

CITY OF MCCLEARY
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, December 12, 2018

ROLL CALL AND FLAG SALUTE	Councilmembers Richey, Huff, Heller, Blankenship and Iversen were in attendance.
ABSENT	None.
STAFF PRESENT	Present at the meeting were Director of Public Works Todd Baun, Clerk-Treasurer Wendy Collins, Chief Steve Blumer and Attorney Chris Coker.
PUBLIC HEARING	None.
PUBLIC COMMENTS	None.
MAYOR COMMENTS	<p>The auditor has finished working on the audit and has scheduled a tentative exit conference for 8:30 am on January 4, 2019.</p> <p>The fire equipment has been arriving. Chief Nott recommended ordering enough equipment for five new members he is hiring for the McCleary Fire Department.</p>
VOUCHERS	<p>Accounts Payable checks approved were 45292 - 45346, including EFT's, in the amount of \$38,024.74.</p> <p>Payroll checks approved were 45211 - 45345, including EFT's, in the amount of \$191,352.98.</p> <p>Bank Reconciliation for November 2018.</p> <p>It was moved by Councilmember Huff, seconded by Councilmember Heller to approve the vouchers. Motion Carried 5-0.</p>
MINUTES APPROVED	It was moved by Councilmember Iversen, seconded by Councilmember Huff to adopt the minutes from the November 14, 2018 and November 28, 2018 meetings. Motion Carried 5-0.
CITY ATTORNEY REPORT	Chris Coker received some nuisance ordinance definitions from Councilmember Blankenship and has been continuing to research the issue.
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT	Todd Baun met with Chris Coker regarding updating the city's purchasing policy and the small and attractive assets policy.
POLICE CHIEF REPORT	Chief Blumer provided a written staff report for the Mayor and Council.
MAYOR AND COUNCIL SALARIES	<p>Mayor Orffer addressed the Council and Mayor's salaries at the last meeting. She asked for the Council's feedback after reviewing salaries of elected officials with similar population cities. The Council was in agreeance to increase the Mayor's salary because the position is demanding and requires a lot of time dedicated to the City. They did not agree, as a whole, to increasing their own salaries. Councilmember Richey thinks there are so many other things the city should do with the money that would go toward a Councilmember raise. He feels his position is about service to the community, not about getting money. Councilmember Heller's original thought was to increase the salary to encourage people to run for City Council but thinks the current amount is fine although he would like to increase the Mayor's salary. All of the Councilmembers agreed their compensation is fine, but they need to increase the Mayor's salary because it does not compensate her for the amount of time and work she provides to the City. Mayor Orffer does not want the increase to go into affect until after the next election.</p> <p>It was moved by Councilmember Iversen, seconded by Councilmember Huff to raise the Mayor's salary to \$600 per month, effective January 1, 2020 and to keep the Councilmember's salary the same. Motion Carried 5-0.</p>
POLICE CAR DISCUSSION	<p>Chief Blumer purchased two new police cars and now wants to surplus his current police car.</p> <p>It was moved by Councilmember Blankenship, seconded by Councilmember Iversen to authorize the surplus of the Police Chief's Dodge Charger to be sold for fair market value and to execute a surplus resolution by the Mayor. Motion Carried 5-0.</p>

COUNCIL REPRESENTATION Todd Baun reported there are meetings he has been attending as the city representative. One is the Grays Harbor Council of Government meetings and the E911 Board meetings. Every year, Todd reaches out to the Mayor and Council to see if they are interested in getting involved with either of these organizations. The Council agreed to have Todd continue to attend in the Mayor's and Council's place.

3RD STREET PROJECT AWARD The city received eleven bidders for the 3rd Street Improvement project. Barcott Construction LLC was the low bidder and was awarded the project at the bid price of \$1,740,297.10. **It was moved by Councilmember Richey, seconded by Councilmember Huff to accept the bid from Barcott Construction for the 3rd Street Project for \$1,740,297.10. Motion Carried 5-0.**

CANCEL DECEMBER 26, 2018
CITY COUNCIL MEETING **It was moved by Councilmember Richey, seconded by Councilmember Iversen to cancel the December 26, 2018 meeting. Motion Carried 5-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION None.

PUBLIC COMMENT Councilmember Richey would like to meet only once a month next year. Mayor Orffer said the 3rd Street Project may require signatures more frequently than once a month, however, she said they could take it month-by-month to see if it is feasible. Councilmember Blankenship agreed.

Councilmember Blankenship asked if there is any way to open 2nd Street where there is a current barricade? Todd Baun informed him the street will be permanently closed during the 3rd Street Project and will become a dead-end road and the cement blocks will be removed.

Councilmember Iversen would like to get a quarterly report on the strategic plan. Mayor Orffer will offer updates in January, April, July and October for the Council.

Mayor Orffer wished everyone the happiest of holiday season.

MEETING ADJOURNED **It was moved by Councilmember Richey, seconded by Councilmember Blankenship to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 6:30 pm. Motion Carried 5-0.**

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