

CITY OF MCCLEARY
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 24, 2019

ROLL CALL AND FLAG SALUTE	Councilmembers Richey, Huff, Heller, Blankenship and Iversen were in attendance.
ABSENT	None.
STAFF PRESENT	Present at the meeting were Director of Public Works Todd Baun, Clerk-Treasurer Wendy Collins, Chief Blumer and Attorney Chris Coker.
PRESENTATION	Phil Papac, Kayla Dunlap, Alissa Shay and Gary Nelson from Port of Grays Harbor gave a presentation to the Council highlighting their accomplishments over the past year.
EXECUTIVE SESSION	None.
PUBLIC COMMENTS	<p>John Carle asked the Council for a timeline for his attorney and the City Attorney to work on an agreement. Chris Coker had a brief discussion with Chris Bates, attorney for Mr. Carle, and Mr. Bates was going to prepare something. Mr. Carle asked the Council for six-months to prepare something. The Department of Transportation (DOT) informed Todd Baun they can't move forward until an easement is agreed upon with Jennifer Johnson from DOT and Mr. Carle. Mr. Carle stated he won't sign until he knows if the City will let him purchase the property and the DOT cannot move forward until he signs the easement. Mayor Orffer stated this is a catch 22 situation. After discussion, the Council agreed to allow 90-days for Chris Bates to work with John Carle on an offer. They will add it to the agenda for the first meeting in August.</p> <p>Gloria Hale asked about the RV that is parked on 4th Street. She wanted to know the timeline for its removal due to school buses having a hard time getting around it. Chief Blumer has a plan on how to deal with it because there are special circumstances regarding ownership of the RV. He hopes to have it removed by the end of the week.</p>
MAYOR COMMENTS	Mr. Jamison from the Methodist Convention left her a voicemail and she will be connecting with him.
VOUCHERS	<p>Accounts Payable checks approved were 45908 - 45974, including EFT's, in the amount of \$103,297.25.</p> <p>Payroll checks approved were 45774 - 45902, including EFT's, in the amount of \$191,605.29.</p> <p>Bank reconciliation for March 2019.</p> <p>It was moved by Councilmember Iversen, seconded by Councilmember Huff to approve the vouchers. Motion Carried 5-0.</p>
MINUTES APPROVED	It was moved by Councilmember Richey, seconded by Councilmember Huff to adopt the minutes from the April 10, 2019 meeting. Motion Carried 5-0.
CITY ATTORNEY REPORT	Chris Coker provided a written report for the Council. He stated at the last meeting, he was asked about how many nuisance properties are in municipal court. He said there are two properties currently in municipal court. He will call Josh next week to work on a master list to keep updated with the status of each case. He also spoke with Wendy and Lori Ann regarding the outstanding debt issue. They will discuss a plan of approach next week.
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT	Todd Baun provided a written report for the Council.
POLICE CHIEF REPORT	None.

TRUCK ROUTE

Councilmember Blankenship provided additional information on the truck route he is proposing. The Council discussed the weight of trucks that would be permissible. Councilmember Iversen asked how it would be policed and Councilmember Blankenship said the Washington State Patrol will provide our Police Officers with training along with training on permits. Todd Baun provided traffic counts from last October. Councilmember Blankenship said there is a lot to get done. He said Chris Coker has to write it out and the police have to get trained and he was hoping to move forward so we have something in place prior to the 3rd Street project being completed. Councilmember Richey asked if the truck drivers will get a ticket for their first infraction or just a warning and Councilmember Blankenship said he spoke with Chief Blumer about it and he thought the first year they may just give a warning and tell the driver to go purchase their permit.

Mayor Orffer asked if there are any concerns or questions by the Council before they move forward. Councilmember Richey asked what is the proposal for where the money will go. Councilmember Blankenship proposed 80% to Streets, 15% to Law Enforcement and 5% to the office for administrative staff. Todd Baun asked if we could wait until the next meeting before moving forward because he was recently contacted by a person from WSDOT Regional, and they are also looking at contacting the Secretary of State DOT person, because they are not happy with this proposal. Todd thinks we will be getting more feedback from them. Councilmember Blankenship asked what they are not happy with because they signed off on it and Todd said that person's boss is now aware of it and has been in contact with us. Councilmember Blankenship asked who is that person and Todd stated he is not sure who the regional administrator is but he left Todd a message, so he will be contacting that person. Councilmember Blankenship asked if Todd would forward him that person's information and Todd stated as soon as he gets it, he will. Mayor Orffer added, in all fairness, let's see what this person has to say and for Todd to definitely make sure Councilmember Blankenship has the contact information so he can have direct contact as well. Councilmember Blankenship just doesn't see how the DOT can dictate what we do with a City street because they are not paying us for it. He asked Todd if this just happened recently and Todd replied it was yesterday. Councilmember Richey asked if the DOT expressed anything specific to him about what bothers them and Todd stated, yes they have, and it's in the message, but he would rather not bring it up right now.

WSDOT SURPLUS LAND PURCHASE

This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

WHITNEY EQUIPMENT COMPANY AGREEMENT

Whitney Equipment Company provides maintenance service for the wastewater treatment plant. **It was moved by Councilmember Iversen, seconded by Councilmember Huff to authorize the Mayor to sign the five-year Whitney Equipment Company Agreement at the cost of \$1,200 per year. Motion Carried 5-0.**

SUMMER SCHEDULE

It was moved by Councilmember Richey, seconded by Councilmember Blankenship to authorize the 2019 summer schedule and meet on the first meeting of the month for the months of June, July, August and September. Motion Carried 5-0.

LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT

Chief Blumer submitted a request to the Council to authorize an agreement between the State of Washington and the City of McCleary Police Department. The Secretary of Defense is authorized to transfer to Federal and State/Territory Law Enforcement Agencies personal property that is excess to the needs of the DoD, including small arms and ammunition, that the Secretary determines is suitable to be used by such agencies in law enforcement activities. **It was moved by Councilmember Blankenship, seconded by Councilmember Huff to authorize Chief Blumer to sign the State Plan of Operation between the State of Washington and the McCleary Police Department at the cost of \$400 per year. Motion Carried 5-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Pringle wants to deal with his neighbor's weeds. Mayor Orffer said it would be in his best interest to let the city handle it to avoid an issue. Mr. Pringle would like to have the complaint form he used to use and Todd will provide one, he just needs to find it.

Councilmember Huff will not be able to attend the next meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED

It was moved by Councilmember Huff, seconded by Councilmember Heller to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 6:30 pm. Motion Carried 5-0.

Approved by Mayor Brenda Orffer and Clerk-Treasurer Wendy Collins.