

**CITY OF MCCLEARY**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, July 11, 2018**

ROLL CALL AND FLAG SALUTE      Councilmembers 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, Police Chief Steve Blumer and Attorney Sharon English.

PUBLIC HEARING      None.

VOUCHERS      Accounts Payable checks approved were 44517 - 44572, including EFT's, in the amount of \$166,202.65 and 44595 - 44631, including EFT's, in the amount of \$37,950.26.

Payroll checks approved were 44512 - 44594, including EFT's, in the amount of \$172,594.78 and 44373 - 44511, including EFT's in the amount of \$191,999.71.

Bank reconciliations for May and June 2018.

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

MINUTES APPROVED      **It was moved by Councilmember Huff, seconded by Councilmember Iversen to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 13, 2018. Motion Carried 4-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS      Karen Waddington spoke on behalf of the Bear Festival Board and gave a huge thank you to the City and all the employees for everything they did to support and help with the Bear Festival. She thanked Councilmember Brycen Huff for providing security and spending the night in the park and keeping things safe. Karen said they served over 800 servings of bear stew. The festival was a big success and they have received very positive feedback. They very much appreciate the City for all of their support.

Andrea Watts was part of the McCleary Economic Development Plan Steering Committee which is now desolved and the members have started a new committee called the McCleary Community Renewal Council. They also have new leadership. The newly-formed committee is starting a non-profit to help fill the gap between what the Chamber of Commerce, the City of McCleary, and the new committee does. They are working to balance what each of the three organizations do and are trying to get their roles defined so they can start moving forward on projects and planning. They have identified a few initiatives and are working on what they can do to fulfill some of the objectives that were called out as part of the economic development plan for the City. They have two movie nights and two Saturday markets planned this summer, and they will be developing other activities and events for future dates. The new committee welcomes anyone that is willing to step up and join them. The McCleary Community Renewal Council Board has been put in place and they are seeking participants to volunteer and help. Chris Miller is the President of the Board, Andrea Watts is Secretary, Cari Comer is head of Project Development, and Chantol Segó is the Treasurer. They welcome anyone that wants to participate and be a part of this active group.

MAYOR COMMENTS      Mayor Orffer thanked the City staff for all of their hard work during the Bear Festival and she also thanked the Bear Festival for putting on a successful and fun festival.

TELECARE REPRESENTATIVES      In June, Mayor Orffer, Wendy Collins and Steve Blumer met with Telecare representatives and Todd Broderius from Great Rivers, to discuss the status of the mental health facility project. They agreed to have representatives from the company attend tonight's meeting. Cameron Coltharp, Director of Facilities and Real Estate for Telecare, Barbara Roush, Director of Start up for Telecare, Pam Eggleston, Representative for all of Washington for Telecare and Jeff Lannon, Administrator of the Thurston-Mason County Crisis Triage in Tumwater, attended this evening and provided information to the Council. The project is taking longer than they anticipated due to various reasons. They believe the construction will be finished at the end of the year and the facility could open at the end of January. Mr. Coltharp is the contact for security and plant related issues and will be working with the City, as needed

Barbara Roush would like to keep the name of Mark Reed in the title of the new facility. Mark Reed has strong ties to the community and Telecare would like to honor the community and the historical memory of Mark Reed by naming the facility after him. They know how much our community loved the old Mark Reed Hospital and it is their way of wanting to keep some of that history with the building and the town.

Pam Eggleston has been working with Dee Velasco, McCleary Chamber of Commerce President, and is excited to start recruiting for people to fill the positions in the facility. Registered nurses, Clinical Director, Director of Nursing, Administrator, LPN's, prescribers, recovery specialists, social workers, art therapist, custodians, medical records technician and peers are all positions needed to be filled. They anticipate a total of about 50 positions, which they will be hiring.

Telecare has worked with Grays Harbor County Court and they made an arrangement so they can hold court at the facility and will not have to transport the clients to Montesano when they have their required court hearing after 72-hours.

Mr. Coltharp reiterated this is not a walk-away facility. All clients will be transported to the location they came from. Telecare is working hard to be a good neighbor to the McCleary community.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Sharon English provided a written report for the Council.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS  
REPORT

Todd Baun provided a written report for the Council.

BEEHIVE RETIREMENT  
CENTER PROPERTY  
PROPOSAL

The City received an offer for the property and staff is in the process of analyzing the proposal and will have additional feedback at the August City Council Meeting.

LEGAL SERVICES

Sharon English has accepted a position with the Washington State Attorney General's Office. Chris Coker spoke on behalf of the Younglove & Coker law firm, stating they have every intention of working with the City to continue on with the contract and provide the same excellent service, which Sharon provided. Mr. Coker will be attending the City Council meetings for a few months and will be working along with Sharon's replacement, Greg Rhodes. Chris Coker assured the Council that the City will be receiving the same high level of service and support from the law firm, and he stated the law firm has many experts on staff, which share information and expertise between each other to support the City. Chris has worked with Dan Glenn for over twenty-years on supporting McCleary and filling in for him during absences. The Mayor and Council agreed to continue with Younglove & Coker and thanked Chris Coker for making this an easy transition.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

The City has two reserve officers who have been very active with traffic stops. The City hired a new police officer that is also a canine officer. Chief Blumer has been working with the FOP police union regarding adding a canine officer to the contract. He then contacted Our Community Credit Union to see if they could help the City in purchasing a used police vehicle that is set-up for a canine. The credit union generously paid for the vehicle for the City. Chief Blumer had been in contact with the Squaxin Tribe, which is the new officers previous employer, and asked them if he could purchase the car and allow the handler to keep the canine. The Tribe agreed as long as they could utilize the canine's services when needed. Chief Blumer obtained the car for free, the canine for free and the union contract was written so there is no added expense to the police budget. A veterinarian has been set-up to provide care at no cost. The new officer is Mike Gettle and his canine is Vader, a Belgian Malinois. Vader is trained and certified and is going to be a great asset to McCleary. Chief Blumer introduced them both to the Mayor and Council. Mayor Orffer and the Council thanked Chief Blumer for all his effort in putting this all together.

