



COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Wednesday, August 02, 2023

APPROVED MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Rick Scholl
Council President Jessica Chilton
Councilor Mark Gundersen
Councilor Brandon Sundeen (via Zoom)

STAFF PRESENT

John Walsh, City Administrator
Kathy Payne, City Recorder
Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder

OTHERS

Diana Wiener	Jenn Massey
Brady Preheim	Arthur Leskowich
Eddie Dunton	J. Bar
Jim Coleman	Lucy Heil

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

- ◆ Diana Weiner. Diana and her husband are temporarily living in Scappoose while their house in St. Helens is being rebuilt after a fire. She expressed interest in the vacant Council position and mentioned that she planned to run last year but was not able to due to the fire. She talked about her background:
 - Serves on the Library Board
 - Secretary for St. Helens Main Street Alliance
 - Bachelor's Degree in History from Lewis & Clark College
 - Law Degree from Lewis & Clark Law School
 - Previously worked in Insurance Defense Litigation
 - Currently works for a global tech company as a senior director, working remotely, with flexible hours
 - Appreciates the Council's work
 - Committed to the future of St. Helens
 - Loves the community

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Scholl read Councilor Birkle's resignation letter into the record. Councilor Birkle expressed that he is no longer able to devote the time needed to serve on City Council with an increased workload as a teacher. He recognized the hard work of staff and the commitment from Council members to serve. St. Helens has a bright future and he will continue to advocate for it.

Mayor Scholl explained the process to accept the resignation and declare the vacancy.

Motion: Motion made by Council President Chilton and seconded by Councilor Gundersen to accept Councilor Birkle's resignation and declare the position vacant. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Sundeen

Council will announce the process to fill the vacancy at the next regular meeting.

APPROVE AND/OR AUTHORIZE FOR SIGNATURE

1. Oregon Community Development Block Grant Contract for Sewer Capacity Improvement Project
2. Agreement with Lucy Heil to Provide Legal Assistance to Indigent Defendants Charged with Criminal Misdemeanors
3. Agreement with Steve Sharfstein to Provide Legal Assistance to Indigent Defendants Charged with Criminal Misdemeanors

Motion: Motion made by Councilor Gundersen and seconded by Council President Chilton to approve '1' through '3' above.

Discussion.

City Administrator Walsh pointed out the discussion in the Work Session for Lucy Heil to have a different rate. He recommends changing her contract from \$2,000/month to \$2,500/month.

Amendment to Motion: Motion made by Councilor Gundersen and seconded by Council President Chilton to amend the agreement with Lucy Heil from \$2,000/month to \$2,500/month. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Sundeen

Vote to Approve the Original Motion With the Amendment: Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Sundeen

CONSENT AGENDA FOR APPROVAL

4. Council Minutes dated June 21, 29, and July 5, 2023
5. Library Board 5-Year Strategic Plan
6. Accounts Payable Bill Lists
7. Declare Surplus Property - Police Dept.

Motion: Motion made by Council President Chilton and seconded by Councilor Gundersen to approve '4' through '7' above. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Sundeen

WORK SESSION ACTION ITEMS

None

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Council President Chilton...

- She was sad to hear about Councilor Birkle's resignation. She thanked him for his work and the time he spent to meet with each department. He will be missed.

Councilor Sundeen reported...

- Spending time traveling before the end of summer.
- He enjoyed working with Councilor Birkle and thanked him for his dedicated service. They will continue to see him in the community.
- Attended a rock event at the Library. It was very well done and he appreciates their work.
- Attended National Night Out at the Sheriff's Office last night. It was good to see community partners there.
- They live in a great community.

Councilor Gundersen reported...

- Councilor Birkle was the first person to reach out to him when he was elected. He will be missed and wishes him the best.

MAYOR SCHOLL REPORTS

- Talked about the demands of serving on Council. Councilor Birkle will be missed. He always came prepared and had a good perspective on views he may not have seen himself.
- Received a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the sewer upgrades. It is great for the community.
- Will be attending the Oregon Mayors Conference August 10-12.
- Sand Island Sandcastle Competition this weekend. Attendees can access Sand Island by paying a small fee to take the boat.
- Black Tie & Blue Jean event on Saturday.
- The whole City is under construction. Downtown parking will get worse when the temporary lot closes for construction. They deserve to have a nice Waterfront property.
- Making progress on the new police station.
- Honored to serve with Council and staff.

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