

City of St. Helens

CITY COUNCIL

Regular Session Minutes

December 19, 2012

Members Present: Randy Peterson, Mayor
Doug Morten, Council President (*arriving at 7:05 p.m.*)
Keith Locke, Councilor
Susan Conn, Councilor

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

Others: Shari Piehl



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

Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Peterson

Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was held in honor of Councilor Patrick Martyn who passed away yesterday after his battle with cancer.

A memorial service will be held December 28th at 2:00 p.m. at the Columbia Funeral Home.

Invitation to Citizens for Public Comment

No comments received.

Ordinances – First Readings

- A. **Ordinance No. 3166:** An Ordinance Amending St. Helens Municipal Code, Chapter 6.04.020, Regarding Dog License Fee Exceptions

Mayor Peterson read Ordinance No. 3166 by title for the first time. The final reading will be read at the next regular meeting.

Resolutions

- A. **Resolution No. 1613:** A Resolution to Set 2013 City Public Meetings and Holiday Closures Schedule for City of St. Helens Council, Boards and Commissions

Mayor Peterson read Resolution No. 1613 by title. **Motion:** Upon Locke's motion and Conn's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1613. [Ayes: Locke, Conn, Peterson; Nays: None]

Authorize Staff to Issue Notice of Intent to Auditor Pauly, Rogers Co. P.C.

Motion: Upon Locke's motion and Conn's second, the Council unanimously authorized staff to issue Notice of Intent to Auditor Pauly, Roger Co. P.C.

Approve and/or Authorize for Signature

A. Contract Payments

All-N-One Asphalt Maint.

Project: R-621 Asphalt Patching (Inv. #35425) \$ 2,103.75

Landis & Landis Construction, LLC

Project: S-618C 2012 San & Strm Swr Rehab (PA #4) \$ 317,790.58

Murray, Smith & Associates, Inc.

Project: S-618C San Swr Rehab (Inv#09-1078-36) \$ 696.90

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

Consent Agenda for Acceptance

A. Arts & Cultural Commission Minutes dated October 24, 2012

B. Library Board Minutes dated October 8, 2012

C. Accounts Payable Bill List

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

Appointments to City Boards and Commissions

Councilor Locke would like to see turnover on the Boards and Commissions. In the future, we need to make a point of advertising term expirations to allow public the opportunity to apply.

Motion: Upon Locke's motion and Conn's second, the Council unanimously reappointed Dan Cary and Greg Cohen, with the exception to the two term limit, to the Planning Commission.

Consent Agenda for Approval

A. Animal Facility Licenses

B. Accounts Payable Bill List

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

Other Business: 7th Street Property

Council President Morten reported that the Parks Commission would like to use the 7th Street property for a park with a playground facility. It is currently being used as an additional parking area for the 6th Street Ball Field. We need to re-look at discussion that took place when the property was purchased to see what the intentions of the Council was for the property. We also need to respond to the Parks Commission's request.

Mayor Peterson recalled purchasing the lots on the Parks Commission's recommendation. We decided the price was good enough to purchase at that time. Discussion was to use the property for development or sell the lots with the profit being used for other park development. The development of that park is not in the current budget. The Parks Commission needs to present a plan to the Council for review.

Councilor Locke recalled that a couple Councilors were opposed to purchasing the property for park development but were in favor of purchasing it as an investment. We are lacking park property on the northwest part of town.

Public Works Co-Director Sheppard has gotten the impression from some of the Parks Commission members that they are concerned the property will be sold and funds will go to another use. Council agreed that it was purchased with park reserves and the funds will go back into park reserves if it is sold.

Mayor Peterson instructed Council President Morten go back to the Parks Commission with the discussion by Council. They will need to send a proposal to the Council if they want to develop the property. Councilor Locke suggested a safety study be done since a street will separate the two parks. Is there room in the existing park for playground equipment?

City Administrator Walsh recognized steps needed to rezone the property. Mayor Peterson agreed and restated the need for a plan.

Council Reports

Councilor Conn reported...

- Have tickets for the Sweetheart Ball.

Councilor Locke reported...

- Have been ringing the bell at Safeway for Kiwanis during the holiday season. You are doing something good for the community and get to see a lot of people. He suggests having a City Councilor bell ringing day. Marketing could focus on the opportunity to meet your Councilor.

Mayor Peterson reported...

- First meeting in January is the 16th.

Department Reports

City Recorder Payne reported...

- Merry Christmas to everyone! Have a safe holiday.

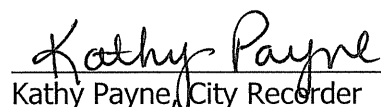
City Administrator Walsh reported...

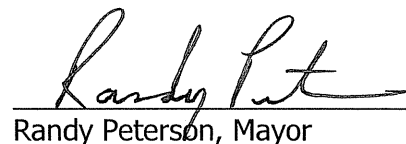
- Merry Christmas!

Adjourn - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.



ATTEST:


Kathy Payne, City Recorder


Randy Peterson, Mayor