

CITY OF MCCLEARY
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, March 27, 2019

ROLL CALL AND FLAG SALUTE	Councilmembers Richey, Huff, Heller, Blankenship and Iversen were in attendance.
ABSENT	Mayor Orffer attended by telephone. Mayor Pro Tem Huff Chaired the meeting.
STAFF PRESENT	Present at the meeting were Director of Public Works Todd Baun, Clerk-Treasurer Wendy Collins and Attorney Chris Coker.
EXECUTIVE SESSION	At 6:30 pm, Mayor Pro Tem Huff called for an executive session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) to discuss property acquisition for ten minutes. The Executive Session ended at 6:40 pm. No action was taken.
PUBLIC COMMENTS	<p>Bob Pringle has an issue with a neighbor who has trash in their back yard that has drawn rats to the neighborhood. He stated there is a bad smell coming from the garbage and there is also a tent in the back yard, which he believes people are living in. He wants to know what steps to take to get the house condemned. He is also concerned over the house on 3rd Street that had a fire over a year ago. He wants to know when and how it will be dealt with. Attorney Chris Coker responded stating there are specific steps that must be taken. The first line of defense after a complaint, is voluntary compliance. If there is no compliance, then the next step is abatement in court. Mr. Pringle's complaint is being dealt with through the proper procedure.</p> <p>Jay Biggs works for Comcast and he is also a member of the McCleary VFW. Comcast has a grant program called Comcast Cares and Mr. Biggs applied and was awarded the grant. He is inviting the community to join Comcast employees and VFW Members on May 4th to assist in fixing a wall on their building. The front of the hall has a brick fascia that has begun to fail and needs to be removed and re-sided. There is also a hidden exterior wall that has aged with warped wood and is leaking. In addition to the building work, they will also be putting together Assistance Kits for our homeless veterans that will be distributed locally and to other areas.</p> <p>Frances Black serves lunches to the senior citizens on Fridays. She is concerned the lunch program will end when the church closes. Todd Baun assured her there are alternative locations that have offered facilities for them to use, in the event the current location becomes unavailable. Ms. Black expressed concerns about accessibility at other locations and wants to be sure those who need accessible supports will have them.</p>
MAYOR COMMENTS	Mayor Pro Tem Huff welcomed everyone and was happy to be chairing the meeting tonight.
VOUCHERS	<p>Accounts Payable checks approved were 45779 - 45837, including EFT's, in the amount of \$260,123.64.</p> <p>It was moved by Councilmember Richey, seconded by Councilmember Heller to approve the vouchers. Motion Carried 4-0.</p>
MINUTES APPROVED	It was moved by Councilmember Iversen, seconded by Councilmember Richey to adopt the minutes from the March 13, 2019 meeting. Motion Carried 4-0.
CITY ATTORNEY REPORT	Chris Coker provided a written report for the Council. He has been working on lien issues and the critical areas ordinance.
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT	Todd Baun provided a written report for the Council.
POLICE CHIEF REPORT	None.

PARK PLAN DISCUSSION

The Planning Commission duties have been handled by the City Council since previous members' terms have expired. In order to complete the new park plan update, staff needs a planning effort from the Council, or if they choose, they can delegate the duties to an alternative group. One suggestion is to have the McCleary Civic Renewal Council function in this role. The MCRC recently performed a survey, which could be utilized, if they were considered for taking over the planning. **It was moved by Councilmember Blankenship, seconded by Councilmember Richey to refer the park planning duties to the McCleary Civic Renewal Council. Motion Carried 4-0.**

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
DISCUSSION

The City has not updated their electrical engineering services since 2008. Todd sent out a Request for Proposals for Electrical Engineering and received some very good proposals. Todd provided the names of three firms that submitted a proposal and extended an invitation to the City Council to participate in the interviews. Councilmembers Heller and Richey offered to attend.

3RD STREET LETTER

A resident on 3rd Street submitted a letter asking the City Council to consider dedicating the SR108 exit and access at SR18 as the only truck routes through the City. Todd Baun stated the City would need approval from the State and from the Washington State Department of Transportation. If heading toward Olympia, the semi trucks would have to go to the West exit and turn left, which is dangerous. Mayor Orffer stated this would be an unfunded mandate. Chris Coker added that the State has a strong voice in preventing cities from refusing to allow movement of goods and services, including causing congestion on the highways.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Todd Baun reported the crew will be performing crack sealing on Main Street this summer.

MEETING ADJOURNED

It was moved by Councilmember Blankenship, seconded by Councilmember Richey to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 6:30 pm. Motion Carried 4-0.

Approved by Mayor Brenda Orffer and Clerk-Treasurer Wendy Collins.