

City of St. Helens

City Council

Regular Session Minutes

February 21, 2018

Members Present: Mayor Rick Scholl
Councilor Susan Conn
Councilor Ginny Carlson
Councilor Keith Locke

Members Absent: Council President Doug Morten

Staff Present: John Walsh, City Administrator
Jacob Graichen, City Planner
Kathy Payne, City Recorder
Matt Brown, Finance Director
Sue Nelson, Public Works Engineering Director
Terry Moss, Police Chief

Others: Mark Grenz Roger Toth
Kathleen Sines Andrew Niemi
Anne Scholz Karl Ivanov
Nicole Thill

- 1) **Call Regular Session to Order - 7:00 p.m.**
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4) **Visitor Comments - Limited to five (5) minutes per speaker**
 - ♦ Andrew Neimi. He is here on behalf of Eisenschmidt Pool. The pool received a letter that they would be billed for water. They had not been in the past. Did something change or was it a realization that an error had been made?

Finance Director Brown explained that he has been reviewing utility accounts that were not being billed. There were City-owned properties, under construction properties, the pool, the senior center, and a joint maintenance facility. The list was presented to the Council. Their consensus was to begin billing the pool because they are receiving tax revenue and they should be able to pay their utility bill like any other customer.

Councilor Locke said that years ago when water was cheap, it was given away to public entities. That has since changed. Mayor Scholl added that the pool district serves more than just St. Helens residents. It's not fair to our residents who pay a high water bill. The City does not give water to the Fire District or the School District.

5) **DELIBERATIONS: Zone Map Amendment and Comprehensive Plan Amendment at SE Corner of McBride & Matzen Street Intersection (Karl Ivanov / Multi-Tech Engineering Services, Inc.)**

Motion: Upon Conn's motion and Locke's second, the Council unanimously approved the Zone Map Amendment and Comprehensive Plan Amendment at the SE Corner of McBride and Matzen Street as recommended.

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

- 6.a Extension of Contract with HASA, Inc. for Sodium Hypochlorite for WWTP
- 6.b Satisfaction of Mortgage for CAT Loan Payoff of 197 N. 5th Street (McBride)
- 6.c Contract Payments

Motion: Upon Carlson's motion and Conn's second, the Council unanimously approved '6a' through '6c' above.

7) **Appointments to Boards/Commissions**

- 7.a Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Motion: Upon Locke's motion and Carlson's second, Brian Vaerewyck was unanimously appointed to the Budget Committee.

8) **Consent Agenda for Acceptance**

- 8.a Arts & Cultural Commission Minutes dated November 28, 2017
- 8.b Planning Commission Minutes dated January 9, 2018

Motion: Upon Conn's motion and Carlson's second, the Council unanimously approved '8a' and '8b' above.

9) **Consent Agenda for Approval**

- 9.a Animal Facility Licenses
- 9.b OLCC Licenses
- 9.c Exclusive Use Permit: Girls Softball/SHHS JV Softball, Campbell Park
- 9.d Accounts Payable Bill Lists

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

10) **Mayor Scholl Reports**

- Drive safely. More snow is coming tonight.
- Senator Jeff Merkley held a Town Hall last night. It was a good meeting.

11) **Council Member Reports**

Councilor Locke reported...

- Nothing to report.

Councilor Carlson reported...

- Thanked City Planner Graichen for his hard work and making Planning Codes understandable.
- Thanked everyone who donated to the Middle School Backpack Program. Over \$100 in gift cards and treats filled the socks that went to children in need.

Councilor Conn reported...

- Nothing to report.

12) **Department Reports**

City Planner Graichen reported...

- A lot of development activity is happening.
- Associate Planner Jenny Dimsho is an immense help.
- The TGM Grant continues to progress. The next meeting is in early March.

Police Chief Moss reported...

- Nothing to report.

Public Works Engineering Director Nelson reported...

- Nothing to report.

Finance Director Brown reported...

- Nothing to report.

City Recorder Payne reported...

- Nothing to report.

City Administrator Walsh reported...

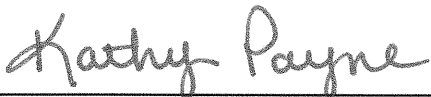
- The Spirit of Halloweentown museum is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will be a draw for people to come downtown.

13) **Other Business**

14) **Adjourn – 7:15 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:



Kathy Payne, City Recorder



Rick Scholl, Mayor