



MEETING MINUTES FOR WORKSHOP AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

**Fire Hall - 111 D Street
December 18th, 2024, at 6:00 PM**

WORKSHOP

Kyle Pauley, Board Chairman of Greater Grays Harbor, gave a presentation.

Misty Kuhl, of the Coastal Conservation Authority, gave a presentation.

Hannah Cleverly, Director of Emergency Management, gave a presentation.

FLAG SALUTE - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

Mayor pro tem Skinner calls the meeting to order, and Clerk Barr takes Roll Call.

PRESENT: Councilmember Kim Skinner, Councilmember Jeremy Winn, Councilmember Justin Spargo, Councilmember Mark Collett, Councilmember Sue Darcy.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Spargo motioned to approve the agenda, and Councilmember Skinner seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Collett motioned to approve the consent agenda, and Councilmember Spargo seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

No comments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Auditing – Neither Councilmembers have made it to review vouchers, but plan to by the end of the month.

Finance – No report.

Parks – Councilmember Spargo states they talked about cleaning the drains and have plans to clear Beaver Dams by Lion’s Park. The upgrades at Mill Creek are still underway, the Tennis Court is finished, and striping has been done for parking. Fencing will be replaced as well as work done to the bathrooms.

Public Safety – Councilmember Skinner apologizes as both Councilmembers were unable to attend the scheduled meeting they had planned. This will be rescheduled.

Public Works – Councilmember Darcy states they had their meeting and went over Winter stuff with nothing else to report.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer – Clerk Barr reports they have wrapped up the Audit that has been on-going since September. The exit meeting is this Friday, so at the next Council Meeting in January there will be a report given on that.

Police Chief Report - Flood warning in effect at 10pm tonight for all of Grays Harbor, reminding residents to clear drains that they see covered in leaves. Hoping to bring on a new reserves officer in January. Jeff Seeman worked his last shift on Saturday for Operation Santa Cop. Special thanks to Kasey Grove for all her work putting this together. Thanking Lions Club for including the Police Officers with their Claus and Cocoa event.

Fire Chief Report – Chief Falley reports that Shane Bridges will be retiring at the end of this year with the Fire Department, wanting to thank him and give full acknowledgement of his 25 years of service. We had another member pass their EMC exam; we are excited to have him come back. We have 3 starting EMT school in January in Aberdeen that is covered by our inter-local agreement. Thanks to Councilmember Winn and Spargo for the tree-lighting ceremony this month, it was a great event.

Building Inspector – Bill Sidor continues working on the Miscellaneous Fees schedule and is about 95% done with this. Hoping next month to have the printout to review and discuss.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Springer is in attendance online, with no report currently.

Mayor Pro Tem Skinner reminds citizens City Hall will be closed December 24th and 25th. Thanks to Citizens who donated to the food boxes available at City Hall, they will be there through Friday. Another thanks to all the Volunteers through this entire year that stepped up in time of need for our city.

9. NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION

1. Bill Sidor comments on adopting the updated International Building Code of 2021, which is the most current code. A few items were crossed out because these are optional. Councilmember Darcy asks if this is the most current code. Bill responds with yes.
2. Councilmember Collett asks if this is a fixed amount or if this changes. Hanna Cleverly answers that this will change every year, this is based on assessed value of population.
3. Both Councilmember Spargo and Darcy had questions on the amount of this and if this will add additional expenses for the Citizens. Chief Falley assured them this is nothing additional, the EMS Fund that was voted on in October is for exactly this, which is already budgeted for in the 2025 Budget.
4. Councilmember Skinner comments on the medical insurance. Chief Layman explains the police contract expiring. Councilmember Spargo had questions on the potential changes to medical insurance. This will only be an extension of what is currently in place.
5. Councilmember Skinner gives more insight into Resolution 2024-4.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No comments.

NEW BUSINESS – COUNCIL ACTION

1. Councilmember Spargo motioned to move on *Ordinance 1392 Adopting the Current International Building Code*, Councilmember Darcy Seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Councilmember Skinner motioned to Adopt the *Grays Harbor County EMS interlocal agreement*, Councilmember Spargo seconded.

The discussion was Councilmember Spargo felt this is beneficial to our city.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Councilmember Collett motioned to Adopt the *2025 Aberdeen EMS interlocal agreement*, Councilmember Spargo seconded.

The discussion was Councilmember Spargo asked for clarification on if this will affect monthly utility bills for Citizens. Clerk Barr assured Councilmember Spargo the EMS charge will not change by continuing this agreement.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Councilmember Collett motioned to Adopt the *Extension of the current Police Collective Bargaining Agreement*, Councilmember Spargo seconded.

The discussion was with Councilmember Skinner talking about the importance of looking into all options that will help the city.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Councilmember Darcy motioned to Adopt *Resolution 2024-4 Chehalis River Basin-wide solution to Flooding and Aquatic Species Restoration*, Councilmember Collett seconded.

The discussion was Councilmember Spargo verifying there will be no penalty if we decide to separate from this in the future.

Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Citizen wanted to comment on the Tree Lighting Ceremony and how successful it was. Grateful to everyone who attended.

COUNCIL COMMENTS – Councilmember Spargo gives thanks to the Citizens who have attended the meetings in this past year with their feedback. Thanks to Kasey Grove for setting up the Secret Santa Cop event. Thanks to Michelle Fogus, Councilmember Winn, and the Volunteer Firemen for the tree lighting Ceremony.

Councilmember Skinner thanks everyone who has helped get the city to the place it is now. Comments we have a great Fire Department and Police Department. Wishes everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilmember Winn expresses appreciation and thanks for the tree lighting ceremony, and everyone involved.

Councilmember Spargo motioned to Adjourn; Councilmember Collett seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM