

City of St. Helens City Council

Regular Session Minutes

May 1, 2019

Members Present: Mayor Rick Scholl
Council President Doug Morten
Councilor Ginny Carlson
Councilor Keith Locke
Councilor Stephen R. Topaz
Youth Councilor Vishal Christian

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Kathy Payne, City Recorder
Matt Brown, Finance Director
Brian Greenway, Police Chief
Sue Nelson, Public Works Engineering Director
Jacob Graichen, City Planner
Jenny Dimsho, Associate Planner
Crystal Farnsworth, Communications Officer
Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder
Tina Curry, Event Coordinator

Others:

Christine Menges	F. Brandon	William Allen
Janet Anderson	Becky Bean	David Karcher
Robert Anderson	Greg Clark	Madeline Clark
Anders Kass	Shauna Harrison	Nichole Thill
Dan Davis		

- 1) **7:23 P.M. - Call Regular Session to Order**
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3) **Visitor Comments - Limited to five (5) minutes per speaker**
 - ◆ William Allen. He supports funding the Recreation Center but does not want it to be a requirement on utility bills. He suggested allowing people to check a box on their utility bill to donate two or three dollars to fund the Program. He talked about other cities that have included fees on utility bills for different programs. It's led to many problems.
 - ◆ Shauna Harrison. Asked if the Council approved a water increase at last week's meeting to fund an Engineer.

Finance Director Brown explained that a budget request from staff was presented to Council for an additional Engineering Technician. That person's position would be paid through Streets, Sewer, Storm, and Water Funds. Rates would need to be raised 0.6% to fund the position if they did not want to take funds from another area. Rates have not been raised and the position was not approved nor included in the budget.

4) **Announce & Award Prizes to "If I Were Mayor..." Student Contest Winners**

Mayor Scholl announced and awarded the prizes to the "If I Were Mayor..." Student Contest winners. First place winners received a goody bag with \$100 cash, a \$5 Dutch Bros. gift card, a City of St. Helens pen, an "I love City of St. Helens" button, a Waterfront Development postcard, an Arts & Cultural Commission coloring postcard, assorted candies, assorted brochures, and a certificate. The runner up received the same, with exception to the \$100 cash. This year, Mayor Scholl invited all participants to join him for lunch to be scheduled this summer. Congratulations and well done, participants!

Grades 4-5 Poster Category:

Winner – Matthias Bean

Runner-up – Giovanna Anderson

Grades 6-8 Poster Category:

Madeline Clark

5) **Ordinances - Final Reading**

- 5.a Ordinance No. 3236: An Ordinance Amending St. Helens Municipal Code Chapter 13.14 Regarding Use of Portable Privies

Mayor Scholl read Ordinance No. 3236 by title for the final time. **Motion:** Upon Locke's motion and Carlson's second, the Council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 3236. [AYES: Scholl, Carlson, Morten, Locke, Topaz; Nays: None]

- 5.b Ordinance No. 3237: An Ordinance Amending St. Helens Municipal Code Chapter 3.12 to Modify the Utility Privilege Tax Levied on Utilities Operating in the City Without a Franchise

Mayor Scholl read Ordinance No. 3237 by title for the final time. **Motion:** Upon Locke's motion and Carlson's second, the Council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 3237. [AYES: Scholl, Carlson, Morten, Locke, Topaz; Nays: None]

6) **Resolutions**

- 6.a Resolution No. 1844: A Resolution Adopting a Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for the City of St. Helens and Superseding Resolution No. 1677

Mayor Scholl read Resolution No. 1844 by title. **Motion:** Upon Carlson's motion and Morten's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1844. [AYES: Scholl, Carlson, Morten, Locke, Topaz; Nays: None]

- 6.b Resolution No. 1845: A Resolution Determining that a Nuisance Exists Upon Property Located at 922 Cowlitz Street within the City of St. Helens and Directing that Notice to Abate the Nuisance be Posted on Said Premises

Mayor Scholl read Resolution No. 1845 by title. **Motion:** Upon Locke's motion and Morten's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1845. [AYES: Scholl, Carlson, Morten, Locke, Topaz; Nays: None]

7) **Award Bid/Contract**

- 7.a 2019 Annual Street Striping Project to Specialized Pavement Marking, Inc. in the Amount of \$19,504

Motion: Upon Morten's motion and Carlson's second, the Council unanimously approved '7a' above. [AYES: Scholl, Carlson, Morten, Locke, Topaz; Nays: None]

8) **Approve and/or Authorize for Signature**

- 8.a Maul Foster Alongi Work Order Authorization for Professional Services Related to Phase 1 Lagoon Repurposing Project
- 8.b Contract Payments
- 8.c Western Display Fireworks Display Agreement & Purchase Order for 4th of July Fireworks
- 8.d Turney Excavating, Inc. for Repair of 48-inch CMP Bypass Pipeline Under Plymouth Street at Secondary Treatment Plant Lagoon

Motion: Upon Carlson's motion and Locke's second, the Council unanimously approved '8a' through '8d' above. [AYES: Scholl, Carlson, Morten, Locke, Topaz; Nays: None]

9) **Consent Agenda for Acceptance**

- 9.a Budget Committee Minutes dated March 15, April 5, April 17, & May 3, 2018

Motion: Upon Locke's motion and Carlson's second, the Council unanimously approved '9a' above. [AYES: Scholl, Carlson, Morten, Locke, Topaz; Nays: None]

10) **Consent Agenda for Approval**

- 10.a Accounts Payable Bill Lists

Motion: Upon Carlson's motion and Topaz's second, the Council unanimously approved '10a' above. [AYES: Scholl, Carlson, Morten, Locke, Topaz; Nays: None]

11) **Mayor Scholl Reports**

- There has been a lot of collaboration with local agencies lately. Things are happening and they're moving forward.
- It's good to see a Housing Needs Analysis.

12) **Council Member Reports**

Council President Morten reported...

- Requested staff research an ordinance or resolution in regards to storing hazardous material in tankers in the rail switching yards. He believes it was proposed when Jim Huff was mill manager. He has a problem with the tankers being stored over the weekends. It's a huge safety concern.

Councilor Topaz reported...

- He thanked the Youth Council members for weeding and planting flowers behind the Courthouse and in front of City Hall.

Councilor Carlson reported...

- Youth Council members thanked the Council for supporting them with funds for the clean-up day. Sunshine Pizza donated pizza and Mean's Nursery and Scappoose Bay Watershed donated plants. Mayor Scholl expressed how impressed he is with the Youth Council.

Councilor Locke reported...

- Youth Council is doing a great job. He is impressed with them as well.
- He is also Impressed with the "If I were Mayor..." participants. He wishes they had more entries. Councilor Carlson suggested they go into the schools to promote it.

Youth Councilor Christian reported...

- The cleaning day was fun! They were done earlier than expected.
- Youth Council is volunteering at the Mental Health Fair on Saturday.
- Youth Council has a team this year for the NAMI Walk in Portland on May 19.
- They have been discussing ideas for trash clean-ups. One idea was to clean up the trash at the end of the Kiwanis Community Parade.

13) **Department Reports**

Police Chief Greenway reported...

- First Thursday is tomorrow at the Columbia Center. The topic is the K9 program in partnership with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office.

Public Works Engineering Director Nelson reported...

- Reminder for Public Works Operations Director Neal Sheppard's retirement party tomorrow at 1 p.m.

Finance Director Brown reported...

- He will not be here tomorrow. He'll be back Friday.

City Recorder Payne reported...

- Nothing to report.

14) **Other Business**

15) **Adjourn – 8:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:



Kathy Payne, City Recorder



Rick Scholl, Mayor