



WORKSHOP & COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers – 1300 First Street

May 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM

1. WORKSHOPS

A. Road Restrictions for Mill Creek Drive & Alder Drive

Sue Darcy gave a PowerPoint presentation on the issues from saturation on Mill Creek Drive & Alder Drive. She would like weight restrictions placed on the roads, water diversion, and buses rerouted to prevent further damage.

B. Drug Laws

Police Chief Layman stated this workshop was scheduled to discuss creating an ordinance regarding drug possession and use. As of yesterday, the State Legislature passed legislation and is no longer needed.

C. Ambulance/EMS Fees

Fire Chief Falley and Councilmember Wenzel discussed EMS/Ambulance Fees and next steps for the Fire Department. Next week the City will be meeting with the City of Aberdeen for EMS and Fire coverage.

2. FLAG SALUTE - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Councilmember Candice Makos
Councilmember Stana Carlisle
Councilmember Jim Ancich
Councilmember Raymond Robinson
Councilmember Miles Wenzel

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Councilmember Robinson to approve the agenda, Seconded by Councilmember Carlisle.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Carlisle, Councilmember Ancich, Councilmember Robinson, Councilmember Wenzel

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kim Gherna - She stated she has a comment regarding the extension of the RV permit. She feels the ordinances are not equally enforced.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Councilmember Wenzel to approve the consent agenda, Seconded by Councilmember Makos.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Carlisle, Councilmember Ancich, Councilmember Robinson, Councilmember Wenzel

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Subcommittee - Councilmember Wenzel stated they discussed funding for emergency services and our financial situation.

Public Safety - Councilmember Wenzel stated they discussed the Blake bill and what the next steps are for the Fire Department.

8. CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

City Administrator - Administrator Raines recognized Chief Layman for rescuing two small children. He discussed potential funding sources for the Street fund. The bid opening for the new municipal building has been moved to next Wednesday. No one is willing to take the old police building. It is too expensive to move. He is asking council permission to solicit bids for the demolition of the old police building.

Motion made by Councilmember Wenzel to get bids to demolish the old police building, Seconded by Councilmember Makos.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Carlisle, Councilmember Ancich, Councilmember Robinson, Councilmember Wenzel

Police Chief - Chief Layman stated we had a high call volume last week. EVOC training is starting next week. We also completed LETS training. This is provided free by our insurance carrier. It also goes towards State mandated training.

Fire Chief - Chief Nick Falley asked for confirmation for a new volunteer. His name is Anthony Churlin.

Motion made by Councilmember Wenzel to confirm Anthony Churlin as a volunteer, Seconded by Councilmember Carlisle.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Carlisle, Councilmember Ancich, Councilmember Robinson, Councilmember Wenzel

Public Works Superintendent - Superintendent Jeff Nations stated the landscaper was going through staffing issues. They finished mowing the cemetery Saturday night. They will be working on 1st Street and 2nd Street planters this next week. By Memorial Day week, the veteran banners will be put up. Across the street from the River Run RV Park is an extension of the park. They are installing the utilities at this time. There is a new swing set at Lions Park. The covered area will go where the old swing set was at.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pauley gave kudos to Chief Layman. For the VFW banners, there will be a dedication event here at City Hall at 2:00 p.m. on Memorial Day. Grays Harbor County discontinued the agreement with the HOPE project. The City's 2019-2021 audit has been completed and will be released on to the auditor's website tomorrow. As a reminder, it is against State law for campaign signs to be put on the City Hall block. We do allow signs at the entrances to the City without blocking the welcome signs.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution (Official Newspaper)

Attorney Johnson read Resolution 2023-03 which designates the official newspaper of the City.

Motion made by Councilmember Robinson to approve resolution 2023-03, Seconded by Councilmember Makos.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Carlisle, Councilmember Ancich, Councilmember Robinson, Councilmember Wenzel

B. 1200 Second St - Extension of RV Permit

Administrator Raines stated the request has been reviewed by himself and Building Official Bill Sidor. It meets all the requirements.

Motion made by Councilmember Wenzel to approve the request, Seconded by Councilmember Carlisle.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Carlisle, Councilmember Ancich, Councilmember Robinson, Councilmember Wenzel

11. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Ancich - He would like us to look at our zoning to prevent further issues like we had with the HOPE project.

Councilmember Robinson - He thanked Chief Layman for his work on saving the two small children.

Councilmember Wenzel - He asked Chief Layman and Chief Falley if they had received their purchase cards.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Linda Springer - She asked that the signature pages from the HOPE project and comments to Mayor Pauley be entered into public record. She asked that Mayor Pauley to consult with the whole council on issues within the city.

Nathan Klisiewicz - He thanked the Council for extending the RV permit. It has been used for his elderly, disabled mother. It is getting harder to find a place for her to live.

Ashley Arcangel - She stated that she wants a public workshop to discuss the issues on Ocean Avenue. Councilmember Robinson feels this issue belongs with the City Attorney, not the City Council. Mayor Pauley stated the City Attorney addressed her issues in a letter to her.

Sarah Rhodes - She feels like we have failed her neighbor Ashley Arcangel by allowing the wall on another neighbor's property. She stated that there were two fires that were burning brush. Mayor Pauley stated that we are aware of it and are addressing it. She also stated these people were violating the noise ordinance. Chief Layman gave out the non-emergency dispatch phone numbers so that these types of calls can be reported.

Kim Gherna - She stated we are looking at working on the park across the street from the Cemetery as the renovations for Lions Park are completed.