

City of St. Helens

City Council

Regular Session Minutes

February 7, 2018

Members Present: Mayor Rick Scholl
Council President Doug Morten
Councilor Ginny Carlson
Councilor Keith Locke

Members Absent: Councilor Susan Conn

Staff Present: John Walsh, City Administrator
Kathy Payne, City Recorder
Margaret Jeffries, Library Director
Matt Brown, Finance Director
Neal Sheppard, Public Works Operations Director
Sue Nelson, Public Works Engineering Director

Others: Jeanne Crawford Steve Topaz
Baylee Crawford

- 1) **Call Regular Session to Order – 7 p.m.**
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3) **Visitor Comments**

♦ Steve Topaz. Three questions about the City property:

1. A group in Portland is working on an Aqua Center near OMSI to store kayaks, class room space, store Dragon boats, and be a connection to the river. Has the City reached out to them?

Council President Morten responded that no one has come to the City with a proposal. He suggested that Steve direct them to the City. City Administrator Walsh added that there has been discussions for a vocational school on the site.

2. What are the categories of industries to be built on the property?
3. What's the opening bid for someone to put something on our property.

Council discussed the idea of a ferry. The City is not opposed. The City of Woodland acknowledged that they would entertain the idea.

- ♦ Baylee Crawford. She has served as a Rodeo Queen promoting Columbia County and St. Helens for several years. In 2014 and 2015 she was on the Columbia County Fair & Rodeo Court. In 2016, she represented the State of Oregon as Miss Teen Rodeo Oregon. This year, she has the honor and privilege to represent the Northwest Professional Rodeo Association. The City has sponsored her in the past and she is requesting continued support. A donation of \$500 will keep the City's logo on her trailer.

She invited the Council to her Coronation Fundraiser Dinner at the Columbia County Fairgrounds on March 3rd at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

Councilor Carlson asked Baylee if she would be willing to be a spokesperson to the youth of the community. Baylee responded that she would. She served on the Youth Council and is happy to see that it is still active. She will be participating in the St. Helens Kiwanis Community Parade and will use the City's sponsorship to add the Spirit of Halloweentown logo to her trailer.

It was the consensus of the Council to sponsor Baylee with a \$500 donation.

- ◆ Jeanne Crawford. She is Baylee's mom. Baylee is very proud of the City and the County. During her tryouts she mentioned Halloweentown and the businesses and City Council who have supported her. It's not just about the money, it's about watching her succeed. Jeanne has seen her grow over the last four years. She is very proud of her and what she does. Jeanne appreciates the Council's support.

4) **Award Bid/Contract**

- 4.a Award Purchase of Small Dump Truck to General Equipment, Inc. in the Amount of \$44,221

Motion: Upon Carlson's motion and Locke's second, the Council unanimously approved '4a' above.

- 4.b Award Work for Suction Line Replacement at Sanitary Sewer Lift Station #2 to Semling Construction, Inc. in the Amount of \$9,950

Motion: Upon Carlson's motion and Locke's second, the Council unanimously approved '4b' above.

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

- 5.a Accept St. Helens Community Foundation Assets Agreement
- 5.b Display Agreement and Purchase Order with Western Display Fireworks

Motion: Upon Morten's motion and Carlson's second, the Council unanimously approved '5a' and '5b' above.

6) **Appointments to Boards/Commissions**

- 6.a Appointments to City Boards & Commissions
- No appointments were made.

7) **Consent Agenda for Acceptance**

- 7.a Library Board Minutes dated August 22, September 18, October 17 and December 12, 2017

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

8) **Consent Agenda for Approval**

- 8.a Council Work Session, Public Hearing and Regular Session Minutes dated December 6 and 20, 2017 and January 3, 2018
- 8.b OLCC Licenses
- 8.c Accounts Payable Bill Lists

Motion: Upon Carlson's motion and Locke's second, the Council unanimously approved '8a' through '8c' above.

9) **Mayor Scholl Reports**

- St. Helens High School construction students put together a video. They will be receiving national attention for their work this Friday.
- Senator Jeff Merkley will be at the St. Helens Senior Center for a Town Hall on February 22.

10) **Council Member Reports**

Council President Morten reported...

- He spent 15 months in Vietnam during the war. Before he left, he buried most of his belongings under a rock. He and his wife returned to Vietnam in 2013 to visit. The Vietnamese Army had taken over that land and he was unable to access it. He was reminded of this story when City staff uncovered the old cannonball safe. He looks forward to seeing what it contains.

Councilor Carlson reported...

- She encouraged Mayor Scholl to share the link to the High School with the community.
- She heard about the recent tragedy. Sadly, that's the third friend of her daughter who has taken their life in the last four years. This is another kid who was left behind. She encouraged everyone to reach out to kids who are quiet and alone.

Councilor Locke reported...

- Congratulated Baylee on her accomplishments.
- Several years ago he was working on forming a Teen Center. He approached the Senior Center about sharing the facility. The Senior Center was adamantly opposed to it. He pointed out that allowing other uses in the facility would help financially.
- The Kiwanis had their first Community Parade meeting a couple days ago. One idea was to have it centered around WWII veterans, since there are very few remaining. Kiwanis had some concerns about protests. Councilor Carlson thinks it's important to honor their service and not worry about the possibility of protests.

Youth Councilor Ryder reported...

- Judge Grove gave the Youth Council a tour of the former Teen Court area during the last meeting. They learned things that will help them move forward. First, they need to actively recruit additional members. At least 20 members are needed.

11) **Department Reports**

Public Works Engineering Director Nelson reported...

- Received a nice letter from a citizen complementing our parks and parks staff. Nelson agreed, for such a small crew they do an exceptional job.

Public Works Operations Director Sheppard reported...

- Congratulated Baylee. She went through a lot to get where she's at.

Library Director Jeffries reported...

- Nothing to report.

Finance Director Brown reported...

- Nothing to report.

City Recorder Payne reported...

- Comcast was not working tonight.

City Administrator Walsh reported...

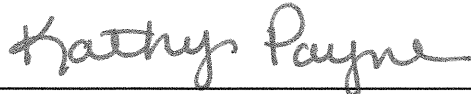
- Nothing to report.

12) **Other Business**

13) **Adjourn** – 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:



Kathy Payne, City Recorder



Rick Scholl, Mayor