

City Council
November 26, 2019

Mayor Johnson called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Upon roll call the following members were present: Smith, Leggett, B. Burkett, Wilbanks, Tremblay, and S. Burkett.

Also present were: Mayor Johnson, City Administrator Schmidt, Finance Director Groshong, Police Chief Arsanto, Asst. Police Chief Northam, City Planner

Council member Smith moved to excuse Council member Bender. Council member Leggett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Council member Tremblay moved to approve the agenda as presented. Council member Leggett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Jeff Fetter – 361 N Fulton, Buckley, WA

Mr. Fetter stated that the Buckley Log Show applied to trademark the term “Buckley Log Show” and it was denied due to the use of “Buckley” in the name. They were advised to request and receive permission from the City of Buckley to use “Buckley.” Mayor Johnson and the Council had no problem with this and stated they would have a letter written to that effect.

Marvin Sundstrom – 881 Sheets Rd, Buckley, WA

Mr. Sundstrom shared a notice from MRSC regarding when new Council members can and should be sworn in.

STAFF REPORTS

City Planner Wallgren shared that the Council would be reviewing the Use Table at the December 3, 2019, Study Session.

Police Chief Arsanto shared that we have hired our 11th officer effective January 1, 2020, with a graduation date scheduled for May.

Fire Chief Predmore stated that the “push in” for the new fire truck will be tomorrow night at 6:30. Asst. Chief Skogen briefed the Admin/Finance/Public Safety committee on some repairs needing to be done to the medic one unit. The City will not be responsible for the cost of the repairs.

City Administrator Schmidt stated that the audit entrance conference was today. The Spiketown culvert project easements expire on January 31st so we are trying to get those extended through September. The Comprehensive Sewer Plan will be coming forward to Council at the December 10th meeting.

MAIN AGENDA

Public Hearing: Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Mayor Johnson recessed the City Council meeting and entered the Public Hearing at 7:15 PM.

Mayor Johnson closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the City Council meeting at 7:17 PM.

ORD No. 24-19: Adopting Final 2020 Budget

Council member Tremblay moved to Approve ORD No. 24-19, Adopting the 2020 City Operating Budget. Council member Leggett seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote motion carried 6/0.

ORD No. 25-19: Adopting the 2020 City Employee Salary Scale

Council member Smith moved to Approve ORD No. 25-19, Adopting the 2020 City Employee Salary Scale. Council member Leggett seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote motion carried 5/0

ORD No. 26-19: Setting the 2020 Levy Amount Required for the 2010 Unlimited General Obligation Bonds Used for Fire Station Construction

Council member Smith moved to Approve ORD No. 26-19, Setting the 2020 Levy Amount Required for the Voter Approved 2010 Unlimited General Obligation Bonds for Fire Station Construction and Financing. Council member Leggett seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote motion carried 5/0.

ORD No. 27-19: Authorizing the Transfer of Natural Gas Utility Surplus Funds

Council member Tremblay moved to Approve ORD No. 27-19, Authorizing the Transfer of Natural Gas Utility Surplus Funds . Council member Smith seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote motion carried 6/0.

ORD No. 28-19: Adopting the Findings and Conclusions of the Hearing Examiner's Recommendation for the Clossen Rezone

Council member Tremblay moved to Approve ORD No. 28-19, Adopting the Findings and Conclusions of the Hearing Examiner's Recommendation for the Clossen Rezone and Directing Staff to Update the Zoning Map to Reflect the Rezone. Council member Smith seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote motion carried

Cancellation of December 24, 2019, Council Meeting

Council member Smith moved to Cancel the 2nd Council Meeting in December. Council member B. Burkett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Executive Session: DSHS/City Lease & Councilmember Conflict of Interest

Council retreated into Executive Session at 7:26 PM for approximately 20 minutes to discuss the Potential Litigation pursuant to the DSHS/City Lease and Councilmember Conflict of Interest and City Contracts. At 7:46 PM, Mayor Johnson requested 5 more minutes. At 7:51 PM, Mayor Johnson requested 2 more minutes.

Council returned from Executive Session and reconvened the City Council meeting at 7:54 PM.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Claim check numbers 60609 through 60679 in the amount of \$525,382.70 for the period of October 23, 2019, through November 12, 2019 are hereby approved and ordered paid this 26th day of November 2019.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Johnson stated that they had a wonderful two hour meeting with Congresswoman Schrier and the Health Department regarding mental health in teenagers.

Administration, Finance & Public Safety:

Council member Tremblay stated that the Committee met this morning and had the Audit Entrance Conference and the main focus this year will be the court, contracts, and payroll. The Tacoma Pierce County Chamber is hosting a meeting on December 9th at the Tacoma Art Museum.

Transportation & Utilities:

Council member B. Burkett stated that the Committee met on November 19th and reviewed upcoming agenda items. They have cancelled their December meeting.

Community Services:

Council member S. Burkett stated that they have cancelled their meeting scheduled for December 19th and will be meeting on December 12th instead.

Council Member Comments & Good of the Order:

Council member Smith wanted to give kudos to the City staff for getting downtown looking so festive.

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

With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.



Mayor



City Administrator