

City of St. Helens

City Council

Regular Session Minutes

October 3, 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
Brian Greenway, Police Chief
Tim Ramis, City Attorney
Tina Curry, Event Manager

Others:

Charles Castner	Becca Williams
Morris Malakoff	Kaily Allen
F. Brandon	Brady Preheim
Howard Blumenthal	Shauna Harrison
Keith Brinkerhoff	Nicole Thill
Stephanie Patterson	High School Students

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

2) **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Scholl held a moment of silence in memory of the Mandalay Bay shooting. Fifty-eight people were killed and 850 were injured. He thanked Chief Greenway and the other first responders in Las Vegas. They saved countless lives.

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

- ◆ Morris Malakoff. He distributed his testimony which he read into the record. A copy is included in the archive meeting packet. The letter included his concerns about Event Manager Tina Curry. Her behavior addressing the local newspapers and community has been inappropriate. He is requesting a public apology from Tina and the City.

Mayor Scholl asked what the dates are on the screen shots included in the submittal. Morris responded that they were over the last two weeks.

Mayor Scholl said he has spoken with the editor and Tina. What Morris reports on has as much influence on the community as what the Council reports as elected officials. People are entitled to their opinion.

- ◆ Howard Blumenthal. He expressed his concerns about blocking traffic from the old town area and routing them over Nob Hill.
 - The intersection of Tualatin and S. 4th Street is dangerous with cars parking along the street, causing traffic to go into the other lane to get around.
 - There is a laurel that is growing into the road at 356 S. 4th Street. It limits the space for pedestrian traffic and clear vision.
 - S. 4th and Old Portland Road. That 25 MPH sign is just before the cross walk and people come around that corner fast. It needs to be moved above the corner. He suggested putting the speed reader board there.

Chief Greenway appreciates Howard addressing his concerns. He will direct staff to look into those areas. He encouraged people to reach out to the Police Department directly when they have these types of concerns.

- ◆ Frank Brandon. He expressed his concern about the traffic that is being routed up Nob Hill. He deals with it on 4th of July and now in October. It would be nice to have a traffic cop in the area.
- ◆ Brady Preheim. The papers have been pretty non-existent in covering Spirit of Halloweentown events. He thinks they have both been negligent by not correcting information from Gemstone about Spirit of Halloweentown regarding Tina Curry. He thinks the City should put out a press release to correct information that is reported inaccurately. There is a petition for the removal of Stonehenge. He argued that the signatures are nowhere compared to the 40,000 people who visit during October. Clearly people like this event. Prior to Tina, there was not much to show for spending Tourism Funds. This event has put the town on the map. Her job is not publicity but to get people in town and she has done that phenomenally. He finds it ironic that the main person complaining about the Stonehenge lives on a floating home that is solely supported by foam. The foam that's being removed now is being vandalized. Tina needs to be thanked for her work to get 13 Nights to break even and not lose money. Everything she touches turns a profit. She's not always the nicest, warmest person but she gets the job done.

Mayor Scholl does not want to get into this because this is the past. His conversation with the editor of the Chronicle was to move on. They have a City to run. They are working on a multi-million dollar Waterfront Redevelopment project. There will be a public forum on October 17 at 6 p.m. to update the public on the project. He instructed the public to contact him if they have an issue. Spirit of Halloweentown is a good event for the entire county. Get over it, and move on.

Council President Morten asked Brady to clarify what he was referring to about correcting information in the media. Brady responded that it was the lack of reporting. The Spotlight published the letter from Gemstone making accusations. Some of the stuff is he said/she said but some is not. The City needs to correct wrong information when it is out there. People believe it to be true when it's not corrected.

Mayor Scholl talked about upcoming Spirit of Halloweentown activities. The schedule is available on www.discovercolumbiacounty.com.

