

City Council
November 26, 2013

Mayor Johnson called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7 PM.

Upon roll call the following members were present: Irons, Tremblay, Montgomery, Rose, Boyle Barrett, and Howard. Also in attendance was City Administrator Schmidt.

Mayor Johnson asked if there are any additions, corrections or changes to the Agenda this evening. Mayor Johnson said she would like to add an Executive Session on real estate transaction. **Council member Montgomery moved to add an Executive Session, which will be item 13. Council member Rose seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Mayor Johnson administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Council members Marvin Sundstrom and Lyn Rose. Both took their seats at the table.

Admin, Finance & Public Safety: Council member Boyle Barrett stated they do not have a report. Their next meeting is scheduled for December 3rd at 2:30, but this meeting might not be needed. A short discussion ensued, and Council member Boyle Barrett cancelled the December 3rd meeting.

Streets & Utilities: Council member Tremblay stated that Council member Howard presented the Minutes at our previous meeting. Basically it was the Transportation Benefit District and Budget that we voted on earlier tonight. We are looking at whether or not we need a meeting on the 17th. City Administrator Schmidt said he will not be available on that Tuesday. Council member Tremblay made the decision to cancel the next Streets & Utilities meeting on December 17th. Their next meeting will be the 3rd Tuesday in January, and then we will plan on a study session for the 3rd Tuesday of February for the Transportation Benefit District.

Community Services & Economic Development: Council member Montgomery stated they did have a meeting on the 14th of November and the Minutes are in the Council Packet. Council member Montgomery asked the City Planner if she has anything pressing for the Committee meeting scheduled for the 19th of December. The Planner said no. Council member Montgomery said that their December 19th meeting is cancelled.

Council member Sundstrom thanked and acknowledged those who put him in this chair, and he provided his ideas for Council Committees in the future.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Johnson stated that during the holiday season it is going to be difficult staffing, especially City Hall, because of the current situation we have there with just two people. So, on the day after Christmas, on the 26th, I only have one person in the building for that

entire day, and it is up to the person who is going to be there, but City Hall will not be open to the public. The employee who is scheduled to work that day will be allowed to either take a vacation day, or to come in and work uninterrupted. That is a decision that I made so if any questions come up direct them to me. We will put a notice of that on the door. The basic needs of the City are covered, but for the safety of the employee we're not allowing one person to be there all day by themselves.

Mayor Johnson said that John Leggett, who is in the audience here tonight, has agreed to serve on the Planning Commission, so she is making that appointment. Council members agreed with the appointment. Council member Howard thanked Council member Leggett for stepping up to fill a void on the Council stating that he came to meetings prepared and asked great questions and contributed greatly. He considers him a colleague and a friend. Mayor Johnson also thanked Council member Leggett for a job well done on the Council.

Staff Reports:

Chief Predmore provided members of the Council with copies of Fire Chief Magazine and stated that it was once one of the premier professional trade journal publications in the fire service. For years they have done a station style design competition, and our architects submitted ours, and we got the silver award. But, better than that, we made the cover of the magazine. Right after this edition came out, Fire Chief Magazine, which has been a publication for 59 years, also announced that this is their last publication. Chief Predmore said if any of you don't want to keep this magazine as a keepsake, please let me know because there are certainly others around the station who would like one. You can see in the magazine what other projects we were up against. Mayor Johnson said she will be donating her copy of the magazine to the museum, so long after some of those are lost, we will at least have a record of it at the museum. Members of the Council congratulated Chief Predmore.

MAIN AGENDA

Public Hearing – 2014 Proposed Budget

Mayor Johnson recessed the Council meeting and opened the Public Hearing on the 2014 Proposed Budget at 7:16 PM.

City Administrator Schmidt stated that the 2014 budget request being presented for consideration proposes revenues of \$38,421,875 and to expend \$28,079,577, by fund only. Exhibit A is simply by fund, which is the way the Council adopts the budget, but each of the Council members should have a copy of the master budget document for consideration for adoption at the next meeting, and it is available to anyone who wants one.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Johnson closed the Public Hearing on the 2014 Proposed Budget at 7:17 PM.

