

**City Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 08, 2020**

Minutes

WORK SESSION

Mayor Fournier called the Work Session to order at 7:15 pm.

PRESENT

Councilmember Linda Gotovac
Councilmember Dave Watterson
Councilmember John O'Callahan
Councilmember Jason Lawton
Councilmember Rachel Davidson

Mayor Fournier adjourned the Work Session at 7:28 pm

1. The Washington State Arts Commission has implemented new rules for the expenditure of funds under the "Creative District Capital Project Pilot Program" to include a 1:1 match requirement unless each of the jurisdictions that are recipients of the grant are able to qualify for some form of "Match Reduction." In addition, the amount available under the grant has been reduced from approximately \$70,000.00 to \$24,500, meaning that City would have to match the \$24,500, but would be solely responsible for any project expense exceeding \$50,000.00.

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order at 7:30 pm with Mayor Fournier as well as:

PRESENT

Councilmember Linda Gotovac
Councilmember Dave Watterson
Councilmember John O'Callahan
Councilmember Jason Lawton
Councilmember Rachel Davidson

AGENDA APPROVAL

2. Agenda for the September 8, 2020, Regular Meeting of the Tenino City Council.

Recommended action: Move to approve the agenda with the addition of voting to change the nature of the project nominated for the Creative District Capital Project Program from the construction of a pergola connecting the Library to the Creative District, to the paving of the City's parking lot to facilitate parking for Creative District patrons.

Motion made by Councilmember O'Callahan, Seconded by Councilmember Gotovac.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Watterson, Councilmember O'Callahan, Councilmember Lawton, Councilmember Davidson.

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Motion passes 5/0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. Minutes of the August 25, 2020, Regular Meeting of the Tenino City Council.

Recommended action: Move to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2020, Regular Meeting of the Tenino City Council as presented.

Motion made by Councilmember O'Callahan, Seconded by Councilmember Gotovac.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Watterson, Councilmember O'Callahan, Councilmember Lawton, Councilmember Davidson:

Motion carries 5/0.

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. Payroll EFT's in the amount of \$51,964.25 and Claims Checks #29313 through #29347, and other EFT's in the amount of \$60,256.99 for a Grand Total of \$112,221.24 (Note: Claims Check #29328 in the amount of \$143.64 was voided because it was a duplicate payment)

Recommended action: Move to approve EFT's and Vouchers as presented.

Motion made by Councilmember O'Callahan, Seconded by Councilmember Watterson.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Watterson, Councilmember O'Callahan, Councilmember Lawton, Councilmember Davidson.

Motion carries 5/0.

5. Liquor and Cannabis Licenses:

New Licenses: None.

Renewals: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PRESENTATIONS

6. Mayor Fournier wishes to appoint Ms. Kristi Lougheed as the City's next Chief of Police. She is present to introduce herself and answer any questions the Council may have.

After being introduced by Mayor Fournier, Ms. Lougheed briefly reviewed her experience in Law Enforcement, spoke about her current employment as a Human Resources manager with the State of Washington, then answered questions from the Council.

Mayor Fournier then asked Council for a motion to confirm Ms. Lougheed as the Chief of Police.

Motion to confirm made by Councilmember O'Callahan, Seconded by Councilmember Lawton.

During discussion, Councilmember Watterson explained that because he believed this vote to be premature, even though he does believe that Ms. Lougheed might be an excellent choice, he would be abstaining from this vote.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember O'Callahan, Councilmember Lawton, Councilmember Davidson

Abstaining: Councilmember Watterson

Motion passes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

"Breezy," of 1365 Park Avenue, Tenino, remarked that she agrees with Councilmember Watterson that the selection of a new Police Chief is something that should involve more public input/dialog prior to confirmation.

PUBLIC HEARING

PROCLAMATIONS

OLD BUSINESS

7. The City Engineer has prepared a change order to the original construction contract for additional water infrastructure to be extended onto the Ag Park Property.

Recommended action: Move to approve the change order, as presented.

Motion made by Councilmember O'Callahan, Seconded by Councilmember Gotovac.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Watterson, Councilmember O'Callahan, Councilmember Lawton, Councilmember Davidson.

Motion carries 5/0.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Mayor Fournier wishes to appoint Ms. Kristi Lougheed as Tenino's next Chief of Police.

Recommended action: Move to confirm Ms. Kristi Lougheed as Chief of Police.

This action was accomplished immediately after Ms. Lougheed's introduction; Please see Item #6, above.

9. Mayor Fournier wishes to appoint former Chief of Police Robert Swain as a Commissioner for the Tenino Civil Service Commission.

Recommended action: Move to confirm Mr. Robert Swain as Commissioner, Tenino Civil Service Commission.

Motion made by Councilmember O'Callahan, Seconded by Councilmember Lawton.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Watterson, Councilmember O'Callahan, Councilmember Lawton, Councilmember Davidson

Motion passes.

