

CITY OF MCCLEARY
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 10, 2019

ROLL CALL AND FLAG SALUTE Councilmembers Huff, Heller, Blankenship and Iversen were in attendance.

ABSENT Councilmember Richey was absent. **It was moved by Councilmember Huff, seconded by Councilmember Blankenship to excuse Councilmember Richey's absence. Motion Carried 4-0.**

STAFF PRESENT Present at the meeting were Director of Public Works Todd Baun, Clerk-Treasurer Wendy Collins, Chief Blumer and Attorney Chris Coker.

PRESENTATION A presentation was given on behalf of Summit Pacific Walk-in Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Clinic. Beth and Amber work with the program and provided an overview of the new program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Kim Heller has been volunteering her help at Beerbower Park. She has been weeding, pruning and planting flower bulbs. The kindergarten children at the McCleary School are painting pictures of trees to display around the train at the park.

Bob Pringle reported people are speeding on Main Street up to 45 mph since the 3rd Street Project started. He believes the speeding is ridiculous on a detour route and people should slow down. Chief Blumer stated between 7:30 am and 10:30 am, Officer Morrison was called in to monitor the detour route and there were zero speeders. Mr. Pringle appreciates the steps taken regarding his complaint at the last meeting. He appreciates Joshua Cooper working with him.

Andrea Dahl asked if there is any language in the 3rd Street Contract in regards to maintaining the road in front of the school. The road is showing damage and she is concerned about it not getting corrected after the project is completed. Mayor Orffer assured her the City will check into it.

John Carle owns property next to a WSDOT owned piece of property, which has an easement on it that he uses. He stated Jennifer Johnson from the WSDOT sent him a letter stating they are going to be selling the property. He spoke with his attorney about purchasing the property if the City decides not to purchase it. The City has first right of refusal for the purchase of the property. Mayor Orffer stated the City has desired to purchase that property for many years, long before she became Mayor, to use for utility expansion. The property has been included in the annual budget for many years in the event it went up for sale. Mr. Carle stated he has tried to buy it fifteen-years ago, and at that time, was told it was designated as a wetland.

MAYOR COMMENTS Mayor Orffer thanked Mayor Pro Tem Huff for Chairing the last meeting in her absence. She also thanked the City Crew for all of their hard work on the 3rd Street Project.

VOUCHERS Accounts Payable checks approved were 45862 - 45901, including EFT's, in the amount of \$137,879.71.

It was moved by Councilmember Blankenship, seconded by Councilmember Heller to approve the vouchers. Motion Carried 4-0.

MINUTES APPROVED **It was moved by Councilmember Iversen, seconded by Councilmember Huff to adopt the minutes from the March 27, 2019 meeting. Motion Carried 4-0.**

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT Chris Coker provided a written report for the Council.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT Todd Baun provided a written report for the Council.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT None.

LINDSEY BAUM GARDEN	Michelle Ames spoke on behalf of the Lindsey Baum Memorial in Beerbower Park. She provided a drawing of the layout for the tree and the butterfly bench. She has contacted different companies to donate supplies for the project. She distributed a budget sheet to the Council showing the cost and how they will pay for the project. It was moved by Councilmember Blankenship, seconded by Councilmember Iversen to approve the Lindsey Baum Memorial Plan and tree removal. Motion Carried 4-0.
DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT RENEWAL	It was moved by Councilmember Heller, seconded by Councilmember Huff to authorize the Mayor to sign the Department of Enterprise Three-Year Renewal Agreement. Motion Carried 4-0.
IT CONTRACT RENEWAL	Tabled.
STIP AMENDMENT	Todd Baun previously reported there would be additional grant money awarded from the Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) and the City has not officially accepted the HIP funds. If the Council does accept the funds, they also need to amend them into our Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), prior to April 16th. The grant amount for the HIP/Rural award is \$74,644 with a local match amount of \$11,650 for a total of \$86,294. It was moved by Councilmember Iversen, seconded by Councilmember Heller to accept the HIP Grant Funding and approve the STIP Amendment as presented. Motion Carried 4-0.
CRITICAL AREAS	Todd Baun will set up a Public Hearing and review for the draft Critical Areas Ordinance to go over any changes. He will schedule it for the first meeting in May.
HOME ABATEMENT DISCUSSION	There are a few houses in McCleary with issues. We need to handle them in the most cost effective way. Mayor Orffer asked for the nuisance report to be prepared for the Council again. This report used to be provided in the packet and was a good resource for the Council to stay on top of what nuisance issues are current and how they are being dealt with. It included updates and warrant status on the code issue report.
LAND ACQUISITION	The property Mr. Carle referred to earlier in the meeting is property the City is very interested in purchasing. Councilmember Iversen asked if the City owned the property, what expense would it bring to the City and Todd responded it would be basically mowing and maintenance, which would be added to the current property maintenance plan. Mr. Carle stated he wants to purchase the land himself to prevent any buildings from going up near his property. He would like to request his attorney to write up a proposal stating if he purchased the property, he would allow a large easement for the City. Councilmember Blankenship would like to see his attorney's proposal when its ready. Mayor Orffer added that this situation was brought up many years ago. She wants the Council to be mindful that the parties involved will change over the years and whatever we decide, may be impacted when the people involved are no longer the decision makers. Twenty years from now, Mr. Carle may sell to someone that does not want to be as cooperative with sharing the easement or, the Council may want to build something on the property and the new owner may be unwilling to participate in an agreement. What is decided now, will impact the future so she wants the Council to make a decision with all of these potential situations in mind
TRUCK ROUTE MODIFICATION	Councilmember Blankenship provided information supporting a truck route in McCleary for 3rd Street. Other towns have permitted truck routes that require the company of large trucks to purchase an annual permit to use the streets. The money from the permitting would be used to help maintain the wear and tear the trucks create while using the street. The Council will review the information and discuss at the next meeting.
PUBLIC COMMENT	Councilmember Huff asked Todd Baun when the Ash Street potholes would be addressed and Todd stated they will be fixed this summer.
MEETING ADJOURNED	It was moved by Councilmember Huff, seconded by Councilmember Heller to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 pm. Sue Portshy announced the Methodist Church will be closing their doors the last day of June 2019. She is concerned about how to move forward with the museum moving into the church and when and how the City will take the building over. The City has not heard whether the church plans on donating the building or if they were desiring to sell the building. The Council will need that information before we can move forward. Mayor Orffer will contact the pastor to discuss what are the next steps for all parties involved.

It was moved by Councilmember Huff, seconded by Councilmember Iversen to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 6:30 pm. Motion Carried 4-0.

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