



City of Raymond

WASHINGTON

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Monday October 21st, 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
Jovon Vaughn -excused Absent
Jason McVey (Zoom)

DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT

Pat Matlock, Police Chief
Bill Didion, Fire Chief
Debra Pearson, Deputy Clerk
Eric Weiberg, Public Works Director

APPROVAL OF AGENDA, CONSENT AGENDA & MINUTES

Councilor Jones moved to approve the agenda, consent agenda for tonight's meeting, and the minutes of the October 7th, 2024, Motion carried. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2025 FINAL BUDGET

Public Hearing was opened at 6:02 and with no comments, was closed at 6:02:30.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Chief Didion introduced the Fire Department's new hire, Aaron Beach.

ORDINANCE #1939: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF RAYMOND, WASHINGTON, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2025

Councilor Jones motioned to approve Ordinance #1939. Motion carried. Motion passed with one absence.

WCDA JOINT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

Mayor Roberts requested to table this item until further notice. Council Jones approved. Motion carried. Motion passed with one absence.

FOWLER STREET TRICK OR TREATING

Council members and department heads discussed options and decided to keep the same plan as the previous year.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- Fire Chief Bill Didion mentioned the EMS levy on the ballot and encouraged everyone to please vote. The new fire engine is still in Yakima getting repaired. Gave praise to our new hire Aaron Beach and mentioned that the other new hire will be starting next month.
- Police Chief Pat Matlock stated that the police department usually hands out 500 trick or treat bags and that the downtown trick or treating is a great community event. He also stated that the officers have been checking businesses after hours to make sure all are secure and also checking cars parked near these businesses.
- Public Works Director Eric Weiberg advised that the paving project went well with the only thing left being striping. The ADA ramps are almost ready to begin. Also gave an update on Bisbee's building on Duryea that currently has the street closed.
- Deputy Clerk Debra Pearson did not have anything to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Roberts announced that Clerk-Treasurer Kayla MacIntosh had her twins and all are doing good. She stated that they are trying to find on a location for a dog pound and also working on funding for the new City Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilor Tully thanked police and fire chiefs for their focus on safety for the upcoming trick or treating.
- Councilor Halpin requested a meeting before approving the WCDA agreement.
- Councilor Jones asked about an update on the phones. Mayor Roberts said she would check with Tia.

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss and no objections, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Roberts at 6:29 PM.

ATTEST:

Debra Pearson, Deputy Clerk

Dee Roberts, Mayor