10. Creative District Capital Investment Program. (In the video, this discussion begins at 13:49) As one of the first five Certified Creative Districts in the State of Washington, Tenino was invited to participate in the Creative District Capital Investment Pilot Program. The initial program guidance allowed projects up to \$70,000.00 with no match required and Tenino's entry was a pergola designed to connect the Tenino Branch Timberland Regional Library to the central core of the Tenino Creative District, and this was the basis for the grant request submitted by the City.

However, the final version of the Pilot Program Project Guidance contained two changes that have caused the City to re-evaluate its submission: 1) The amount available under the grant was reduced from \$70,000.00 to \$24,500, and 2) There is a 1:1 match requirement.

In reviewing alternatives, one of the previous ideas consisted of paving the City's parking lot behind the Tenino Mini-Mall that would incorporate "asphalt art" concepts. Because the Tenino Chamber of Commerce was already working to raise money to pave the parking lot, they are a natural partner and their contribution could be used as part of the matching requirement. The Chamber, therefore, is supportive of this course of action.

Recommended action: Move to approve a change to the City of Tenino's "Creative Districts Capital Projects Pilot Grant Application" from the construction of a pergola to the paving of the City Parking Lot incorporating "asphalt art" concepts.

Motion made by Councilmember O'Callahan, seconded by Councilmember Gotovac.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Watterson, Councilmember O'Callahan, Councilmember Lawton, Councilmember Davidson

Motion passes.

RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES

REPORTS

11. 1) Chamber of Commerce. No report.
- 2) Economic Development Council (EDC). Mr. George Sharp offered that the next STEDI meeting would focus on South Thurston County issues and informed the Council that the EDC still has COVID-19 PPE available for distribution and there remains grant money available for businesses.
- 3) Experience Olympia & Beyond (VCB). No report.
- 4) Fire District #12. District #12 is extremely busy fighting fires within the District and assisting in fire fighting efforts in adjoining Districts.
- 5) Library. Ms. Linda McKinnie reported that recent discussions between the Districts' Executive Director and the Mayor have led to the ability to re-open the Tenino Branch within

the appropriate health and safety guidelines. The District continues to refine the variety and depth of services available to card-holders, including students who are provided with “e-cards,” and the special efforts being made by the District to accommodate whole classes, and not just individual users. In line with the remainder of the District, Tenino Branch remains in Phase 2 of the “Safe Start Washington” plan and will reopen with appropriate restrictions this coming Thursday, September 10, 2020, from 1:00-5:00 pm.

6) Museum

7) Tenino Community Service Center

12. 1) ARCH Commission. No report.

2) Civil Service Commission. No report.

3) Planning Commission. Tomorrow’s meeting will include an update on the Shoreline Master Program.

4) Facade Improvement Grant Review Committee. No report.

5) Finance Committee. The Committee met to consider the resumption of Step Increases and hiring of vacant positions. Committee recommends such resumption, but is working with the City Attorney and the State Auditor’s Office to determine whether such actions can be made retroactive. Currently awaiting a response from the State Auditor’s Office.

6) Public Safety Committee

13. 1) Chief of Police. C/T Millard, on behalf of the incoming Chief, presented information on the use of Nisqually Tribe Charitable Funds to purchase Stalker II moving/stationary radar guns.

2) Director of Public Works. No report.

3) City Planner / Building Official. No report.

4) City Attorney. No report.

5) Clerk/Treasurer. C/T Millard gave a brief recap of the status of grants and reimbursement requests.

6) Mayor. Mayor Fournier briefed the Council regarding the various meetings he has attended related to the Tenino Branch, Timberland Regional Library. Because the Library is involved with much more than “simply handing out books,” the City is working very closely with the District to support their operations within our capabilities. He wanted the Council to know that he values and respects the position articulated by Councilmember Watterson and Breezy, but explained that, especially during these trying times, he felt the appointment of a new Chief of Police simply could not be delayed to accommodate a protracted confirmation process. He let the Council know that, in former Chief Bob’s Swain’s own words, we “hit a home run” with the selection of Chief Loughheed when the opportunity was presented.

Mayor Fournier broached the subject of a Burn Ban within the City Limits that would complement the burn-ban in effect at the county level. All Councilmembers agreed such a proclamation would be appropriate.

14. 1) Bucoda/Tenino Healthy Action Team (BTHAT). No report.
- 2) Community Investment Partnership (CIP). No report.
- 3) Solid Waste Advisory Board. Awaiting for minutes of last meeting.
- 4) TCOMM/911. No report.
- 5) Tenino School Board. School starts tomorrow with all students participating via the internet.
- 6) Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC). Approximately \$500k available for south Thurston County road projects.
- 7) South Thurston Economic Development Initiative (STEDI). Meeting next Thursday.
- 8) Transportation Policy Board. Meets tomorrow.

PUBLIC COMMENTS 2

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Gotovac reported the Chamber of Commerce received a reprint of a 1932 wooden 25 cent piece which they would like to donate to the Museum.

Mayor Fournier reported the Blippi video made in Tenino is now on You Tube and Hulu which show cases activities in Tenino. He has had contact with people from New Zealand and Japan on the wooden money processes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fournier adjourned the meeting at 8:11 pm