

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

ROLL CALL AND FLAG SALUTE	Councilmembers Huff, Richey, 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, Police Chief Steve Blumer and Attorney Chris Coker.
PUBLIC HEARING	None.
VOUCHERS	<p>Accounts Payable checks approved were 44779 - 44845, including EFT's, in the amount of \$168,500.69 and 44870 - 44911, including EFT's, in the amount of \$161,985.73.</p> <p>Payroll checks approved were 44775 - 44869, including EFT's, in the amount of \$171,969.26.</p> <p>Bank reconciliations for August 2018.</p> <p>It was moved by Councilmember Iversen, seconded by Councilmember Blankenship to approve the vouchers. Motion Carried 5-0.</p>
MINUTES APPROVED	<p>It was moved by Councilmember Huff, seconded by Councilmember Richey to approve the minutes from the meeting held on August 8, 2018. Motion Carried 5-0.</p>
PUBLIC COMMENTS	<p>Sue Portschey is concerned over the intersection near City Hall because her son almost got hit there. Mayor Orffer told her the police will continue to be vigilant in watching that area.</p> <p>Alan and Stephanie Agurkis spoke on behalf of the McCleary Museum. The roof is in dire need of replacement and the building has other serious structural issues. The leaks in the roof are causing damage to items in the museum. The City Council has this topic on the agenda and will discuss it later this evening.</p>
MAYOR COMMENTS	<p>The Council will hold a workshop at 6:00 pm, October 12, 2018 to discuss blighted properties.</p> <p>The Department of Ecology's Southwest Regional Office awarded the McCleary Wastewater Treatment Plant an Outstanding Performance Award for 2017. They were recognized for their effort and for their attention to detail that is required of the operating staff to consistently meet their permit requirements, in good weather and bad, during normal conditions and unforeseen emergencies. The Department of Ecology stated, "We are grateful for their efforts, and the city's efforts, to protect water quality". Mayor Orffer and the City Council commended Kevin Trewhella and Jon Ehresmann for an excellent job.</p> <p>Mayor Orffer will be out of town September 15th through the 23rd and Mayor Pro Tem Huff will be available to assist during her absence.</p> <p>Mayor Orffer would like to update the City's website and asked the Council to each provide her a picture and a bio.</p> <p>It is written in City code that the City Council will meet thirty-minutes prior to the actual council meeting, if they choose to. She asked the Council to think about it and let her know if that is something they would like to do.</p> <p>The Mayor has been meeting with businesses and organizations to introduce herself and to try to get to know them in an effort to develop a working relationship with them. She has met with Simpson Mill, Summit Pacific Hospital, McCleary School Superintendent, McCleary Library and will soon be meeting with Gordon's Select Market, Bears Den, Summit Pacific Clinic, OCCU and Subway.</p> <p>Mayor Orffer provided three sticky notes near each Councilmember to get their feedback. She asked them to write one word on each sticky note stating what they think the city is or what the city does for our community.</p>

