

CITY COUNCIL

STUDY SESSION

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2014

ATTENDEES: Councilmembers Tremblay, Rose, Howard, Boyle Barrett, Montgomery and Sundstrom. Also in attendance were Mayor Johnson and City Administrator Schmidt.

Mayor Pro Tem Boyle Barrett called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Mayor Johnson opened the session with her recommendations for Council Committees and appointments, stating that she bases her appointments on Councilmembers' strengths and knowledge.

There was a short discussion regarding whether or not "Workshop" should be changed to either "Committee of the Whole" or "Study Session." Councilmembers appeared to favor "Study Session" because it doesn't sound as formal. It was agreed that Study Sessions should be held monthly with a general topic of discussion. This is where Councilmembers can bring any issues they have, or anything they would like to discuss. It was stated that there should be no surprises; Councilmembers need to share their thoughts and ideas with their fellow Councilmembers.

Councilmember Sundstrom presented his ideas for Council Committees and who he feels should be on each committee. A very lengthy discussion ensued regarding committees, how many there should be, what each committee should be responsible for and who should be on each committee. In closing, Councilmembers appeared to favor having three committees, as follows:

Administration & Finance

Boyle Barrett, Chair

Rose

Irons

Community Services & Public Safety

Rose – Chair

Montgomery

Boyle Barrett

Transportation & Utilities

Tremblay – Chair

Howard

Sundstrom

Councilmembers felt that Economic Development is a part of everyone's responsibility and should be a part of each committee.

MISCELLANEOUS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was recommended that staff change the code on design review to administrative. Staff will prepare a code amendment with an appeal process (fee, time limit, in writing, etc.)

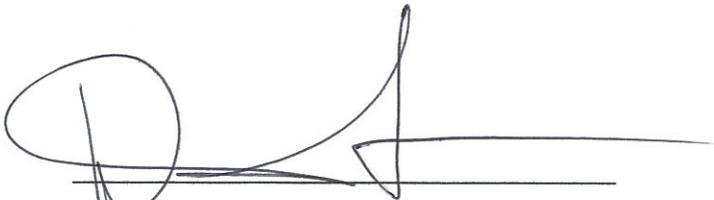
There was a short discussion regarding Mayor Pro Tem and who is interested in this position. Councilmembers Boyle Barrett and Tremblay are both interested. The Mayor Pro Tem will be appointed at the next City Council Meeting.

Senior Center Meals: Catholic Community Services is no longer providing meals at our Senior Center. Mayor Johnson said that the City of Bonney Lake is now cooking meals for our seniors on Tuesdays and Thursdays for \$4 per meal (seniors previously paid \$3 per meal). Bonney Lake runs their own kitchen; they cook the meals and we go get them. Mayor Johnson said she will be going to the Enumclaw Healthcare Foundation for a possible grant.

Councilmember Tremblay announced that on January 24th will be the start up meeting for Friends of the Prairie Line Trail. Anyone who is interested can talk to him.

City Administrator Schmidt reported that he has been negotiating two bargaining agreements. Local 286 has accepted their agreement and it will be going to Council next Tuesday; however, the Police Guild may be going to mediation.

With nothing further, the Study Session adjourned at 9:15 PM.



City Administrator Dave Schmidt



Mayor Pat Johnson