

CITY OF MCCLEARY
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 13, 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 Steve Blumer, Public Works Assistant Josh Cooper and Attorney Chris Coker.

PUBLIC HEARING At 6:31 pm, Mayor Orffer called for an Executive Session to discuss acquisition of real estate according to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) to last ten minutes. The Executive Session ended at 6:41 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS None.

MAYOR COMMENTS Mayor Orffer thanked all of the City employees for their hard work during the recent snow storm.

VOUCHERS Mayor Orffer met with Representatives Tharinger and Chapman and Senator Van De Wege over the past couple of weeks and they were very happy to make connections with the City and are very interested in helping us in any way they can. She told them one thing they could do for us, would be to remind Grays Harbor County that McCleary is a part of the County and that there are cities east of the coastal towns that are part of the County, and we too, would like to have their time and attention. The Representatives were very gracious and understanding and offered to attend a City Council Meeting to talk with anyone that has questions for them. They also offered to spend time with staff looking for revenue sources that could help us. Mayor Orffer stated we have very great team representing us in the State Legislature and she is happy to have made contact with them.

 Accounts Payable checks approved were 45544 - 45647, including EFT's, in the amount of \$62,960.23.

 Payroll checks approved were 45494 - 45500 and 45579 - 45602, including EFT's, in the amount of \$199,079.58.

 Bank Reconciliation for January 2019.

It was moved by Councilmember Huff, seconded by Councilmember Richey to approve the vouchers. Motion Carried 5-0.

MINUTES APPROVED **It was moved by Councilmember Richey, seconded by Councilmember Huff to adopt the minutes from the January 23, 2019 meeting. Motion Carried 5-0.**

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

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT Todd Baun reported the crews have been taking care of the removal of snow on the streets and dealing with power outages. He said they have been doing an awesome job.

 Todd introduced Joshua Cooper who replaced Paul Morrison as the Public Works Assistant. Josh introduced his wife Colby and her sister Dallas, who were in attendance with him. He said he is happy to be part of the team and thanked everyone for the opportunity to work for the City. Todd added that Josh started working last week and has had a crash course with snow removal and building department plans. It was a crazy week and he had to jump right in. Mayor Orffer welcomed Josh and said she is very happy to have him aboard and thanked him for being a part of our team.

 Councilmember Iversen asked how the roof was coming along on the museum. Todd responded by stating the main house is completed, with the exception of the small porches and the garage still needs to be done. The Public Works and Light and Power crews did a great job.

Chief Blumer showed the Council the new city logo patches he had made for the police uniforms. The bear is clearer and they are a bit more modern and he is happy with the outcome.

The two new police cars arrived and Chief Blumer showed the Council one of the cars, which he parked outside the council room window. The logo on the side of the car is a hologram that stands out at night when the lights shine on it.

Chief Blumer also reported that the McCleary Police Department has been supporting other agencies with the roll over accidents and collisions caused by the snow. There were multiple snow related incidents and all agencies worked together to respond and offer support to each other.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT Chief Blumer provided a written staff report for the Mayor and Council.

TRUCK ROLL FEE Certain customers request for their water to be turned on and off multiple times per month. To perform this, there is a cost to the city for crew members to perform the task and for the truck to roll out to the location. The city is asking the Council to consider a truck roll fee to cover the cost for customers turning on and off their utilities for their convenience. These customers want the utilities off to prevent paying a regular monthly utility bill. When they want to work on the home, they want the utilities on for only a day or two and then they want them turned back off. Staff suggests a charge of \$50 for this service during regular city hours and a \$150 charge for after hours. Chris Coker provided a resolution that was not in the packet so it will be provided at the next meeting for Council consideration.

VEHICLE PURCHASE **It was moved by Councilmember Blankenship, seconded by Councilmember Iversen to authorize the purchase of a one ton truck in the amount of \$76,926.06, including tax. It was budgeted for a total of \$80,000. Motion Carried 5-0.**

6TH STREET SURVEY **It was moved by Councilmember Iversen, seconded by Councilmember Heller to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract for Gray & Osborne to furnish the engineering services as requested by the City in connection with the Survey of South 6th Street (from Maple to Hemlock) as presented in the Contract for Professional Engineering Services in the amount of \$7,000. Motion Carried 5-0.**

TENELCO CONTRACT The contract with Tenelco Inc. expired on August 18, 2018 for bio solids transport and beneficial use. Tenelco proposed a contract extension to August 20, 2020 at a rate of \$68.00 per wet ton hauled, with a minimum load of 25 tons, which is an increase from \$52.00 per wet ton, effective March 1, 2019. **It was moved by Councilmember Richey, seconded by Councilmember Huff to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Tenelco, Inc. Motion Carried 5-0.**

UPCOMING PROJECTS Todd Baun gave a brief outline of the upcoming projects for the city.

RESOLUTION 728 FEES AND DEPOSIT FOR PARK KITCHEN & COMMUNITY CENTER Chris Coker worked with Wendy Collins to update the rental fees for the community center and park kitchen. Currently, there are different rates for smaller groups for the community center. In an effort to remain fair and consistent, it was decided the best approach is to have a flat rate for all uses. The exception will be for local funeral/memorials and regularly scheduled events held on a weekly and monthly basis. The deposits were also adjusted so they were more consistent. **It was moved by Councilmember Blankenship, seconded by Councilmember Richey to adopt Resolution 724 A RESOLUTION TO THE UTILIZATION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL FACILITIES, ESTABLISHING FEES; AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NUMBER 625 AND ANY OTHER RESOLUTION IN CONFLICT THEREWITH and to change the cost for funerals/celebrations of life for McCleary residents to \$35.00. Resolution Adopted 5-0.**

MEETING CANCELANATION **It was moved by Councilmember Richey, seconded by Councilmember Blankenship to cancel the February 27, 2019 meeting. Motion Carried 5-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION None.

PUBLIC COMMENT Councilmember Richey asked if the Council could make a proposal to approve all 3rd Street Project Grant items in advance. Chris Coker discouraged it because auditing requirements are to have Council approval for all things relating to contracts.

Councilmember Richey asked if he could refuse to be paid for serving on the Council. Chris Coker believes he would have to accept his pay and then donate it back to the City but will check into it.

Chief Blumer announced he received a grant for radar equipment in the amount of \$4310.00.

MEETING ADJOURNED

It was moved by Councilmember Iversen, seconded by Councilmember Heller to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 6:30 pm. Motion Carried 5-0.

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