



City of Raymond WASHINGTON

230 Second Street, Raymond, WA 98577

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS October 16, 2017

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Steve Jones and Council Members Colby Rogers, Chris Halpin, Pam Nogueira, Wm Ian Farrell, Ryan Porter and Kaley Hanson were present for the regularly scheduled City Council meeting at 6:00 PM on the 16th of October in Council Chambers at 230 Second Street, Raymond, Washington. Council Members Dee Roberts had an excused absence. Officers present were Public Works Director Eric Weiberg, Clerk/Treasurer Gretchen Sagen, Fire Chief Todd Strozyk and Police Chief Chuck Spoor.

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Member Wm Ian Farrell moved to approve the minutes of October 2, 2017 meeting, the Agenda and Consent Agenda for tonight's meeting. Council Member Kaley Hanson seconded the motion and it carried with all members present voting aye.

CLAIMS No. 60368 through No. 60370	\$140,921.56
CLAIMS No. 60389 through No. 60453	
PAYROLL No. 60371 through No. 60388	\$175,921.58

COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk/Treasurer Sagen had no communications.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC NOT ON THE AGENDA

Laurie Bowman, Northwest Carriage Museum Director, gave an annual presentation on the Museum. The Museum opened in 2002 with only 21 carriages. Now as of November 2017, they have 50 carriages. This last year, 9,000 people have come to the Museum who lived over 50 miles away. For 2018, she has 6 tours lined up. The Museum has one employee and 3 volunteers. The Mayor and Council thanked Laurie for all of her hard work and she would be delighted to give a tour to the Council anytime.

Bill Cantella, was in attendance, he is looking at starting an ice cream parlor and is interested in the Community Center where Liang's is currently located next to the Raymond Theater. Liang's is closing its doors as of December 2017. After discussion was held, Councilman Hanson explained that the original plan for that space was for a Community Center, but after the earthquake, the City relocated Eastern Garden there. Councilman Hanson would like the space to be occupied again as a Community Center. After discussion was held, the Mayor told Mr. Cantella we would be in contact with him regarding the rental of the space.

ORDINANCE NO. 1865 – PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR 2018 – FIRST READING

Clerk/Treasurer Sagen explained this is our annual 1% increase in property tax levy with Pacific County. This increase is exclusive of additional revenue resulting from new construction, improvements to property and any increase in the value of state assessed property, any annexations that have occurred and refunds made. Council Members Wm Ian Farrell and Hanson moved and approved a motion to move Ordinance No. 1865 ahead for a second reading. Motion passed with all members voting aye.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Fire Chief Todd Strozyk informed the Mayor and Council that he had been turned down for some grants for apparatus equipment. He also informed them that the Ambulance Levy NPEMS #1 levy would be on the ballots coming out and to please vote.

Police Chief Chuck Spoor had nothing to report.

Public Works Director Eric Weiberg reported that with flooding season fast approaching, that the crew is getting sand and sand bags ready.

Clerk/Treasurer Gretchen Sagen provided the Mayor and Council with 3rd Quarter end fund balance report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor had received a handful of complaints regarding the Warren G concert that was held at the Raymond Theater. After a lengthy discussion, the Mayor would like all future Entertainer Contracts be represented in a positive, legal way.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Noqueira inquired about the flooding on HWY 101 by the Barge Restaurant. Public Works Director Weiberg informed Noqueira that was a WSDOT problem.

Council Member Porter discussed a problem that was presented to the council about 4 years ago regarding the showers in the restroom at the Seaport Museum/Public Market. Porter wanted to know if the City could put the showerheads back on the showers and open the showers up to the public. There had been some problems in the past regarding transients using the facility etc. After a lengthy discussion, the Mayor informed Porter that at this time, the shower heads would not be put on, but would look into opening them back up in the future after he talks to Mike Freeman, Parks Leadman.

Council Member Rogers contacted Willapa Valley's Spanish class and they are willing to translate our City of Raymond minutes into Spanish so we can put on our website.

Council Member Hanson commented on the Warren G concert. It was a sold out show that brought a lot of people to town. It was a huge success for everyone.

Council Member Farrell handed out an example of a monthly department overview that he would like all Department Heads to use or one like it. He would like each department head to report back to Council on the second meeting of every month.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

Prior to adjourning to Executive Session Mayor Jones advised that there would be a decision made after. Mayor Jones called the Executive Session to order at 7:03 PM for 15 minutes for the purpose of Labor Negotiations. Councilor Hanson, Halpin, Farrell, Noqueira, Rogers, Porter, Police Chief Chuck Spoor and Clerk/Treasurer Sagen were in attendance.

Mayor Jones reconvened the meeting at 7:20 PM. By motion of Council Member Halpin and Noqueira, it was approved and seconded that we accept the terms of the Teamster #252, 3 year Tentative Agreement as presented. Motion passed with all members present voting aye.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion of Council Members Farrell and Porter at 7:22 PM.

ATTEST:

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer, CMC