

CITY OF MCCLEARY
Regular City Council Meeting and Council Workshop
Wednesday, September 13, 2017

ROLL CALL AND FLAG SALUTE	Councilmembers Orffer, Richey, Peterson, Ator and Blankenship were in attendance.
ABSENT	Mayor Schiller was absent from the meeting and Mayor Pro Tem Orffer Chaired the meeting.
STAFF PRESENT	Present at the meeting were Todd Baun, Wendy Collins, Chief Blumer and Dan Glenn.
PUBLIC HEARING	None.
MINUTES APPROVED	It was moved by Councilmember Peterson, seconded by Councilmember Richey to approve the minutes from the meeting held on August 23, 2017. Motion Carried 4-0.
VOUCHERS	<p>Accounts Payable checks approved were 43160- 43204 including EFT's in the amount of \$53,647.65.</p> <p>Payroll checks approved were 43071 - 43159 including EFT's in the amount of \$168,938.81.</p> <p>Bank reconciliation for August 2017.</p> <p>It was moved by Councilmember Richey, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to approve the vouchers. Motion Carried 4-0.</p>
MAYOR'S COMMENTS	None.
PUBLIC COMMENT	<p>Helen Hamilton asked the Council to consider supporting the Children's Advocacy Center for 2018. They changed their name to "Connections". She said they provided service for five different people from McCleary in the last 60 days. She will provide written information for the Council at the next meeting.</p> <p>Gary Atkins stated it seems like the City is getting their finances back in order because we are getting more policemen and doing different things. He asked the Council when we are going to get paid back the money that Gary Dent took that wasn't really supposed to be taken. He wants to know when the \$140,000 is going to be paid back to the City? Mayor Pro Tem Orffer stated the money that was transferred from Light & Power to Current Expense was done as a transfer, not a loan, so there is no mandate to pay it back. She doesn't know if the auditor said they have to pay it back, and she cannot speak to the actions of a former administration, nor can she criticize or approve their actions.</p> <p>Mr. Atkins asked if they were recommended to put the money back and Mayor Pro Tem Orffer stated that no, they were told they could no longer do that and were told not to transfer any additional funds. She added that this Council has acted upon all recommendations directed from the auditor and that is what they will continue to do. Gary Atkins replied that if we keep asking for levy's and different things, wouldn't it behoove the Council to put the money back? Councilmember Ator asked Mr. Atkins where he would like them to get the money from? Gary Atkins said we now have four police officers that we couldn't afford last year, and we keep expanding instead of giving some money back to our community. Councilmember Ator stated that in our budget, our salaries in our police budget are less this year because we have new officers that do not have all the seniority and cost that goes with it.</p>

Mayor Pro Tem Orffer stated there is more to the budget this year. There is a tax revenue from the County that is specifically for police and law enforcement. We also have additional funds coming in from higher tax revenues, sales and retail tax revenues and the police department had a significant change in its budget when a former police officer passed away. There are a lot of things that play into the budget besides one specific transfer that happened several years ago. Gary Atkins said he is pushing for the levy but hears from people telling him that all they do is give and wonder when they will get something back. He thinks the City should put something in the paper that gives a breakdown of how we got the money we have now. Mayor Pro Tem Orffer assured the public they are no longer transferring money from light and power and they are working with the current expense budget that they have. She added, with regard to giving back to the community, this Council stood very firm last year and did not increase the rates to the recommended 15%, 12% and 8%. They instead went with a 1.5% increase. They are doing their best to make sure the community knows their efforts. Even with the Levy, they approached the REED Fund Committee for funds so they did not have to ask for so much from the community in the levy. From the Council's perspective, they can only answer to what they do and cannot speak to the past actions of past Councils.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Dan Glenn provided a written report for the Council.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

The City sent out a notice in the utility bills informing residents about the upcoming BPA generated system-wide power outage. It has also been in the Vidette and posted at the library and post office.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Blumer stated there should be a decrease in traffic stops as we move forward. The officers have been working hard at traffic enforcement. Also, decreasing should be warrant arrests and disorderly conducts. The more times they arrest these people, they are slowly moving out of McCleary. He added, what will increase, is code enforcement since the Council adopted the different code with an enforcement action added. Paul Morrison is the Code Enforcement Officer and Chief Blumer has been directing him constantly to take care of a lot of code violations and Paul has been proactive in dealing with them under the Chief's direction. They have been able to target certain areas since they now have authorized enforcement action.

