



City of Raymond

WASHINGTON

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Monday January 21, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The council meeting was called to order at 5:00 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 -zoom
Jovon Vaughn
Jason McVey

DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA, CONSENT AGENDA & MINUTES

Mayor Roberts asked for a motion to amend the agenda to table item #9 on the regular agenda until the next council meeting on February 3, 2025. Councilor Worlton moved to approve the amended agenda, consent agenda for tonight's meeting, and the minutes of the January 6, 2025, meeting. Motion carried. Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

WATER FLUORIDATION -Discussion only

City of Raymond Water Plant Operator Justin Moran presented the council with information on the effects of fluoride in our water system. The council decided at this time no further discussion is warranted.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR COURTROOM SECURITY SERVICES -Action

Police Chief Matlock explained why he feels this agreement is the best option for the court to hear our cases. Councilor Vaughn motioned to approve the mayor signing the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS AND THE CITY OF RAYMOND FOR CITY HALL -Action

This item was tabled

ORDINANCE #1943: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAYMOND, WASHINGTON ADOPTING REVISED APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES TO BE MADE IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024 -One Reading Only

Councilor Vaughn motioned to approve Ordinance #1943. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- Fire Chief Bill Didion reported that he currently has 3 volunteers taking EMT classes and one in firefighter training. He is also hoping to send one of his employees to medic school in May.

- Police Chief Pat Matlock didn't have anything to report, however Councilor McVey inquired about how the jail has been running since the transition from the Sheriff's Department. Chief Matlock stated that it has been working fine. Councilor McVey also commended the police staff for making an appearance at the sporting events and said it was noticed and appreciated. Chief Matlock also reported that Officer Stigall has started up the DARE program at the Raymond School District.
- Public Works Director Eric Weiberg was absent.
- Deputy Clerk Debra Pearson reported the 2024 4th Quarter Report is finished and a copy was given to the council members.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Roberts gave the council a list of current committees that they are members of and added Councilor McVey to the police and fire committees. A new Pro-tem Mayor for 2025 is needed and Councilor Halpin was suggested. Councilor Jones motioned to approve Councilor Halpin as Mayor Pro-tem. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Roberts also talked about the projects getting funding from the Weyerhaeuser money and stressed the need for a dog impound facility. Discussion took place on the options to move forward with plans for such a facility. She then reported about the warming center at the Chamber Building in South Bend during the cold temperatures and the huge need for volunteers to step up so the shelter can remain open.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Halpin reported that he had attended a meeting for the new hospital and suggested that the city and hospital have a joint meeting to discuss a plan/budget along with possible and foreseeable effects on the city if the hospital bond passes. Councilor Vaughn stated that there are some Raymond School youth that are putting together a presentation that they will hopefully present to the council in March.


FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

None


ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss and no objections, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Roberts at 5:56 PM.

ATTEST:



Debra Pearson, Deputy Clerk



Dee Roberts, Mayor