4) **Ordinances - Final Reading**

- 4.a Ordinance No. 3233: An Ordinance Establishing a Comprehensive Sewer Use Ordinance for Users of the City of St. Helens' Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) to Comply with Federal and State Environmental Regulations

Mayor Scholl read Ordinance No. 3233 by title for the final time. **Motion:** Upon Locke's motion and Carlson's second, the Council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 3233. [AYES: Scholl, Carlson, Conn, Locke, Morten; Nays: None]

5) **Resolutions**

- 5.a Resolution No. 1829: A Resolution Adopting a Universal Fee Schedule, and Superseding Resolution No. 1826

Motion: Upon Carlson's motion and Councilor Conn's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1829. [AYES: Scholl, Carlson, Conn, Locke, Morten; Nays: None]

6) **Award Bid/Contract**

- 6.a Emery & Sons Construction Group, LLC for S. 10th Street Storm Pump Station Reroute Project in the amount of \$576,862.00
6.b Papé Machinery for John Deer 310SL HL Backhoe Loader in the amount of \$134,346.56
6.c Northside Ford Truck Sales, Inc. for Small Pickup Purchase in the amount of \$25,328.23
6.d S-2 Contractors, Inc. for 2018/19 Asphalt Patching Project in the amount of \$15,804.50

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

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

- 7.a Intergovernmental Agreement with the St. Helens School District for Mutual Use of Each Party's Properties/Facilities
7.b Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for a Conditional Use Permit Establishing a Marijuana Retail/Medical Marijuana Dispensary at 100 St. Helens Street
7.c Contract Payments

Motion: Upon Conn's motion and Locke's second, the Council unanimously approved '7a' through '7c' above.

8) **Consent Agenda for Acceptance**

- 8.a Arts & Cultural Commission Minutes dated August 28, 2018
8.b Library Board Minutes dated August 23, 2018

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

9) **Consent Agenda for Approval**

- 9.a Council Work Session, Executive Session, and Regular Session Minutes dated September 5, 2018
9.b Street Closure for Halloween Parade on October 6, 2018
9.c Street Closure for Lil' Spooks Parade on October 27, 2018

9.d OLCC Licenses

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

10) **Mayor Scholl Reports**

- Suzanne Bonamici called today congratulating us for receiving the Community Development Block Grant for the Food Bank. Thank you to Associate Planner Jenny Dimsho for her work on the grant application.
- Waterfront Redevelopment update on October 17 at 6 p.m.
- Spirit of Halloweentown parade on October 6 at 6 p.m.
- Spirit of Halloweentown actors will be here on October 13. See www.discovercolumbiacounty.com for more details.
- Attended the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) Conference last week. They talked in length about affordable housing. They asked LOC to go back to the House and Senate to advocate for affordable housing.

11) **Council Member Reports**

Council President Morten reported...

- Also attended the LOC Conference. They talked in depth about legislative priorities.
 - Property tax reform
 - Affordable housing
 - PERS reform
 - Partnerships with local agencies
 - Transportation and infrastructure
 - Connectivity
- Stressed the importance of communication during the Urban Renewal process.

Councilor Conn reported...

- Will be attending the CIT Conference next week.

Councilor Carlson reported...

- Thanked those in attendance for coming. She appreciates them sharing their ideas, concerns, and engaging in the process. The Council welcomes the participation.
- Youth Council is participating in the Fall Festival this weekend. They will be selling reflectors for backpacks. They'll be at the Recreation Bazaar in November, the former Toy 'n Joy Bazaar in Columbia City in December, Donut Day, and the Christmas Ships dinner. She encouraged more students to get involved. It's a great way to get volunteer hours and learn how the government works. They meet every other Monday at 7 p.m.

Councilor Locke reported...

- Encouraged the Council to visit Cascades to see if they are meeting the standards as tenants.

12) **Department Reports**

Police Chief Greenway reported...

- Nothing to report.

Public Works Engineering Director Nelson reported...

- Columbia County Traffic Safety Commission is looking for youth to participate. They focus on safety concerns along Highway 30 in Columbia County. They are specifically

looking for someone who can help focus on education, drivers education, and getting information out to youth. They meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 a.m. If anyone is interested, she will buy them breakfast.

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...

- After today's work session, he visited with representatives from the Governor's office, Department of Environmental Quality, Department of State Lands, and their communications staff. They were here to visit the Waterfront property and spent time visiting the Spirit of Halloweentown exhibits as well. They really enjoyed it. The City's revenue model is to recover our costs, keep the event sustainable and enjoyable, and support local businesses and service clubs. There is a lot of work that goes into it. It takes a whole community to bring it to life.


13) **Other Business**

14) **Adjourn** – 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:


Kathy Payne, City Recorder


Rick Scholl, Mayor