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT	Chris Coker reported on a 9th circuit court case in Boise Federal Court, which stated it is unconstitutional to site homeless people in areas when there are not enough beds to house them. Cities can impose time and place restrictions to help with the problem. He added that some cities are going to draw a line in the sand over the issue. He will keep the Council updated as more information comes available.
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT	Todd Baun provided a proposal from Lemay's for their new 2019 rates. He also provided a budget for Grays Harbor Council of Governments for the Council's review.
POLICE CHIEF REPORT	Chief Blumer provided a written report for the Council.
LEOFF MEDICAL/DENTAL PLAN CHANGE	The police officers negotiated a contract this year, which included an option to join the LEOFF Medical and Dental insurance plan. After receiving the final cost, the city will save approximately \$600 per month, which includes the current police officers, Police Chief and LEOFF1 retiree. It was moved by Councilmember Richey, seconded by Councilmember Blankenship to authorize the Mayor to sign the insurance plan for the police officers. Motion Carried 5-0.
FIREFIGHTER EQUIPMENT PURCHASE	It was moved by Councilmember Iversen, seconded by Councilmember Richey to approve the purchase of fire equipment gear in the amount of \$190,548.40. Motion Carried 5-0.
INTERFUND LOAN	The City staff discussed options of how to pay for the equipment while waiting to receive the levy lid lift tax revenue over the next four years. They decided the best option is an interfund loan. Staff recommends splitting the total between two funds; the water fund and light and power fund. The amount per fund is approximately \$65,000, which would be paid back in two-years using the levy lift funds with interest. Councilmember Blankenship discussed the option of an interfund loan from only light and power. Councilmember Richey asked Wendy Collins what she prefers and she stated she would prefer seeing the money come out of both funds to lessen the impact in the event there was a catastrophic event that would seriously affect the light and power budget. She likes to take the financially conservative approach. Councilmember Iversen said she is more comfortable taking a loan out of both funds. It was moved by Councilmember Richey, seconded by Councilmember Heller to authorize an interfund of \$65,000 to be drawn up by Chris Coker from both the water fund and light and power fund to the current expense fire fund for the purchase of fire equipment. Motion Carried 5-0.
THUMPER BID	It was moved by Councilmember Blankenship, seconded by Councilmember Iversen to authorize the purchase of a thumper from Megger for a cost of \$33,725 plus tax. Motion Carried 5-0.
WOOD CHIPPER	It was moved by Councilmember Blankenship, seconded by Councilmember Richey to authorize the purchase of a chipper from Vermeer in the amount of \$33,059.97, including tax. Motion Carried 5-0.
POLICE ENTRY LEVEL POSITION	The City opened up an entry level position for a police officer. The lateral position has been opened since January and we have not had any applicants so the only other option is to hire an entry level officer.
LINEMAN APPRENTICE POSITION	The City received nearly seventy applications for a lineman apprentice position. Staff has conducted twenty-four first-round interviews and will conduct ten second-round interviews with both written and physical testing at the end of September. The goal is to hire someone by early November. The City has at least three employees in light and power that are eligible for retirement in the next 5-10 years. An apprentice will take three-years to become a Journeyman Lineman. Hiring an apprentice now will greatly help with the transitioning impact.
MUSEUM DISCUSSION	Todd Baun reported the Historical Society approached the City for guidance on several major maintenance issues regarding the building that houses the museum. Todd provided a copy of the agreement when the City took ownership of the property in 2003. The City has not had to perform any maintenance to the building since taking ownership and all maintenance of the building has been completed by the Historical Society. Mr. Baun looked over the issues at the museum and noted there are major maintenance issues, including the roof, interior walls, carpet, heating and foundation. The Historical Society has limited funds and has reached out to the City for financial assistance. Todd believes the most serious issue is the roof because it has several holes that are leaking into the interior and causing damage. The Historical Society provided three quotes for roof replacement. Todd recommended the Council accept the bid from Western Washington Construction LTD for \$9,704.96 including tax and gutter install with fascia boards for an additional \$1,876.80.

The City Council discussed the option in detail. They understand the dire need of repair but questioned whether it was in the best interest of the City to repair the roof of a building in a dilapidated state. They discussed housing the museum in another building or structure. They asked the Historical Society to get some quotes on storage units to house the museum's historical items to keep them safe from water damage in the interim. The Council decided to not invest in a new roof and will be looking into other options. They will address this at the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilmember Iversen spoke on behalf of Helen Hamilton. Helen has been involved in the Children's Advocacy for many years and she is looking for a replacement so she can step down. Mrs. Hamilton attends the Council meetings every year and asks for the City to financially support the program. Chief Blumer stated he does not support the Children's Advocacy.

MEETING ADJOURNED

It was moved by Councilmember Huff, seconded by Councilmember Richey to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm and cancel the second meeting in September, as previously approved by the Council. The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 6:30 pm. Motion Carried 5-0.

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