

**City Council  
April 23, 2024**

Mayor Burkett called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Upon roll call the following members were present: Smith, Anderson, Arsanto, Bergerson, Bender, and Green.

Also present were: City Administrator Brunell, Public Works Director Banks, Director of Parks & Recreation Snodgrass, Police Chief Alfano, Fire Chief Skogen, Director of Finance Hines (via Zoom), Police Records Clerk Burkett, and City Clerk Zumeck.

Mayor Burkett asked for a Motion and Second to excuse Council member Burbank. Council member Arsanto moved to excuse Council member Burbank. Council member Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Burkett asked if there were any other additions, deletions, or changes to the agenda.

**Council member Arsanto moved to approve the agenda as presented. Council member Bergerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, APPOINTMENTS, AND PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Burkett stated that the City has received interest from two folks who would like to serve on the “For” Committee for the EMS Levy Lid Lift Ballot Measure. They are Marilyn Whitmore and Nikki Slominski. Mayor Burkett asked for a motion and second to appoint Marilyn Whitmore and Nikki Slominski to the “For” Committee for the EMS Levy Lid Lift Ballot measure.

**Council member Green moved to appoint Marilyn Whitmore and Nikki Slominski to the “For” Committee for the EMS Levy Lid Lift Ballot Measure. Council member Bergerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Mayor Burkett stated that at this time, the City has not received any interest in serving on the “Against” Committee. He stated that we have to make every effort to appoint this Committee and asked the audience if anyone present is interested in serving on the “Against” Committee?

No one volunteered so Mayor Burkett moved on with the agenda.

## **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

**Meagan Rhoades** – Ms. Rhoades shared that a Community Summit will be held on May 13<sup>th</sup>. They are requesting quotes from community members. She also shared the North East Pierce County Resource guide. She also stated that she doesn't feel the remodel to City Hall is necessary.

**Gary Schaner** – shared his concerns with the sewer system.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Burkett thanked the Council for the discussion at last week's Special Study Session. He knows these are not fun conversations but they need to be had. No decisions have been made at this time. He also shared that they have secured some logs to update the steam donkey.

### **Lodging Tax Advisory Committee:**

Council member Bergerson stated that the Committee had its first meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>. This was their first meeting and they discussed the following:

- Review of BMC 3.14
- Review of current LTAC funds.
- Review of application options.
- Discussion of process timelines.

The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Citizen Advisory Commission:**

Council member Anderson shared that the Commission met on April 15<sup>th</sup> and discussed the following:

- Event recaps and first quarter numbers.
- Upcoming Teen Day of Service & FFA Partnerships.
- Special Event Permit draft review.
- Public Art Policy draft review.
- Approval of Letter of Support for Miller Park Grant.
- Smoke and vape free park example ordinances.

Their next meeting is on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Council Member Comments & Good of the Order:**

Council member Green shared that PCRC met on April 18<sup>th</sup> and heard from the Pierce County Executive. He shared that drug overdoses are up and corrections officers and sheriffs are still down in numbers. He also shared that the Sheriff's department had 74 vacancies last year but have added 45 this year so should be staffed up fully by the end of the year. He also shared that the County jails is still full.

Council member Bender asked why the new parking lot on Jefferson is not open yet. City Administrator Brunell stated that we are waiting on PSE for power and then we can finish the landscaping. Council member Bender also asked if we could have signs that state no overnight parking?

Council member Smith shared that he supports the no overnight parking; but wanted to know if we needed to have an Ordinance in place first. City Administrator Brunell stated that our attorney is working on this Ordinance and we will bring it to Council at a future meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Council Member Green moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council member Arsanto seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

- a. Approve minutes of February 6, 2024, City Council Study Session
- b. Claims and payroll

Payroll check numbers 40872 through 40889 in the amount of \$115,811.18, and ACH Payroll in the amount of \$447,061.26 for March 13, 2024, through March 26, 2024. Claim check numbers 67514 through 67575 in the amount of \$173,146.37 for March 13, 2024, through March 26, 2024. Claim check numbers 67576 through 67656 in the amount of \$166,079.35 for March 27, 2024, through April 9, 2024. Payroll check numbers 40881, 40900 through 40925 in the amount of \$139,695.48, and ACH Payroll in the amount of \$442,537.26 for April 10, 2024, through April 23, 2024, and claim check numbers 67657 through 67719 in the amount of \$103,905.52 for April 10, 2024, through April 23, 2024, are hereby approved and ordered paid this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2024.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**Sewer Latecomer's Agreement for Luke's Landing Sewer Utility Extension**

**Mayor Burkett convened the Public Hearing at 6:25 PM.**

Mayor Burkett stated that City Engineer Miller is available on Zoom to answer any questions.

**Gary Schaner** – Mr. Schaner shared that the way it is right now, he is on Buckley sewer and now they want him to have to be included in this and he doesn't think he should have to pay \$3,000 when he is already hooked up.

**Mayor Burkett closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Council meeting at 6:28 PM.**

**Engineering Services Proposal for Sidewalk and ADA Transition Plan**

**Council member Arsanto moved to Approve the Engineering Services Proposal for Preparation of the Sidewalk and ADA Transition Plan. Council member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**STAFF REPORTS**

**City Administrator Report:**

City Administrator Brunell shared that she has been sitting in on Firefighter interviews and thinks we have some great candidates. The next study session will be focused on the Comp Plan and Transportation Impact Fees.

**Parks & Recreation:**

Director Snodgrass shared that she is still working on the RCO Grants but the majority has been completed.

**Fire Department:**

Fire Chief Skogen shared that his report was included in the packet and he would be happy to answer any questions. He also thanked Courtney and Kurt for helping with the Firefighter interviews and he is hopeful that we will have two new Firefighters onboard by July 1.

**Police Department:**

Police Chief Alfano shared that his report was also included in the packet and he would be happy to answer any questions. He also shared that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Citizen's Academy is complete.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

None.

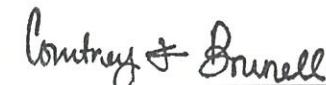
**Council member Arsanto moved to adjourn. Council member Green seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 6: 38PM.**



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Mayor



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City Administrator

Prepared by: Treva Zumek, City Clerk