

City of St. Helens City Council

Regular Session Minutes

May 2, 2018

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: John Walsh, City Administrator
Kathy Payne, City Recorder
Matt Brown, Finance Director
Margaret Jeffries, Library Director
Neal Sheppard, Public Works Operations Director
Sue Nelson, Public Works Engineering Director
Crystal Farnsworth, Communications Officer
Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder

Others:

John Luttrell	Suella Springfield
BreeAnn Liebe	Lelia Springfield
Peter Whittle	Jeanette Johnston
Greg Clark	Logan Johnston
Mitch Watkins	Brea Johnston
Emelia Watkins	Elizabeth Hayward
Liz Watkins	Bella Hayward
Piper Chism	Rochelle Wethern
Carissa Chism	Ethan Wethern
Giovanna Anderson	RJ Gross
Robert Anderson	Ryan Gross
Janet Anderson	Patrick Birkle
Marsha Caton	Jamie Sempter
Natalie Caton	

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

2) **Pledge of Allegiance**

3) **Announce & Award Prizes to "If I Were Mayor..." Student Contest Winners**

Mayor Scholl announced and awarded prizes to the "If I Were Mayor..." Student Contest winners. First place winners received a goody bag with \$100 cash, a \$5 Dari Delish gift card, a City of St. Helens pen, an "I love City of St. Helens" button, a Waterfront Development postcard, an Arts & Cultural Commission coloring postcard, assorted candies, a certificate, and will have lunch with Mayor Scholl. Runners up received the same, with exception to the \$100 cash.

Grades 4-5 Poster Category:

Winner – Madeline Clark
Runner-up – Piper Chism
Runner-up – Giovanna Anderson

Grades 6-8 Poster Category:

Winner – Case Mann
Runner-up – Emelia Watkins
Runner-up – Logan Johnston
Runner-up – Isabella Hayward
Runner-up – Lelia Springfield
Runner-up – Ethan Wethern

Grades 9-12 Digital Presentation Category:

Winner – Natalie Caton

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

- ♦ Patrick Birkle. Is hearing comments about City crews being used to set up the stone hinge and other parts of the Festival of the Fairies. That brings up the fact about how much time and money City staff spend on setting up for Spirit of Halloweentown. He is requesting that the City track staff time spent to be able to report that time to the public. Spirit of Halloweentown is a valuable part of our identity and should be promoted by the City. He's not sure why there hasn't been much publicity with the Festival of the Fairies. What is the relationship with the different organizations working on these events; such as Discover Columbia County and Chris Cannard? Encouraged the City to communicate with the public and be transparent. He does not believe that decisions are being made behind closed doors but that needs to be conveyed to the public.

5) **Deliberations: Easement Extinguishment at 2480 Gable Road (Luttrell)**

Motion: Upon Conn's motion and Morten's second, the Council unanimously approved the Easement Extinguishment with the recommended conditions.

6) **Ordinances - Final 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 final time. **Motion:** Upon Locke's motion and Conn's second, the Council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 3227. [AYES: Scholl, Carlson, Conn, Locke, Morten; Nays: None]

7) **Award Bid/Contract**

- 7.a Award Excavator Purchase to Pape Machinery, Inc. for \$162,457.12

Motion: Conn moved to approve '7a' above. Carlson seconded.

Question. Council President Morten asked for Public Works to elaborate on the purchase and cost. Public Works Engineering Director Nelson explained that it's a John Deer Excavator. The full purchase price is \$193,957.12. We are receiving a \$31,500 trade-in value on the 10-year old excavator that is broken. It's an important piece of equipment used on an almost daily basis.

Vote: Scholl, Carlson, Conn, and Morten in favor; Locke opposed; motion carries.

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

8.a Contract Payments

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

9) **Consent Agenda for Acceptance**

9.a Budget Committee Minutes dated February 16, May 4 and 11, 2017

9.b Library Board Minutes dated January 22, 2018

9.c Arts & Cultural Commission Minutes dated February 27, March 27 and April 11, 2018

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

10) **Consent Agenda for Approval**

10.a Street Closure for Kiwanis Community Parade on June 16, 2018

Motion: Morten moved to approve '10a' above. Conn seconded. Scholl, Carlson, Conn, and Morten in favor; none opposed; Locke abstained.

10.b Council Work Session, Executive Session, Public Hearing and Regular Session Minutes dated April 4, 2018

10.c Accounts Payable Bill Lists

Motion: Upon Morten's motion and Locke's second, the Council unanimously approved '10b' and '10c' above.

11) **Mayor Scholl Reports**

- Good to see the students here. He looks forward to the lunch.
- Appreciates Patrick's input and the time he served on the Budget Committee. That is something the Council needs to talk about further. Sheppard added that Patrick lead a clean-up of Dalton Lake last week. They did a good job.

12) **Council Member Reports**

Council President Morten reported...

- Thanked Patrick for his input. They will discuss the communication piece further and want to do a better job.
- Congratulations to the students who participated in the "If I were Mayor..." student contest.
- Had a great work session today. He learned a lot. It's good to be a part of this community.

Councilor Conn reported...

- Grateful to all the "If I Were Mayor..." participants. It's amazing how much harder it is to judge each year. They're all improving. There's a lot of awareness that comes from community involvement.

Councilor Carlson reported...

- She appreciates the students who participated in the contest.
- She talked about the Parks brochure being out of date. We should not be handing out old brochures. Sheppard reported that staff is working on an update. Morten talked about Dalton Lake.
- Municipal Clerks Week is next week. She thanked City Recorder Payne for all of her work. She is appreciated.

- She will be attending the Regard to Rural Conference this month.
- May 20 is the National Alliance for Mental Illness Walk (NAMI). Four teams from Columbia County are participating.
- Thanks to the Waterfront clean-up crew.

Council Locke reported...

- There was discussion about the relationship with SHEDCO. He is going to work with staff, Tina, and Stephanie to come up with a solution. What's happening is not good for anyone. Scholl appreciates the effort. He would like to put this all behind them. Morten talked about the great things SHEDCO has done in the past for the community. Conn hopes for a good solution.

13) **Department Reports**

Communications Officer Farnsworth reported...

- Nothing to report.

Public Works Engineering Director Nelson reported...

- Nothing to report.

Public Works Operations Director Sheppard reported...

- Nothing to report.

Library Director Jeffries reported...

- Nothing to report.

Finance Director Brown reported...

- Nothing to report.

City Recorder Payne reported...

- Nothing to report.

City Administrator Walsh reported...

- Received a \$25,000 Park & Recreation Grant from the Ford Family Foundation.
- A quote made from our city attorney during negotiations applies to the SHEDCO relationship; "what we choose to notice and focus our attention on determines what we miss." The focus is detracting from doing good things.

14) **Other Business**

15) **Adjourn – 7:38 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:


Kathy Payne, City Recorder


Rick Scholl, Mayor