



# COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

## APPROVED MINUTES

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Rick Scholl  
Council President Jessica Chilton  
Councilor Mark Gundersen  
Councilor Russell Hubbard  
Councilor Brandon Sundeen

### STAFF PRESENT

John Walsh, City Administrator  
Kathy Payne, City Recorder  
Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder  
Joe Hogue, Acting Police Chief  
Crystal King, Communications Officer  
Suzanne Bishop, Library Director

### OTHERS

Linda McMann	Mary Wheeler
Cris McMann	Jennifer Massey
Dr. Matthew Perry	Kimberly Morris
Debbie Perry	Roger
Brady Preheim	

### CALL REGULAR SESSION TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### PROCLAMATION

#### 1. Proclamation and Presentation in Memory of the 100-Year Anniversary of Fallen Officer Marshal Dale A. Perry

Councilor Sundeen presented a slide show presentation in memory of Marshal Dale Alfred Perry. A single-shot pistol believed to have been owned by Marshal Perry was displayed. The family of Marshal Perry in attendance were recognized, as well as others who had contributed to the presentation, and a moment of silence was held in honor of Marshal Perry.

Mayor Scholl read the proclamation in memory of the 100-Year Anniversary of fallen Officer Marshal Dale A. Perry.

### VISITOR COMMENTS – *Limited to three (3) minutes per speaker*

- ◆ Brady Preheim. Advised against reappointing David B. Rosengard to the Planning Commission citing concerns about dishonesty and requested that Halloweentown profits be published prior to discussing the fireworks display, as it was currently unknown whether enough money was made to pay for the fireworks.

**ORDINANCES – First Reading**

2. **Ordinance No. 3305:** An Ordinance Amending the St. Helens Municipal Code Chapters 17.16, 17.24, 17.32, 17.36, 17.40, 17.44, 17.80, 17.88, 17.96, 17.100, 17.108, 17.120, 17.124, 17.132, 17.136, 17.140, 17.148, and 19.20, Pertaining to Oregon Measure 109 (2020) Regarding Psilocybin Land Uses, Oregon House Bill 3109 (2021) Regarding Child Care Land Uses and Other Housekeeping Amendments, Validity Periods for Land Use Decisions in Particular

Mayor Scholl read Ordinance No. 3305 by title. The final reading will be held at the next meeting.

**RESOLUTIONS**

3. **Resolution No. 2033:** A Resolution Establishing Bank Signators and Designating City Administrator John Walsh and Finance Director Gloria Butsch as Signators

**Motion:** Motion made by Councilor Gundersen and seconded by Councilor Hubbard to adopt Resolution No. 2033. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Hubbard, Councilor Sundeen

**APPROVE AND/OR AUTHORIZE FOR SIGNATURE**

4. Display Agreement and Purchase Order with Western Display Fireworks for 4th of July Fireworks Display
5. Amendment No. 1 to the Financing Contract with Oregon Business Development Department for the Riverfront Redevelopment Project

**Motion:** Motion made by Council President Chilton and seconded by Councilor Gundersen to approve '4' and '5' above.

Councilors discussed Item 4, the Display Agreement and Purchase Order for the fireworks display. Revenue from tailgating and Spirit of Halloweentown would likely be enough to cover the cost of the fireworks. It was agreed that the focus should be on a bigger and better celebration event overall rather than spending more money on a longer fireworks display. The consensus was to spend \$25,000 on the fireworks display.

**Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Hubbard, Councilor Sundeen

**APPOINTMENT TO CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

6. Reappoint David B. Rosengard to Planning Commission

**Motion:** Motion made by Councilor Sundeen and seconded by Council President Chilton to reappoint David B. Rosengard to the Planning Commission. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Hubbard, Councilor Sundeen

**CONSENT AGENDA FOR ACCEPTANCE**

7. Planning Commission Minutes dated October 8, 2024

**Motion:** Motion made by Council President Chilton and seconded by Councilor Sundeen to approve '7' above. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Hubbard, Councilor Sundeen

**CONSENT AGENDA FOR APPROVAL**

8. City Council Minutes dated October 2 and October 30, 2024
9. OLCC Licenses
10. Accounts Payable Bill Lists

**Motion:** Motion made by Councilor Sundeen and seconded by Councilor Gundersen to approve '8' through '10' above. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Hubbard, Councilor Sundeen

### **WORK SESSION ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Animal Facility License - Kathleen Johnstun**

The Council discussed whether a goose was permitted under the Animal Facility License requested by Kathleen Johnstun. Councilors reviewed and discussed comments received from the applicant's neighbor, feedback from staff, and the Animal Control chapter of the St. Helens Municipal Code. Mayor Scholl and Councilor Sundeen believed the applicant met the qualifications and supported Code Enforcement's recommendation to approve the license. However, Councilor Hubbard expressed concerns about flooding on the property, the unfriendly nature of geese, and the number of animals on the property.

There was also discussion on the noises made by animals, and it was noted that constant animal noises which created a nuisance could be reported to Code Enforcement.

**Motion:** Motion made by Councilor Sundeen and seconded by Mayor Scholl to approve Kathleen Johnstun's Animal Facility License application for multiple chickens, ducks, and one goose. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Councilor Sundeen; Nay: Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Hubbard

**Motion:** Motion made by Council President Chilton and seconded by Councilor Hubbard to approve Kathleen Johnstun's Animal Facility License application for the chickens and ducks without the goose. **Vote:** Yea: Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Hubbard, Councilor Sundeen; Nay: Mayor Scholl

### **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

**Council President Chilton** reported on what she learned at a recent League of Oregon Cities event, which led her to propose that the Council review guiding documents and address several topics over the next year. She also commented on efforts to address concerns about the Senior Center, commendation to the Public Works Department by an Avamere resident, and the safety situation at the high school.

**Councilor Sundeen** reported on the Parks and Trails Commission meeting, which included several reports and presentations, including a presentation by the Port of Columbia County about its cleanup plans and desire to collaborate with the City on recreation along Milton Creek. He also reported on police candidate interviews, safety issues within the school district, the City's relationship with the school district, and the City's efforts to ensure the safety of children in Library and Recreation programs.

**Councilor Gundersen** appreciated the City's response to the safety issues within the school district and reported on the Library's desire to expand the Makerspace and the need to increase training opportunities for high school graduates.

**Councilor Hubbard** advocated for expanding the Makerspace and thanked the agencies who gave informative reports.

### **MAYOR SCHOLL REPORTS**

**Mayor Scholl** reported on the Police Department's work on the situation that occurred within the school district and a meeting that was held to discuss solutions to the school district's issues.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**ADJOURN – 7:58 p.m.**

Respectfully transcribed by ABC Transcription Services LLC and submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:

/s/ Kathy Payne  
Kathy Payne, City Recorder

/s/ Rick Scholl  
Rick Scholl, Mayor