



City of Raymond

WASHINGTON

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Monday August 19th, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Roberts. Roll was taken and it was determined the meeting was quorate.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Heidi Worlton
Steven Jones
Karen Tully
Chris Halpin
Tony Nordin

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jason McVey (Excused)
Jovon Vaughn (Excused)

DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT:

Eric Weiberg, Public Works Director
Tia Channell, PW Assistant
Bill Didion, Fire Chief

APPROVAL OF AGENDA, CONSENT AGENDA & MINUTES

Councilor Jones moved to approve the agenda, consent agenda for tonight's meeting, as well as the minutes of the August 5th, 2024, regular meeting. Motion carried. Motion passed with two absences.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Citizen Jan Davis, writer of the "Red Pen" for the Willapa Harbor Herald discussed censorship from the Herald and how she was asked to stop writing due to her opinion.

PROPOSED UPDATES REGARDING THE CITY OF RAYMOND'S COMMEMORATIVE FLAG RESOLUTION:

After brief council discussion, councilor Worlton motioned to table until September 3rd, 2024, meeting. Motioned carried. Motion passed with two absences and one opposition.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- Fire Chief Bill Didion provided the council with an EMT/ Paramedic testing update and advised there were great group of candidates. Chief Didion discussed that he is budgeted for 2.5 positions for 2024 that have not been filled, however with council's support would like to hire three candidates as budget can support it. The council agreed.
- Public Works Director Eric Weiberg provided council with updates for both the downtown ADA ramp and overlay projects. He also advised the council that the new dump truck has been delivered.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Roberts provided the council with the 2025 Budget. Clerk Treasurer Kayla MacIntosh has been advised to do what she can before her leave and she will send out a Budget calendar. Roberts also provided the council with an update regarding the Thrive Funding.

Mayor Roberts advised the council that she wants to do a FD wage opener for 2025, RFD ranks in the bottom 5% in wages for the US and we have a captain that can travel 30 miles and double their annual wage.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS:

There were none.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilor Nordin discussed issues with dogs off leashes.

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss and no objections, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Roberts at 6:30PM.

ATTEST:



Tia Channell, PW Assistant



Dee Roberts, Mayor