Joy Iverson asked what type of code issues they've been dealing with and Chief Blumer said they are responding to dog complaints, illegal parking, abandoned vehicles and other nuisance violations. Paul Morrison can write tickets because he has a limited commission through the police department. He now has the enforcement authority to write tickets only on code violations.

Mayor Pro Tem Orffer noticed there was only one noise complaint and asked if things have improved with the VFW Hall. Sue Portschey said they have not had a band, which is what causes the noise issues. Chief Blumer, Mayor Schiller and Todd Baun met with the person that oversees the VFW Halls in the area about the noise issue. The VFW representative informed the City they have updated their contracts to address the noise issue. Cheif Blumer said he was very blunt and told them he got yelled at and chewed out at a Council meeting and he said it is not going to happen again because he will be targeting the VFW next time to handle it. He said the VFW is now making an effort at correcting the noise issue.

Mayor Pro Tem Orffer asked Todd Baun if there are any new building permits and he said they've had numerous new home permits that have come in and they also have a building site plan and a conditional use permit that came in from Great Rivers for the Mark Reed site, which is on the agenda tonight to schedule a public hearing.

JANITORIAL CONTRACT

Mayor Pro Tem stated Todd, Wendy and staff have been working over the past few months to find a janitorial service. The original RFP did not provide acceptable options so they went to the State Pool for RFP's and they found one they wish to move forward on. The contract is very long. City staff has been filling in and cleaning in the interim and is asking Council to take action to authorize them to proceed with the contract. **It was moved by Councilmember Ator, seconded by Councilmember Richey to authorize the Mayor to sign the janitorial contract with P.G. Clean Janitorial of Washington for \$1,051.15 per month. Motion Carried 4-0.**

DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES

Tabled.

GRAYS HARBOR PW MUTUAL
AID AGREEMENT

This agreement allows signatory agencies to support each other during disasters and emergencies to protect life and property when an event is beyond the capabilities of the affected entity. It provides the mechanism for an immediate response to the requesting agency provided the responding agency has the necessary resources and expertise available. **It was moved by Councilmember Ator, seconded by Councilmember Richey to authorize the Mayor, or appropriate staff, to sign the Grays Harbor Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement. Motion Carried 4-0.**

CONDITIONAL USE HEARING

Todd Baun received a conditional use permit from Great Rivers Behavioral Health Organization. He will be moving forward on all the required steps that are necessary.

FIREWORKS

Council has received some comments over the past few weeks, including some from last year, regarding fireworks. Currently, McCleary follows the State's fireworks regulations. If Council makes any changes that are more restrictive than state law, the ordinance may not take effect until at least one year after adoption. Conversation took place regarding banning illegal fireworks, to shortening the days of allowing them to be let off. Enforcement is a big problem because it is very difficult to locate who is letting them off by the time an officer arrives to respond to the complaint. Dan Glenn added that Oakville is considering abolishing fireworks because they caused a serious fire that destroyed a structure in the middle of town, which was caused by a firework landing on the roof.

Gary Atkins believes all fireworks should be banned, which will make finding who did it easier. He said a lot of areas are banning them. An option is to have a designated area for fireworks or have a community display. Mayor Pro Tem Orffer said she understands Mr. Atkins passion about banning them, however, there are people that are just as passionate about participating in them. They enjoy the celebration of letting them off while enjoying the holiday. Councilmember Richey is not at all supportive of banning fireworks completely. Mayor Pro Tem Orffer believes there are areas to be discussed in shortening the days of allowing them to be let off in the City. She suggested Todd Baun sit down with Chief Blumer to discuss what type of reasonable enforcement it would require.

COASTAL COMMUNITY ACTION
PROGRAM (CCAP)

This is an annual agreement, which offers financial assistance for low income residents. There is no monetary impact to the City. **It was moved by Councilmember Richey, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to authorize the Mayor to sign the Coastal Community Action Program Agreement. Motion Carried 4-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

MEETING ADJOURNED

It was moved by Councilmember Ator, seconded by Councilmember Richey to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 6:30 pm. Motion Carried 4-0.