



COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

APPROVED MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Rick Scholl
Council President Doug Morten (arrived at 7:05 p.m.)
Councilor Keith Locke
Councilor Ginny Carlson
Councilor Stephen R. Topaz

STAFF PRESENT

Matt Brown, Assistant City Administrator
Kathy Payne, City Recorder
Mouhamad Zaher, Public Works Director
Sue Nelson, Public Works Engineering Director
Tina Curry, Event Coordinator

OTHERS

Brady Preheim
Patrick Birkle

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Scholl stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITOR COMMENTS – *Limited to five (5) minutes per speaker*

None

ORDINANCES – *Final Reading*

1. **Ordinance No. 3258:** An Ordinance Providing for Business Licenses, Instituting a Method for Issuing Licenses, Establishing Revocation and Suspension Procedures, Providing Penalties for Violations, and Repealing Code Chapter Title 5 Business Taxes, Licenses, and Regulations

Mayor Scholl read Ordinance No. 3258 by title for the final time. **Motion:** Motion made by Councilor Carlson and seconded by Councilor Locke to adopt Ordinance No. 3258. Voting Yea: Mayor Scholl, Councilor Locke, Councilor Carlson, Councilor Topaz

CONSENT AGENDA FOR APPROVAL

2. Council Work Session, Executive Session, Special Session, Public Hearing, and Regular Session Minutes dated October 21, 26, and November 4, 2020
3. Animal Facility Licenses

Motion: Motion made by Councilor Carlson and seconded by Councilor Locke to approve '2' and '3' above. Voting Yea: Mayor Scholl, Councilor Locke, Councilor Carlson, Councilor Topaz

WORK SESSION ACTION ITEMS

Motion: Councilor Locke moved to have staff proceed on the next step for the broadband community readiness study. Councilor Carlson seconded.

Question.

Councilor Topaz asked staff to investigate federal regulations that may come up. Councilor Locke responded that all the equipment is registered and licensed. Councilor Topaz wants to make sure they are protected. Councilor Locke added that the federal government has not done anything with the internet yet.

Councilor Carlson said they owe it to the citizens to do a study for interest and readiness. Councilor Topaz agreed.

Council President Morten arrived.

Voting: Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Morten, Councilor Locke, Councilor Carlson, Councilor Topaz

MAYOR SCHOLL REPORTS

- It is the holiday season.
- There has been a lot of rain lately. Public Works is cleaning out storm drains.
- He wants people listening to know they are cared about. Be nice to one another. Get out and do some exercise. Take care of your mental health. Everyone is affected.
- The City is moving forward.
- Welcome to new Public Works Director Mouhamad Zaher. He looks forward to having him as part of the team.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Council President Morten reported...

- Welcomed Zaher.
- This morning's national news reported that there is a vaccine around the corner. Now is the time to be extra safe.
- Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilor Locke reported...

- They have put up with this for the last 8-9 months. Be extra vigilant over the next couple months.

Councilor Carlson reported...

- Reminder, it is way past time to put our political hats away and do what is best for the community, take care of each other, and support local businesses as much as possible. They are better when they work together.
- She is excited to have Zaher here with fresh ideas and a fresh perspective in the community.

Councilor Topaz reported...

- The different directions we are receiving from the Governor regarding this disease is frustrating. Be safe, be healthy, be patient, and have a happy Thanksgiving.

OTHER BUSINESS

- ◆ Brady Preheim. He had hoped that the business license ordinance would be shorter after the revision, but 10 pages is better than the past 24 pages. He encouraged staff to continue to condense it. He also commented on the broadband proposal. The study is a great idea. The City of St. Helens is well served by Comcast. The problem is access for users in outlining areas. They need to consider bundling that Comcast provides.

Mayor Scholl reiterated sentiments of the Council.

- Happy Thanksgiving!
- Welcome Zaher!
- See you December 2nd.

ADJOURN – 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:

/s/ Kathy Payne

Kathy Payne, City Recorder

/s/ Rick Scholl

Rick Scholl, Mayor