592

Mayor Scholl read Resolution No. 1806 by title. **Motion:** Upon Morten's motion and Conn's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1806. [Ayes: Carlson, Conn, Morten, Scholl; Nays: None]

6.c Resolution No. 1807: A Resolution to Set 2018 City Public Meetings and Holiday Closures Schedule for City of St. Helens Council, Boards and Commissions

Mayor Scholl read Resolution No. 1807 by title. **Motion:** Upon Carlson's motion and Conn's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1807. [Ayes: Carlson, Conn, Morten, Scholl; Nays: None]

7) **Approve and/or Authorize for Signature**

7.a Agreement with Pauly, Rogers & Co., PC for Auditor Services

7.b Contract Payments

Motion: Upon Morten's motion and Conn's second, the Council unanimously approved '7a' and '7b' above.

8) **Appointments to Boards/Commissions**

8.a Appointments to City Boards and Commissions

No appointments were made.

9) **Consent Agenda for Acceptance**

9.a Arts & Cultural Commission Minutes dated September 26 and October 24, 2017

Motion: Upon Conn's motion and Morten's second, the Council unanimously approved '9a' above.

10) **Consent Agenda for Approval**

- 10.a Council Work Session and Regular Session Minutes dated November 1, 2017
- 10.b Revised Library Rules of Conduct
- 10.c Declare Surplus Property - Police Department
- 10.d Accounts Payable Bill Lists

Motion: Upon Morten's motion and Carlson's second, the Council unanimously approved '10a' through '10d' above.

11) **Mayor Report**

Mayor Scholl reported...

- Welcomed the high school students to the meeting. Encouraged them to join the Youth Council.
- Tree lighting and Christmas ships on Saturday.
- Donut Day on Saturday.

12) **Council Member Reports**

Council President Morten reported...

- Encouraged the high school students in attendance to join the Youth Council or another board and commission.
- Concerned about the timelines of the industrial property at the Boise site. He gets questions but doesn't have answers. He would like to discuss it further at the next meeting.

Councilor Conn reported...

- Also encouraged the high school students to join one of the City boards or commissions. It will prepare them to run for city councilor or mayor in the future.
- Christmas Tree Lighting at Christmas Ships on Saturday.

Councilor Carlson reported...

- The Youth Council was started by Mr. Meeuwsen and Councilor Locke four years ago. They wanted to give the youth a voice. The students don't want their friends to drop out and not succeed. They want the City to help them reach their goal.
- Santa will be at the Toy 'N Joy bazaar on Sunday with this reindeer.
- Suggested renaming the Veneer and Boise properties to make them easier identified by the community.
- Toured the Oregon City falls last week. Their planning staff member is happy to share ideas and give input.
- Huge thank you to Chief Moss! He is making this a wonderful, safe community for our kids and young adults.

13) **Department Reports**

Police Chief Moss reported...

- Thanked Councilor Carlson for her kind words.
- Thanked Council for their support of Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). It's appreciated.
- Thanked Communications Officer Farnsworth. The Officer Claus promotion would not happen without her. She makes us all look good.

- Donut Day is Saturday at the Police Department. It's the biggest single-day fundraiser for the Columbia Pacific Food Bank.

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 activities earlier tonight were fun. They add value to the community.
- Asked Council if St. Helens Industrial Business Park is what they would like to call the old Boise Cascade property. Council concurred.

14) **Adjourn**

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:


Kathy Payne, City Recorder


Rick Scholl, Mayor