

City of St. Helens

CITY COUNCIL

Regular Session Minutes

April 15, 2015

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

Members Absent: Ginny Carlson, Councilor

Staff Present: John Walsh, City Administrator
Jon Ellis, Finance Director
Kathy Payne, City Recorder
Margaret Jeffries, Library Director
Neal Sheppard, Interim Public Works Co-Director
Sue Nelson, Interim Public Works Co-Director

Others: John Chabala Tammy Maygra Brady Preheim
Amanda Frink



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

Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Peterson

Invitation to Citizens for Public Comment

♦ John Chabala, representing St. Helens Youth Council. They would like to bring back teen court. Last year, his twin brother was caught stealing from Safeway. He had two options. 1) Go to teen court, do community service and get his record expunged. 2) Go through the juvenile process. He chose teen court. John fell in love with the process while watching students grow and mature through it. Those students did not repeat offenses. The program did not continue last year because the organizer passed away. It's a big time commitment to keep running. John talked about the need to restart the program. Youth crime affects the victim, offender and the community. Teens tend to revolt when given harsh punishment by adults. Teen court changes lives and is effective. Funding is greatly needed to continue the program. John pleaded with the Council to contribute to the funding to help pay for a part-time position to oversee the program. He approximates that \$30,000 is needed. He will also be approaching other organizations to contribute.

Council President Morten asked if John has talked to the County as well. John has tried to reach someone at the County. They have not responded to emails or messages. Councilor Locke spoke to County Commission Henry Heimuller. Their budget is very tight this year. However, there are other avenues to pursue for funding. Councilor Conn asked if grant funding is available. Councilor Locke suggested setting money aside and grant it when other funding sources contribute.

Council President Morten appeared before teen court years ago as a victim. He appreciated the results. Good luck to John as he revives the program.

♦Tammy Maygra, Columbia Health District Chair.

♦Brady Preheim. They are here to talk about the article in the Spotlight last Friday. The City of Scappoose is going to join with the Columbia Health District in the pending lawsuit against the County and City of St. Helens regarding Millard Road property. It is time to mediate. The City has spent thousands of dollars in attorney fees. All three of the County Commissioners have said that it's not fair. Once the property is sold, the district will be dissolved. The City of Scappoose wants to see the property sold and the money returned to the tax payers.

Tammy claimed that St. Helens is trying to get County taxpayer dollars for services people outside the City do not receive. That's not right. She is again offering mediation to come to an agreement.

Preheim believes this is an issue for the Supreme Court. The Oregon Constitution specifically prohibits taxing one district for the benefit of another.

Ordinances – First Readings

A. **Ordinance No. 3183:** An Ordinance Amending St. Helens Municipal Code Section 8.12.250 Relating to General Abatement Procedures
Mayor Peterson read Ordinance No. 3183 by title for the first time. The final reading will be held at the next regular session.

Resolutions

A. **Resolution No. 1696:** A Resolution of the City of St. Helens, Oregon Authorizing a Full Faith and Credit Borrowing and Related Matters
Mayor Peterson read Resolution No. 1696 by title. **Motion:** Upon Locke's motion and Conn's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1696. [Ayes: Locke, Conn, Peterson; Nays: None; Abstain: Morten]

Award Contract for Utility Bill Printing and Mailing Services to Metro Presort Inc.

Motion: Upon Conn's motion and Morten's second, the Council unanimously awarded the contract for utility bill printing and mailing services to Metro Presort Inc.

Approve and/or Authorize for Signature

- A. Regional Automated Property Information Database (RAPID) User's Agreement for Police
- B. McFeron STEP System Agreement Extension
- C. Contract Payments

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

Appointments to City Boards/Commissions

No appointments were made.

Consent Agenda for Acceptance

- A. Arts & Cultural Commission Minutes dated March 5, 2015
- B. Library Board Minutes dated February 19, 2015
- C. Accounts Payable Bill List

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

Consent Agenda for Approval

- A. Council Work Session and Regular Session Minutes dated April 1, 2015
- B. Exclusive Use Permits:
 - i. St. Helens Little League – 6th Street Ballfields & McCormick Park Soccer Field – April 4 through June 27, 2015
 - ii. St. Helens Coed Softball – McCormick Park Fields 1&2 – April 20 through October 18, 2015
- C. Declare Surplus Property – All Departments, Computer Equipment, Utility Billing, & Library
- D. Engineering Project Manager I Job Description
- E. Animal Facility Licenses
- F. Accounts Payable Bill List

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

Council Reports

Mayor Peterson reported...

- Nothing to report.

Councilor Conn reported...

- Nothing to report.

Council President Morten reported...

- Thank you to those who appeared before the Council tonight.

Councilor Locke reported...

- Nothing to report.

Department Reports

Interim Public Works Co-Director Nelson reported...

- A service representative is expected to be onsite tomorrow and will hopefully resolve the dock electrical station problems.

Interim Public Works Co-Director Sheppard reported...

- Nothing to report.

Library Director Jeffries reported...

- They will be honoring Library volunteers tomorrow at the Library Board meeting.

Finance Director Ellis reported...

- Nothing to report.

City Recorder Payne reported...

- Reminded the Council that the boards and commissions reception is a week from tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. here in the Council Chambers.

City Administrator Walsh reported...

- Nothing to report.

Adjourn - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



ATTEST:



Kathy Payne, City Recorder



Randy Peterson, Mayor