

City Council
June 27, 2023

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

Upon roll call the following members were present: Smith, Rose, Burbank, Arsanto, and Anderson.

Also present were: City Administrator Brunell, Finance Director Hines, Director of Building & Planning Terrell (via Zoom), City Engineer Miller, Director of Public Works Banks, City Attorney Olbrechts (via Zoom), Police Chief Alfano, Police Records Clerk Burkett, and City Clerk Percival.

Council member Smith moved to excuse Council member Green. Council member Arsanto seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Council member Smit moved to approve the agenda as amended. Council member Arsanto seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, APPOINTMENTS, AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Burkett stated that the Council needed to schedule a special meeting on either July 10th or July 12th to interview the candidates for the vacant Council seat. Council agreed to meet on July 12th at 6:00 PM.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Kathy Trullinger - Shared her concern with the Ida Marge Guild being charged the regular fee for their events at Buckley Hall and that they cannot afford this amount.

Linda Cronin – shared the letter that was sent to Courtney and the Council. She stated that she has belonged to the Ida Marge Guild for 17 years and she is disappointed that the City of Buckley now wants them to pay full price for their events when they have only paid \$75.00 in the past. She understands a little bit of an increase but they cannot afford full price.

Nancy Loomis – Shared that she feels that the City is wrong to deny the guild a fair price to rent Buckley hall and asked them to rethink their decision.

Lu Hedges – Shared that she is the secretary of the Ida Marge Guild and for the last 16 years, they have only paid \$75 for their events at Buckley Hall to include set up on Thursday and the event on Friday. With the new fee schedule, it would cost them over \$500 and she asked for special consideration.

Shayla Miles – shared that she is the Executive Director of the Foothills Rails to Trails Coalition and she strongly supports the addition of the 25 parking stalls on the Foothills Trail. She shared that a reduction in the amount of stalls could greatly affect their donations and fundraising.

Connie Bender – shared that as she reviewed the agenda, she would like to know what other events are held near the trail that would need that many parking spots besides Tunes on the Trail. She doesn't see the need for a parking lot. She also shared that she felt that 3-4 hours of overtime for employees to put up and take down the barriers on Jefferson seems excessive. She also doesn't feel that a parking lot is allowed there based on standards.

Jasmine Tran – Shared that she is with the Buckley Library and they loved participating in the Log Show parade this year. Summer reading is in full swing and there are activities every Friday at the library and Teen Tuesday hangouts.

Jim Arsanto – Wanted to thank Buckley Police and Fire for their quick response when his neighbor was suffering from a medical event that needed their assistance. He also shared that he hears the cries of the Ida Marge Guild and he would be happy to pay for their next event.

Lorna Anderson – shared that she knows that events are held at the Fire Station with no fee so who schedules that because she knows that the Enumclaw Guild uses it for their meetings at no charge.

Amy Boucher – shared an update on the Hometown market that will be on 1st Thursday in July.

Larry Leveen – shared that he is the Executive Director of ForeverGreen Trails which is a nonprofit organization for trail advocacy serving the Pierce County region. He shared that his organization is in full support of the 25-stall parking lot along Jefferson Avenue. He shared that trail use has risen significantly since the pandemic and now it has become a regular part of folks lives. He also shared that they are willing to partner in helping to secure the funding for this parkin lot. He also reminded folks of the planned trailhead plaza and that this will be a place where people gather to not only use the trail but have social, educational, and cultural experiences.

Council Member Comments & Good of the Order:

Council member Smith stated that he appreciates the Ida Marge Gild speakers and he understands that what has been past practice can't always move forward. He appreciated City Administrator Brunell's response and understands that we have to be fair and equitable. He understands that the new fee schedule was adopted by Council and has gone into effect. He also stated that he would be happy to cover the cost of their event in May if Jim Arsanto is covering the one in November.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Bid Award – Hinkleman Road Rehabilitation Project
- b. Consultant Supplemental Agreement 1 for Construction Management and Inspection of the Hinkleman Road Rehabilitation Project
- c. Final Acceptance of the Multi-Use Sports Court
- d. Payroll check numbers 40413 through 40485 in the amount of \$149,953.44 and ACH Payroll in the amount of \$455,636.24 for June 13, 2023, through June 26, 2023, and claim check numbers 66208 through 66260 in the amount of \$151,505.34 for June 13, 2023, through June 26, 2023, are hereby approved and ordered paid.

REGULAR AGENDA

RES No. 23-10: Rejecting the City Hall Addition and Modernization Project Bids

Council member Arsanto moved to Approve RES No. 23-10 Rejecting the City Hall Addition and Modernization Project Bids. Council member Burbank seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reject the Proposal to Vacate Jefferson Street

Council member Burbank moved to Reject the Council Initiated Proposal to Vacate Jefferson Avenue between 410 and South River Avenue. Council member Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Foothills Trail Contract Amendment

No motion was made.

Executive Session – Potential Purchase of Real Property

Mayor Burkett adjourned the regular meeting to enter into an Executive Session at 6:36 PM to discuss the Potential Purchase of Real Property for a period not to exceed ten minutes.

At 6:46 PM, Mayor Burkett stated that the Executive Session had concluded but Council would recess for five minutes for a bathroom break.

At 6:51 PM, Mayor Burkett reconvened the regular meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

City Administrator Brunell – Shared that the CHAMP bids came in high. She shared that there are a couple of options now. The first would be to go out to bid again or we could come up with an alternative plan for the project and bring that back to Council.

Council member Smith stated that he supports option two. Council member Burbank shared that she feels the same and she just wants to make sure that none of the money earmarked for Miller Park would be used. Council member Rose stated that she also supports option two as well as Council member Anderson.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Lorna Anderson – Suggested that the Council entertain another option for City Hall which would be to build one nice big building that could house everyone. She shared that as a citizen, she would support this.

Steve Bergerson – Wanted to know when Jefferson would be reopened.

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

With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM.



Mayor



City Administrator

Prepared by: Treva Percival, City Clerk