

City of St. Helens City Council

Regular Session Minutes

April 18, 2018

Members Present: Mayor Rick Scholl
Council President Doug Morten
Councilor Ginny Carlson
Councilor Susan Conn
Councilor Keith Locke
Youth Councilor David Ryder

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: John Walsh, City Administrator
Kathy Payne, City Recorder
Matt Brown, Finance Director
Margaret Jeffries, Library Director
Sue Nelson, Public Works Engineering Director
Terry Moss, Police Chief
Tina Curry, Event Manager

Others: Rosemary Clement
Destiny Ryder
Gretchen Williams

1) **Call Regular Session to Order - 7:00 p.m.**

2) **Pledge of Allegiance**

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

Municipal Court Judge Cindy Phillips swore in our new Police Officer Elijah Merkwan. Congratulations, Elijah, and welcome aboard!

Presentation to Police Chief Terry Moss

Chief Moss received the Max Patterson Award at the Oregon Chief's Conference in honor of the work he has done with youth in the community. St. Helens Youth Council thanked him for his involvement and presented him with an award of appreciation.

4) **Visitor Comments - Limited to five (5) minutes per speaker**

- ◆ Destiny Ryder, SHEDCO Board member and community member. She thanked Council for the Spirit of Halloweentown events. She wants to see the discontent fixed that's between the Council and SHEDCO. She has two questions:
 1. What rule did SHEDCO break, so they can avoid breaking it again?
 2. What can be done to cohesively work together and move forward?

The community does not benefit if they don't work together.

Council President Morten acknowledged the need for SHEDCO to review their mission and follow it. Councilor Carlson talked about each of the Councilors who have spent time on SHEDCO. They believe in the mission and the support of local businesses. It's important to be fair and follow the processes in place. Mayor Scholl talked about the lack of communication between SHEDCO and the City. SHEDCO was told to contact the City with event proposals but they did not. The first he heard about the Marnie event was when he read it on Facebook.

Destiny argued that Mayor Scholl was CC'd in the emails to Tina. She has been the SHEDCO secretary for two years and keeps track of all those emails.

Mayor Scholl asked them to report directly to Council with proposals. He expressed his disappointment when he read about a competing event, using a celebrity the City paid to bring here, and charge less for entry. Destiny understands. She wanted the event to be affordable for kids who come from low-income families. They deserve real time too. It's not fair. Councilor Carlson talked about the need to be fair across the board. If someone pays \$160 for time with Marnie and then finds out they could have gotten it much cheaper through SHEDCO, that's not fair. The mission of SHEDCO is Mainstreet and not celebrity appearances. Destiny interjected that they were asked by businesses to be a voice for them and get them involved. Her goal was to bring in an event for low-income families. SHEDCO's goal was to include more businesses. SHEDCO does not want to be event planners. However, they want their merchants involved more and to have events for all income levels.

Discussion ensued. Councilor Carlson asked for SHEDCO to not compete with City events. They need to come up with their own ideas. Destiny agreed and asked if there could be more events added for low-income families. Councilor Locke said yes and encouraged communication. Mayor Scholl added that Council meetings are always open for SHEDCO to come talk to Council.

5) **Ordinances - Final Reading**

- 5.a Ordinance No. 3222: An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of North First Street Right of Way and Reserving Public Utility and Construction Easements

Mayor Scholl read Ordinance No. 3222 by title for the final time. **Motion:** Upon Locke's motion and Carlson's second, the Council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 3222. [AYES: Scholl, Carlson, Conn, Locke, Morten; Nays: None]

6) **Ordinances - First Reading**

- 6.a Ordinance No. 3227: An Ordinance to Amend the City of St. Helens Zoning District Map to Add a Planned Development Overlay Zone for Certain Property

Mayor Scholl read Ordinance No. 3227 by title for the first time. The final reading will be held at the next regular session.

