

City of St. Helens City Council

Regular Session Minutes

November 15, 2017

Members Present: Mayor Rick Scholl
Council President Doug Morten
Councilor Keith Locke
Councilor Susan Conn

Members Absent: Councilor Ginny Carlson

Staff Present: John Walsh, City Administrator
Jacob Graichen, City Planner
Kathy Payne, City Recorder
Matt Brown, Finance Director
Crystal Farnsworth, Communications Officer

Others: Meagan Tolles Judy Thompson Jesse Powell
Lacey Deahl Tiffany Gortler Ernie Martin
Terry McGettigan Lara Huffsmith

- 1) **7:00 p.m. Call Regular Session to Order**
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3) **Presentation of Spirit of Halloweentown Scarecrow Contest Winners**

The following awards were given from the City based on Facebook "likes."

Grand Prize: Hudson Garbage

Honorable Mention: Drake's Towing & Recovery

Honorable Mention: Barlow Bikes

The following awards were given from SHEDCO based on votes from judges.

First Place in Business Category: Drake's Towing

Second Place in Business Category: Hagan Hamilton Insurance

First Place in Residential Category: Brittany Powell

Second Place in Residential Category: Judy Thompson

Congratulations to the winners!

- 4) **Visitor Comments**

No visitor comments.

- 5) **Deliberations: Easement Extinguishment at 34704 Snow Street (Tolles)**

Motion: Upon Morten's motion and Locke's second, the Council unanimously approved the easement extinguishment for the portion encroached by the dwelling at 34704 Snow Street.

6) **Ordinances - Final Reading**

- 6.a Ordinance No. 3221: An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of N. 10th Street Right of Way

Mayor Scholl read Ordinance No. 3221 by title for the final time. **Motion:** Upon Locke's motion and Conn's second, the Council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 3221. [Ayes: Locke, Scholl, Conn, Morten; Nays: None]

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

- 7.a Extension of Agreement with ECONorthwest for Site Development Consulting Services
7.b Contract Payments

Motion: Upon Conn's motion and Locke's second, the Council unanimously approved '7a' through '7b' above.

8) **Consent Agenda for Approval**

- 8.a Council Work Session, Public Forum, Public Hearing, and Regular Session Minutes dated October 4 and 18, 2017
8.b Front Office Specialist Job Description
8.c Accounts Payable Bill Lists

Motion: Upon Morten's motion and Conn's second, the Council unanimously approved '8a' through '8c' above.

9) **Mayor Report**

Mayor Scholl reported...

- Had a really good retreat. Good time of becoming familiar with City functions and reviewing goals. Council President Morten added that values and visions were shared.
- Happy Thanksgiving!

10) **Council Reports**

Council President Morten reported...

- He was very serious today about parks. The late Parks Commissioner Phillip Roddy made certain that the City received \$1,000 for trees. Morten would like to see an arboretum in one of the parks. He suggested it in Civic Pride Park.

Councilor Conn reported...

- Why don't we celebrate Arbor Day in this part of the country? Walsh added that we also don't participate in the Tree City program. He can look into it.

Councilor Locke reported...

- Speaking of trees, this will be the 10th year having a Christmas tree in the Plaza. He suggested planting a tree there.
- It was a great retreat.

11) **Department Reports**

Public Works Engineering Director Nelson reported...

- Nothing to report.

City Planner Graichen reported...

- Nothing to report.

Communications Officer Farnsworth reported...

- Requested Gazette articles by November 29.

Library Director Jeffries reported...

- She will catch the tail end of the mushroom identification program at the Library tonight.

Finance Director Brown reported...

- Nothing to report.

City Recorder Payne reported...

- Nothing to report.

City Administrator Walsh reported...

- Happy Thanksgiving!
- Plaza decorations will go up around December 1.

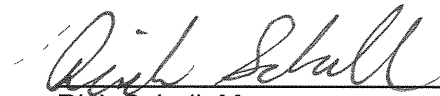
12) **Adjourn**

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:



Kathy Payne, City Recorder



Rick Scholl, Mayor