



# City of Raymond WASHINGTON

230 Second Street, Raymond, WA 98577

## **COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS** **September 18, 2017**

### **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Mayor Steve Jones** and Council Members Colby Rogers, Wm Ian Farrell, Dee Roberts, Chris Halpin, Pam Nogueira and Kaley Hanson were present for the regularly scheduled City Council meeting at 6:00 PM on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September in Council Chambers at 230 Second Street, Raymond, Washington. Council Member Vicki Flemetis had an excused absence. Officers present were Public Works Director Eric Weiberg, Clerk/Treasurer Gretchen Sagen, and Fire Chief Todd Strozyk. Police Chief Chuck Spoor was absent.

**Mayor Jones** called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Member Dee Roberts moved to approve the minutes of September 5, 2017 meeting, the Agenda and Consent Agenda for tonight's meeting. Council Member Wm Ian Farrell seconded the motion and it carried with all members present voting aye.

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| <b>CLAIMS No. 60211 through No. 60280</b>  | <b>\$205,180.64</b> |
| <b>PAYROLL No. 60193 through No. 60210</b> | <b>\$172,949.69</b> |

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Clerk/Treasurer Sagen had nothing to report.

### **ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC NOT ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

### **GUEST SPEAKER – BEN THOMPSON – DNR**

Ben Thompson, Urban Growth Specialist from Washington State Department of Natural Resources, presented an informational 30 minute presentation on tree growth in smaller cities. He is willing to help the City establish a tree ordinance.

### **GARAGE SALE ORDINANCE**

Discussion was held among the Council Members on garage sales in Raymond. Council Member Roberts had called different cities for examples of their garage sale ordinances and no other city our size had one. Council Member Farrell explained the on-going estate/garage sale from the storage units on Laurel Ave. has become an eye sore. Council Member Nogueira suggested that a year round indoor flea market in the downtown area would be a great idea in helping the downtown and also fill up unused vacant business spaces. After a lengthy discussion, the Council agreed not to renew their 2018 Business License next year until they have talked with the City regarding our current ordinance.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Fire Chief Todd Strozyk** reported that the Statewide Burn Ban is still on and will be until the end of the month.

**Police Chief Chuck Spoor** was absent.

**Public Works Director Eric Weiberg** received a \$6,000 bid for the Visitor’s Center roof. Council Member Roberts and Farrell moved and seconded the motion for the bid approval for the roof. Motion passed with all members present voting aye. Public Works Director Weiberg also stated that he is working with the Planning Commission on a New Tree Ordinance.

**Clerk/Treasurer Gretchen Sagen** informed the Council that she had received all proposed budgets from Department Heads and it looks great for 2018. She asked the Mayor to appoint 3 Council Members to the Finance/Budget Committee. Mayor Jones appointed Council Members Chris Halpin, Dee Roberts and Wm Ian Farrell to the Finance/Budget Committee. Meetings will be held next month.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Jones was approached by Superintendent Steve Holland from the Raymond School District regarding an Interlocal Agreement in regards to the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Park for the 2018 Softball Season. Discussion was held regarding the use of the fields by the W.H. Girls Softball Association also. The City Council and the Mayor were in agreement that the Interlocal Agreement should be between the City and The Raymond School District. If the W.H. Girls Softball Association wants to use the ball fields they will have to talk to the Raymond School District. A meeting will be held to discuss the situation.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion of Council Members Roberts and Farrell at 7:15 PM.

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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Clerk-Treasurer, CMC