

City Council
August 13, 2019

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

Upon roll call the following members were present: Bender, Smith, Leggett, B. Burkett, Wilbanks, Tremblay, and S. Burkett. Also in attendance were City Administrator Schmidt, Asst. Police Chief Northam, Public Works Director Banks, and Associate Planner Wallgren.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Rose Leggett – 425 Rosewood Drive, Buckley, WA 98321

Mrs. Leggett voiced her concerns over the house next door to hers that has been vacant since March. She is concerned with height of the grass as a potential fire hazard and a possible rodent problem.

City Administrator Schmidt stated that the property in question is in closing currently and that once that is final, the City can enforce the Buckley Municipal Code regulations regarding these issues.

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

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

STAFF REPORTS

Public Works Director Banks stated that he, City Administrator Schmidt, DSHS, Rainier State School and the Department of Fish and Wildlife met to discuss options for Gees crop damage due to elk. The conclusion was that the best option would be to do some “herding and hazing,” which is to try and change the habits of the elk. This will start tomorrow and continue for approximately a week and a half. This will take place not on Ryan Road but just east of Levesque.

He also shared that the fence being installed to the west of the climbing boulders is scheduled for August 22nd and the actual climbing rocks are scheduled to be delivered August 26th.

City Administrator Schmidt shared that we have started budget meetings. First meeting was yesterday with a follow-up scheduled for tomorrow. We are preparing to start bringing budgets to Committees in September. Reminded everyone that the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the River Avenue and Realignments Projects will be on August 22nd at 2:00 PM down around the Veteran’s Memorial.

The retirement party for Finance Director Bazzar and City Planner James will be on August 28th at lunch time at the Mayor's house. The City usually does a summer picnic at the Mayor's house every year so we are just combining them this year.

MAIN AGENDA

Public Hearing: 2020-2025 Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP)

Mayor Johnson recessed the City Council meeting and entered the Public Hearing at 7:12 PM.

Mayor Johnson closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the City Council meeting at 7:14 PM.

ORD No. 13-19: Amended Title 20

Council member Smith moved to Approve Amended ORD No. 13-19 Title 20. Council member S. Burkett seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried 7/0.

Resolution No. 19-05: Adopting the 2020-2025 STIP

Council member S. Burkett moved to Approve Resolution No. 19-05 Adopting the 2020-2025 STIP. Council member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 19-06: Amending Personnel and Policy Manual (20th Revision)

Council member Smith moved to Approve Resolution No. 19-06 Amending Personnel and Policy Manual 20th Revision. Council member Leggett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agreement 2020-2022 Police Guild Contract

Council member Smith moved to Approve the 2020-2022 Police Guild Contract. Council member Leggett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

GPA Valuation – Right-of-Way Proposal

Council member Leggett moved to approve GPA Valuations' Scope to appraise ROW Dedications and Vacations. Council member Tremblay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Employment Agreement – Finance Director

Council member Leggett moved to Approve the Employment Agreement between the City and Sandra Groshong for the position of Finance Director. Council member Wilbanks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Finance Director Consultant Support Services Agreement

Council member Tremblay moved to Approve the Professional Consulting Agreement for City Financial Consultant. Council member S. Burkett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bid Award – PW Shop and Police Parking Lots

Council member Smith moved to Award Bid of the Public Works and Police Station Parking Lots Project to Titan Earthwork LLC for \$232,387.09. Council member Leggett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Construction Management Services Proposal – Spiketon Ditch Culvert Replacement Project

Council member Leggett moved to Approve the Construction Management Services Proposal with Gray & Osborne, Inc. for the Spiketon Ditch Culvert Replacement Project. Council member B. Burkett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Lease Agreement – City of Buckley and Turna Three, LLC

Council member Leggett moved to Approve the Lease Agreement with Turna Three, LLC. Council member B. Burkett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approve Minutes of July 23, 2019, City Council Meeting
Approve Minutes of August 6, 2019, City Council Study Session

Claim check numbers 60244 through 60341 in the amount of \$424,515.42 for the period July 24, 2019, to August 13, 2019; payroll check numbers 37977 through 38019 in the amount of \$89,976.58 and ACH payroll in the amount of \$365,316.59 for the month of July 2019; and Treasurer check numbers 12181 through 12186 in the amount of \$1,716.79 and EFT payments in the amount of \$15,818.16, are hereby approved and ordered paid this 13th day of August 2019.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor's Report:

Looking at ways to make City Hall more efficient in a cramped space. So far, we have had our new windows installed.

Administration, Finance & Public Safety:

Council member Tremblay stated that most of what the Committee discussed this morning was on tonight's agenda. At this Thursday's Pierce County Regional Council Meeting, they will be doing the approval of Pierce County's portion of the Vision 2050 plan that comes from Puget Sound Regional Council. If you have comments or recommendations, please let Council member Tremblay or City Administrator Schmidt know.

Last Heritage Walk of the summer will be August 28th and the focus will be on buildings. The walk will begin at the Foothills Museum at 6:00 PM.

Transportation & Utilities:

Council member B. Burkett stated that they have their next meeting on August 20th at 7:00 PM at the City Shop.

Community Services:

Council member S. Burkett stated that their next meeting is August 15th at 1:00 PM at City Hall.

Council Member Comments & Good of the Order:

Council member Smith mentioned that 360 West Main Street has their ground cover coming out of their flower bed and half way over the side and onto the sidewalk.

He also stated that he heard a rumor that Columbia Bank was closing. Mayor Johnson stated that this is not a rumor.

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

With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.



Mayor



City Administrator