7) **Appointments to Boards/Commissions**

- 7.a Appointments to Boards & Commissions

Motion: Upon Conn's motion and Locke's second, the Council unanimously appointed Patrick Nickelson to the Arts & Cultural Commission.

8) **Consent Agenda for Acceptance**

- 8.a Parks Commission Minutes dated February 12, 2018
8.b Library Board Minutes dated November 27, 2017

8.c Planning Commission Minutes dated March 13, 2018

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

9) **Consent Agenda for Approval**

9.a Accounts Payable Bill Lists

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

10) **Mayor Scholl Report**

- Interesting work session. He is glad to see involvement in tourism. That's the first time he has seen something of quality brought from Chuck Daughtry. He plans to follow-up with Chuck. St. Helens needs industry.

11) **Council Member Reports**

Council President Morten reported...

- Parks Commission report:
 - Howard Blumenthal and Caroline Skinner submitted a report of what "Friends of" in relation to parks means. Morten would like staff to refine it and make it part of our Parks Master Plan. Council concurred with staff reviewing, making it non-site specific, and bring it back to Council for review.
 - Recommended combining the Parks Commission and Bicycle & Pedestrian Commission (BAPC), as long as the three remaining BAPC members were in agreement with the Parks Commission meeting dates and times. City Recorder Payne recommends that only two BAPC remain so it is an odd number of members. Councilor Locke will bring it to BAPC for a recommendation. Payne and Walsh will work on Code amendments to combine the two Commissions.
 - Recommended the Parks Commission and Arts & Cultural Commission (ACC) work together to paint picnic tables on 4th of July. Councilor Conn said that ACC discussed it and doesn't think that 4th of July is the best time because of the need for picnic tables that day. Morten heard that from Parks Field Supervisor Thad Houk but the Parks Commission agreed to proceed. Conn and Jeffries explained that ACC further talked about it at their last meeting. They like the idea but not the timing. Morten pointed out that more tables have been ordered and will need to be painted. Discussion ensued.
 - Recommended that Brad Hendrickson and Andrew Niemi move forward on the camping proposal, maintenance, and shuttle agreement for Sand Island. They will be at the next work session to present their proposal. Mayor Scholl is in support of the idea but wants to make sure he is given a heads up in the future for things like this and the tourism presentation.
 - Recommended the Council approve the plan for the veterans memorial expansion in McCormick Park.
 - Recommended the City charge Eisenschmidt Pool based on actual water usage.

Councilor Conn reported...

- Thanked Moss for all he has done in the community. He received one of only two awards given at the banquet.
- Requested \$400 from Council funds for CIT training snacks next week.

Councilor Carlson reported...

- Appreciates the leadership Moss has brought to his department and community.
- Has been leading cancer walks in the parks the last couple weeks.
- Encouraged groups to work together.

Councilor Locke reported...

- Congratulations to Moss! He wanted to be there but got sick.
- Will create a list of things that need to be done on the Mill site.

Youth Councilor Ryder reported...

- Earth Day Cleanup is Saturday. All are welcome to come help.
- Very grateful for Moss and his involvement with youth.

12) **Department Reports**

Police Chief Moss reported...

- Appreciates all the kind words, and that Councilor Conn and staff members drove through the snow to join him receiving the award.

Public Works Engineering Director Nelson reported...

- Nothing to report.

Library Director Jeffries reported...

- Friday and Saturday is the Friends of the Library semi-annual book sale.
- Saturday, the St. Helens Garden Club will have their semi-annual plant sale on the porch.

Finance Director Brown reported...

- Nothing to report.

City Recorder Payne reported...

- Congratulations to Moss! It was an honor to attend the banquet. She enjoys working for the City and with the staff who holds themselves to a high integrity.

City Administrator Walsh reported...

- Nothing to report.

13) **Other Business - None**

14) **Adjourn – 8 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:


Kathy Payne, City Recorder


Rick Scholl, Mayor