

City Council
September 24, 2013

Mayor Johnson called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

Upon roll call the following members were present: Howard, Irons, Leggett, Rose and Tremblay. Council member Boyle Barrett arrived late. Mayor Johnson stated we have not heard from Council member Montgomery so until we do, we will postpone the motion to excuse him. Also in attendance was City Administrator David Schmidt.

Mayor Johnson asked if there were any additions, corrections or changes to the agenda. **Council member Tremblay moved to accept the agenda as presented. Council member Irons seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Finance and Public Safety:

Council member Boyle Barrett stated they met yesterday and discussed Fire Department staffing. Assistant Chief Bill Boyle retired so they promoted a couple other fire fighters to that position, and they will be presented to the Council at the next meeting. They had 48 applicants for the recruit class. There are very few that live in the City, but it is a great number of people looking to be firefighters. The only other item discussed was the budget.

Streets & Utilities:

Council member Tremblay stated they had a meeting on September 17th. A citizen came and voiced his concerns regarding water rates and costs within the City, and vulnerability of the system. They church parking lot project was brought to them for review. It is on the agenda tonight and they are recommending approval. The remaining discussion was on the budget. The next meeting will be October 15, 2013, at 7:00 PM.

Community Services and Economic Development:

Council member Howard stated they had a meeting on the 19th. They went over the proposed budgets for all the programs. They discussed the Comprehensive Plan and associated code updates that will need to be done next year. There is a reminder that the Parks Open House is on October 19th, and the Youth and Senior Center Dinner Auction is November 16th. They also discussed sign code ordinance violations and what the next step is. Council member Boyle Barrett stated that Main Street is looking more and more vacant all the time, so she is hoping the sign code violations aren't for the downtown. If they are, she asked, since we don't have much business, to make sure the violations are good. Council member Howard stated there are the two extremes; there is put anything up you want so you can attract as much business as possible, and he doesn't think anyone in the community would support that, and then there are sign code ordinances that are very strict and make it almost impossible to have signage that will attract business. Both of the businesses that were discussed submitted applications and were denied because they weren't even close to the code, but they put up their signs anyway. So the

discussion was on what the next step is and who decides the next step. Discussion ensued.

Council Member Comments:

Council member Rose reminded everyone of the Open House at the Museum on the 27th at 7:00 PM, and she strongly encouraged everyone to attend.

Mayors Reports:

Mayor Johnson reminded Council members of the National League of Cities coming to Seattle. We are not members; however, there is a special rate on Friday, November 13, 2013.

Mayor Johnson stated we have been contacted by the High School to have the Homecoming Parade on October 11, 2013, at 5:00 PM, and they are requesting street closures as they have in the past. They start at the Glacier Middle School parking lot, go down Main Street to River, and disband at Del's. **Council member Boyle Barrett moved to approve street closures for the High School Homecoming Parade as requested. Council member Leggett seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Staff Report:

City Administrator Schmidt stated John Dansby received the last bid we were waiting for to take the tree down on the Taylor Property. We received two bids; the low bid came from Tezak which is \$650.00 plus tax. Council member Howard said he thought this was going to the Utilities Committee for a decision. City Administrator Schmidt stated he thought the Committee told staff to get bids. Council member Tremblay stated he felt we should approach the Goldsberrys to see if they were amenable to paying half of the cost. **Paul Goldsberry, 456 Mountain Circle**, said they would be willing to pay half, or what if they just trim the limbs that are hanging over; is it their responsibility or the the City's. City Administrator Schmidt stated if they are across your property line you can trim them to your property line. **Council member Tremblay moved to approve the bid for the removal of the tree with the cost being split by both the City and the adjoining property owner. Council member Leggett seconded the motion.** Council member Boyle Barrett voiced her concern about setting a precedent of the City paying for half the cost of removing trees. City Administrator Schmidt stated the difference is that this tree is actually on City property not private property. **The motion then carried.**

MAIN AGENDA

Agreement – PW Contract (Hickle Drainage Project – Consolidated)

Council member Boyle Barrett moved to approve the Public Works Contract/Agreement with Hickle Construction to complete drainage projects at 152 So Cottage Street and the intersection of Third Street and Dundass Ave for a cost of \$15,000 + sales tax. Council member Rose seconded the motion. Council member Tremblay stated they reviewed this at Committee and they are recommending approval.

City Administrator Schmidt said they received three bids, and for one contractor just to do the parking lot alone was \$13,500, so it is a good price to get both projects for this amount of money. **Motion carried.**

Agreement(s) & Funding Authorization – DOC & DES Energy Upgrade Project

Council member Tremblay moved to approve the agreement and funding authorization for the DOC and DES Energy Upgrade project. Council member Howard seconded the motion. City Administrator Schmidt stated this has been in staff's hands since last April, and he explained to the Council why this was delayed. **The motion then carried.**

Agreement – Between the City & WUTC on Gas System Compliance

Council member Rose moved to approve the Agreement between the City and WUTC on Gas System Compliance. Council member Boyle Barrett seconded the motion. City Administrator Schmidt explained to the Council the violations, and how we did not agree with them regarding the violations, and how the improvements could be made. **The motion then carried.**

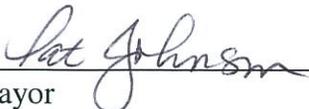
Council member Tremblay moved to approve the consent agenda. Council member Howard seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Approve the minutes of the September 10, 2013 City Council meeting.

Claim check numbers 50503 through 50551, in the amount of \$166,268.85, for the period of September 11, 2013 through September 24, 2013, are hereby approved and ordered paid this 24th day of September 2013.

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

With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.



Mayor



City Administrator