



COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Wednesday, February 01, 2023

APPROVED MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Rick Scholl
Councilor Mark Gundersen
Councilor Brandon Sundeen

MEMBERS ABSENT

Council President Jessica Chilton
Councilor Patrick Birkle

STAFF PRESENT

John Walsh, City Administrator
Kathy Payne, City Recorder
Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder
Tina Curry, Event Coordinator

OTHERS

Howard Blumenthal

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

- ◆ Howard Blumenthal. He is having problems with a person who allows their dogs to run unleashed in Nob Hill Nature Park. He has encountered the dogs on his side of the street and the owner on the opposite side. The dogs were in his driveway when he came home the other day and he had to park differently to avoid them. He asked the owner why they are not leashed and he was yelled at. Blumenthal has spoken with police and code enforcement. The dog owner believes the City does not have an off-leash rule. They need to amend those rules to be enforceable. There is a reference in the Code about dogs being unleashed in dog parks, which he will bring to the Parks & Recreation Commission's next meeting for discussion.

ORDINANCES – *First Reading*

1. **Ordinance No. 3289:** An Ordinance Amending All Sections of the St. Helens Municipal Code to Reflect a Change in the Name of the Parks and Recreation Commission and to Remove References to the Newly Named Parks and Trails Commission having Responsibility Over the Recreation Program

Mayor Scholl read Ordinance No. 3289 by title. The final reading will be held at the next meeting.

APPROVE AND/OR AUTHORIZE FOR SIGNATURE

2. Agreement with AKS Engineering & Forestry, LLC for Assisting the City with Renewal of the Salmonberry Reservoir Water Rights Permit

Motion: Motion made by Councilor Sundeen and seconded by Councilor Gundersen to approve '2' above.

Vote: Yea: Mayor Scholl, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Sundeen

CONSENT AGENDA FOR APPROVAL

3. Council Work Session, Executive Session, Public Hearing, and Regular Session Minutes dated January 4, 2023
4. OLCC Licenses
5. Accounts Payable Bill Lists

Motion: Motion made by Councilor Sundeen and seconded by Councilor Gundersen to approve '3' through '5' above. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Sundeen

WORK SESSION ACTION ITEMS

MOU with St. Helens Police Association

Motion: Motion made by Councilor Sundeen and seconded by Councilor Gundersen to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the St. Helens Police Association regarding cost-of-living adjustments of 6% per year for the 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 fiscal years. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Sundeen

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- Finance Director interviews were held today.
- He, Mayor Scholl, and Government Affairs Specialist Barry attended City Day at the Capital last week. They had the opportunity to speak about their priorities.
- The LOC Small Cities meeting will be held here on Friday at 10:00 a.m.
- Senator Wyden will be at the Meriwether Place on Saturday at 1:00 p.m.
- Updating job descriptions and performing salary studies.
- Reorganizing Parks and Recreation. Trying to find a balance to provide administrative support for both divisions.
- There was a Public Safety Facility update during the work session. They looked at the manufactured home at McCormick Park to use temporarily for administrative offices. It will not meet their needs, so would like to move forward with using space in the Recreation Center. It will not interfere with Recreation using the gym space.
- Moving forward with the St. Helens to Scappoose trail planning grant.
- Moving forward on the Veterans Plaza project.
- Met with US Ecology about the Central Waterfront project. Will continue to meet regularly.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilor Sundeen reported...

- Lots of good things are coming up for our parks.
- Met with Library Director Bishop last week. Much of what was discussed was in her report.
- Met with Chief Greenway this week. It helped to understand their needs better now.
- It's been good getting to know people better.

Councilor Gundersen reported...

- Also met with Bishop about Library needs. He visited the Makerspace for the first time and was impressed. It's so much more than books at the library.
- Enjoyed being involved in the Finance Director interview process.

MAYOR SCHOLL REPORTS

- Attended City Day at the Capital. The future looks encouraging. They are fortunate to have Barry and her connections at the State.
- Looking forward to the Council Retreat next week. They are always productive and encouraging.
- He feels good about the interview process and hopes they'll be here to begin the budget process.

- The Employee Recognition Banquet is February 10. It's nice to get together.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN – 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:

/s/ Kathy Payne
Kathy Payne, City Recorder

/s/ Rick Scholl
Rick Scholl, Mayor