

City Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 25, 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

ABSENT

Councilmember Rachel Davidson

1. The Tenino Community Service Center (TCSC) is working with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to obtain a new, refrigerated, delivery truck. One of the requirements is that they must be able to show a secure storage location when the truck is not being used. TCSC has identified an area within their "footprint" that can be fenced off to meet that requirement. They have selected a contractor to install the fence and have asked the City for financial assistance.

Because TCSC provides much-needed assistance to Tenino residents, in some cases, the only assistance available within the City, and because the COVID-19 pandemic has increased both the volume and quantity of food required to be distributed, it is in the best interests of the City to support TCSC in their effort to secure the truck.

Because it is sometimes necessary to load the truck and park it overnight, there is also a requirement to provide "shore power" to the truck to run the refrigeration units. There is no "shore power" outlet currently available, and it is estimated to cost approximately \$1500, it is also in the City's best interest to assist TCSC in establishing "shore power" capability.

Because this issue is a direct result of the government response to the COVID-19 pandemic, this grant will be eligible for reimbursement through CARES Act funding.

Ms. Pat Haller and Ms. Jody Stoltz, Tenino Community Services, explained the need for a fence and "shore power" for the new refrigerated delivery truck they expect to receive from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development and why they are asking the City for assistance.

2. Thurston County proposes to replace the Health and Human Services Council (HHSC) with a Regional Housing Council (RHC).

The proposed Interlocal Agreement (ILA) for the RHC uses the same methodology for representation as does the TCOMM/911 ILA in that Tenino would not have a voting seat on the

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Council, unless Tenino were elected by all those entities who represent less than 5% of the County's inhabitants.

Even so, the City would be required to provide a "decision-maker" to each Council Meeting and may be required to provide both in-kind contributions, as well as funds (under certain conditions).

Mayor Fournier led a discussion regarding the County's proposal for replacing the HHSC with the RHA.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fournier called to order the regular session of the Council at 7:30 pm.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Councilmember Rachel Davidson

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

Recommended action: Move to approve the agenda as presented.

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

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

Motion passes 4/0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. Minutes of the August 11, 2020, Regular Meeting of the Tenino City Council.

Recommended action: Move to approve the minutes of the August 11, 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.

Motion passes 4/0.

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Payroll EFT's in the amount of \$18,057.40 and Claims Checks #29284 through #29312, and other EFT's in the amount of \$65,309.63 for a Grand Total of \$83,367.03

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.

Motion passes 4/0.

6. Liquor and Cannabis Licenses:

New Licenses: None.

Renewals: Change of Corporate Officers: Nine Dragons Project, LLC

Recommended action: Move to approve the LCB applications as presented.

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

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

Motion passes 4/0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION. None.

PRESENTATIONS. None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. None.

PUBLIC HEARING. None.

PROCLAMATIONS

7. Tuesday, September 22, 2020 is National Voter Registration Day.

Recommended action: Move to declare September 22, 2020, Voter Registration Day in the City of Tenino.

Mayor Fournier read the proposed proclamation and asked the Council to issue the proclamation.

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

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

Motion passes 4/0.

OLD BUSINESS. None.

NEW BUSINESS

8. The Administration wishes Council to approve a one-time grant in the amount of \$4416.00 in favor of the Tenino Community Service Center (TCSC), doing business as Tenino Food Bank Plus, to enable them to meet HUD requirements for the overnight storage of a new delivery truck .

Recommended action: Move to approve a one-time grant in the amount of \$4416.00 for the Tenino Community Service Center

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

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

Motion passes 4/0.

9. Thurston County proposes to replace the Health and Human Services Council (HHSC) with a Regional Housing Council (RHC).

Recommended action: Move to reject the proposal unless each City and Town in the County is provided a voting seat on the Council.

After discussing the issue thoroughly during the Work Session, and following additional discussion during the Business Meeting, the Council accepted the Staff's recommendation.

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

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

Voting Nay: Councilmember Watterson.

Motion passes 3/1.

RESOLUTIONS. None

ORDINANCES. None

REPORTS

10. 1) Chamber of Commerce
- 2) Economic Development Council (EDC)
- 3) Experience Olympia & Beyond (VCB)
- 4) Fire District: Councilmember O'Callahan reported the Fire District are doing their own Training Academy with about 8-12 participants.
- 5) Library: Mayor Fournier advised Council the Library has decided to remain closed to the public as they want extra cleaning above the contract that is between the City and them. However, we are unable to provide any extra cleaning due to budget and lack of employees.
- 6) Museum: Councilmember O'Callahan reported they are up and running.

7) Tenino Community Services: Jody reported they have partnered with the Veterans Group to provide clothing to Veterans who are in need. They will have a closet on the site of the Food Bank for them to use.

11. 1) ARCH Commission

2) Civil Service Commission

3) Planning Commission

4) Facade Improvement Grant Review Committee

5) Finance Committee: Mayor Fournier requests they meet to review the budget and review if and when they can release the freeze on the employee step increases.

6) Public Safety Committee

12. 1) Chief of Police: Mayor Fournier reported Thurston Co. Sheriff's Office is requesting an increase in jail costs. He also informed everyone Chief Swain is retiring but the Mayor would like Council to appoint him to the Civil Service Commission. Chief Swain appeared and thanked Mayor and Council for his time here and their confidence in him.

2) Director of Public Works

3) City Planner / Building Official

4) City Attorney

5) Clerk/Treasurer: C/T Millard went over his attached report.

6) Mayor

13. 1) Bucoda/Tenino Healthy Action Team (BTHAT)

2) Community Investment Partnership (CIP)

3) Solid Waste Advisory Board: Councilmember Waterson reported the County's Solid Waste Plan has finally been submitted to the Department of Ecology for their review.

4) TCOMM/911

5) Tenino School Board

6) Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC)

7) South Thurston Economic Development Initiative (STEDI)

8) Transportation Policy Board

PUBLIC COMMENTS 2. None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember O'Callahan explained a new media outlet that is focused solely on positive news articles will be in the Tenino area and would like to meet with the Mayor and C/T Millard regarding positive happenings in Tenino.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fournier adjourned the meeting at 8:12 pm.