

**CITY OF RAYMOND
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
April 3, 2017**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Pro-Tem Vicki Fletmetis and Council Members, Betty Sovereign, Wm Ian Farrell, Colby Rogers, Kaley Hanson and Dee Roberts were present for the regularly scheduled City Council meeting at 6:00 PM on the 3rd of April in Council Chambers at 230 Second Street, Raymond, Washington. Council Member Chris Halpin was absent. Officers present were Police Officer Ryan Miskell, Fire Chief Todd Strozyk, Public Works Director Eric Weiberg, Clerk/Treasurer Gretchen Sagen, and City Attorney Will Penoyar.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fletmetis called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Member Rogers moved to approve the minutes of March 20, 2017 meeting, the Agenda and Consent Agenda for tonight's meeting and would like to amend the Agenda with Item 8A, Open Discussion for Mayoral Position. Council Member Wm Ian Farrell seconded the motion and it carried with all members present voting aye.

CLAIMS No. 59262 through No. 59274	\$50,372.02
CLAIMS No. 59301 through No. 59349	
PAYROLL No. 59275 through No. 59300	\$145,748.09
EFT DEBIT – MARCH 2017	\$10,223.55

COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC NOT ON THE AGENDA

Kathryn Burr, Executive Director for Crisis Support Network, was in attendance asking permission from the City Council to display pinwheels around the City letting everyone know that April is Child Abuse Awareness Month. Council Members Sovereign and Hanson made a motion allowing Crisis Support to display pinwheels throughout the City. Motion passed with all members present voting aye.

Joshua Latimer, member of the Local Boy Scout Troop, displayed to the Council a “Kayak Dock” sign that he would like to place on HWY 101 and Heath Street, letting traffic know of the City of Raymond’s Kayak Dock location. He has been working with DOT already and just needed City of Raymond approval of his project. Council Member Roberts and Sovereign made a motion allowing Joshua Latimer to put up his Kayak Dock sign. Motion passed with all members present voting aye. Further discussion was held and Latimer would like to also put up a map of the waterway down by the dock area. He will attend next meeting with a copy of the proposed map.

Jewel Hardy was in attendance and asked Council Members if they had received an email from her. She voiced to the Council that she hoped they would make a responsible decision regarding the mayoral vote.

Anne Steele, Theater Manager, informed the Council that AA Roofing requested a 65% down payment for the roof repair. There is no money allotted in the Theater budget for a roof repair. Clerk/Treasurer Sagen will have a Resolution prepared for an interfund loan at the next meeting.

Trish Bisbee was in attendance asking the City for permission to move the planters off of her property on Third and Duryea. They are cracking the sidewalks. She has contracted with Alan Ashley to remove the planters and place at the 8th Street Park Building. After further discussion, Council Members Roberts and Sovereign made a motion allowing Trish to move the planters off of her property to the 8th Street Park Building. Motion passed with all members present voting aye.

ORDINANCE #1859 – ADOPTION OF REVISED BUDGET FOR 2016 – SECOND READING

Council Members Sovereign and Roberts moved and approved the Second Reading of Ordinance #1859. Motion passed with all members present voting aye.

ORDINANCE #1860 – ONE READING ONLY

Ordinance #1860 is amending Raymond City Council Rules of Procedure Manual to allow Telephonic Council Participation. Council Members Roberts and Farrell moved and approved the passage of Ordinance #1860 for one reading only. Motion passed with all members present voting aye.

OPEN DISCUSSION ON MAYORAL POSITION

Council Member Rogers opened up a discussion on the possibilities of opening up the mayoral position again to the public so we can increase the pool of candidates. He has heard from concerned citizens that they did not see the advertisement in the paper etc. Council Member Roberts stated that she didn't agree because we need to keep moving forward and we need to elect a Mayor now. Council Member Rogers and Farrell made a motion to open up the Mayoral position to the public once again. Motion was denied with members present voting: 2 ayes and 4 nays.

MAYORAL VOTE/ OATH OF OFFICE

Clerk/Treasurer Sagen passed out the ballots. City Attorney Will Penoyar collected all ballots and gave to Sagen. Sagen announced that Steve Jones was our new City of Raymond Mayor by majority vote. Jones was sworn in by Sagen and Jones took a seat in the Mayor's chair.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Fire Chief Todd Strozyk had nothing to report
Police Chief Chuck Spoor was absent.
Public Works Director Eric Weiberg had nothing to report.
Clerk/Treasurer Gretchen Sagen had nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Jones had nothing to report.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mike "Hawk" Runyon wanted to thank the City Council for allowing him the opportunity to apply for the vacant position.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion of Council Members Farrell and Rogers at 8:05 PM.

ATTEST:

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer, CMC