Public Hearing – Surplus of Property Located at 600 and 610 Rosewood Drive

Mayor Johnson opened the Public Hearing on the Surplus of Property located at 600 and 610 Rosewood Drive at 7:17 PM.

City Administrator Schmidt stated that this is the property the City purchased from Lorraine Taylor back in 2009 for sewer plant expansion. The City Council subsequently made a determination that the City only needed a portion of that property. Staff completed a BLA that set aside two buildable lots adjacent to the existing residence, and then I believe there are seven acres below for future sewer plant expansion or other public uses. The purpose of this public hearing is to surplus the two lots, one with the existing residence and the other undeveloped, buildable lot that was created as a result of the BLA. City Administrator Schmidt stated it was purchased with utility money and the RCW requires that the Council conduct a public hearing and surplus that property before it can be liquidated.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Johnson closed the Public Hearing on Surplus of Property located at 600 and 610 Rosewood Drive and reconvened the City Council meeting at 7:19 PM.

ORD No. 20-13: Extend Comcast Franchise Agreement by Five (5) Years – First Reading

City Administrator Schmidt stated that because of the statute this ordinance cannot be considered for adoption by the City Council tonight; it cannot be adopted at the same meeting where it is being presented. So, this ordinance is coming before the Council simply for a first reading. City Administrator Schmidt said this will be Ordinance No. 20-13, and he did a reading by title only. The Council will consider this and it will be carried over for the 2nd reading and adoption consideration at the next meeting. A short discussion ensued. Council member Sundstrom asked what the City gets for this exclusive right. City Administrator Schmidt said we charge a franchise fee, which is the utility tax charged on it under State law, and then the City gets a certain number of free connections at some of our facilities.

ORD No. 21-13: Adopting 2014 City Employee Salary Scale

Council member Howard moved to approve Ordinance No. 21-13 Adopting the 2014 City Employee Salary Scale. Council member Boyle Barrett seconded the motion. A very lengthy discussion ensued. Council member Sundstrom moved to amend the motion that we strike all language included in the summary statement, and that the Mayor may grant up to one additional step increase over and above the eligible annual increase with the approval of the Council. Council member Montgomery seconded the amendment. Amendment failed 5/2. Discussion continued. Main motion carried 6/1.

RES No. 13-10: Declaring Property at 600 and 610 Rosewood Drive as Surplus

Council member Tremblay made a motion that we approve Resolution No. 13-10 Declaring Property at 600 and 610 (corrected from 601) Rosewood Drive as Surplus. Council member Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council member Sundstrom abstaining.

Scope of Work – Feasibility Assessment of Thermal Energy Efficiency Projects

Council member Boyle Barrett moved to approve the Scope of Work to Complete a Feasibility Assessment of Thermal Energy Efficiency Project. Council member Rose seconded the motion. City Administrator Schmidt said this is the one that the utilities committee was recommending, and provided a brief explanation. A short discussion ensued. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Tremblay moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Council member Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion carried.

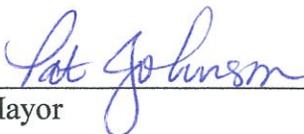
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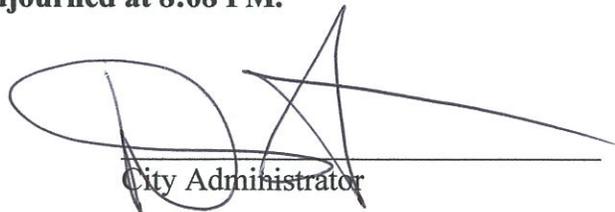
Council retreated into Executive Session to discuss real estate at 7:55 PM, for approximately 20 minutes, with possible action to follow. Council returned from Executive Session at 8:08 PM. No action followed.

Council member Tremblay moved to adjourn the meeting. Council member Rose seconded the motion. Motion carried.

With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.



Mayor



City Administrator