Mayor Orffer thanked Our Community Credit Union and the Squaxin Indian Tribe for their generous contribution to our community.

TEAMSTERS VISION  
AGREEMENT

The Teamster's offers a vision plan, which the employees have been using for many years. They recently notified the City and requested that we sign a standard agreement form, which is a formality that all participants are required to sign. Nothing will change to the plan or the cost. **It was moved by Councilmember Blankenship, seconded by Councilmember Huff to authorize the Mayor to sign the Teamsters Vision Agreement. Motion Carried 4-0.**

COUNCIL POSITION #1 VACANCY The City advertised for the vacancy of City Council Position #1. Four individuals shared interest in the vacancy; Jeffrey Prowse, Gary Atkins, Dave Sisk and Dustin Richey. Mr. Prowse, Mr. Atkins and Mr. Richey were all present at the meeting and made statements to the Council regarding their interest in being on the Council. Mayor Orffer thanked all of them for their interest in serving the City and wanting to get involved in helping the community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION At 7:30 pm, Mayor Orffer called for an Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(h), to last 15 minutes, to discuss the City Council vacancy. The Executive Session ended at 7:45 pm.

COUNCIL POSITION #1 APPOINTMENT After a short discussion, the Council agreed to making a motion for the appointment. **It was moved by Councilmember Huff, seconded by Councilmember Iversen to appoint Dustin Richey to Position #1. Roll call was taken in the affirmative 4-0.** The Council chose Mr. Richey because of his past experience and they believe he was up-to-speed on the issues and ready to get rolling. Clerk-Treasurer, Wendy Collins, swore Dustin Richey in and he joined the City Council at the table. Mayor Orffer, again, graciously thanked the other candidates for offering to serve the community.

MAYOR PRO TEM APPOINTMENT **It was moved by Councilmember Blankenship, seconded by Councilmember Heller to appoint Councilmember Huff as Mayor Pro Tem. Motion Carried 5-0.**

FINANCE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT **It was moved by Councilmember Iversen, seconded by Councilmember Huff to appoint Councilmember Heller to the Finance Committee. Motion Carried 5-0.**

RESOLUTION 717 - ALL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN The City has participated in completing a Grays Harbor County Hazard Mitigation Plan since September 2017. The plan made it through review by FEMA and the State with no requested changes or modifications and is now ready for adoption through a resolution. **It was moved by Councilmember Iversen, seconded by Councilmember Blankenship to adopt Resolution 717 AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY 2018 MULTI-JURISDICTION HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE. Resolution Adopted 5-0.**

VACATION HOURS BUYOUT One of the unions has a stipulation requiring the City Council to approve a vacation time buyout. There are cautions in place assuring the employee only buyout hours above a certain amount so their leave balance is not depleted. **It was moved by Councilmember Iversen, seconded by Councilmember Huff to authorize the vacation hour buyout for the employee of 40 hours. Motion Carried 5-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT Councilmember Huff asked Todd Baun if he has received any word back from the State since they came out and looked at the crosswalk. Todd said it is at their regional headquarters for review. Councilmember Iversen asked if this is the crosswalk at the corner of the park and city hall and Todd said it was.

Councilmember Heller said he was approached by residents making comments about the benches in the park being rickety and unstable. They asked him if the benches could be replaced in a timely manner. Todd Baun said it could be put in next years budget. Councilmember Heller said it would be best if it could be before the next Bear Festival.

Councilmember Blankenship asked about enforcement for dogs in the park and alcohol consumption in the park during Bear Festival. He asked if it is allowable during the Bear Festival. Mayor Orffer asked Todd Baun if people get permits for that. Todd said it is an enforcement issue by the McCleary Police and in the past, it's been a loosely enforced thing. Councilmember Blankenship noticed a lot of dogs running around and his granddaughter was down at the kiddie park and there was dog piles out there, even though there are signs all around the park stating dogs are not allowed in the park. Mayor Orffer said we need to review this with the Bear Festival to make sure when the people sign up for permits, they are notified of the City park dog rules. Mayor Orffer added that there is a balance we need to keep with our visitors so we remain a welcoming community and still remain compliant with our rules. We don't want our guests to be stepping over dog doodles all over the park. Sue Portschey suggested having some high school kids hand out disposable bags during the Bear Festival for owners to pick up after their dogs.

Mayor Orffer was approached with comments about the car show blocking the streets and blocking access to areas that people needed to get to. As a City, we want to be a good host and welcome people into our community but we also need to maintain order. Todd Baun is going to meet with the Bear Festival to debrief what worked and what didn't.

Mayor Orffer has been reaching out to some of the people Mayor Schiller was working with. She set up a meeting with the CEO of Summit Pacific in August, and she met with Dru Garson from Greater Grays Harbor, Inc., and Congressman Derrick Kilmer. We are still working on how to promote McCleary and promote business and economy. She is trying to be at City Hall on Friday mornings so she is available for people to contact her.

MEETING ADJOURNED

**It was moved by Councilmember Huff, seconded by Councilmember Iversen to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm and cancel the second meeting in July, as previously approved by the Council. The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 6:30 pm. Motion Carried 5-0.**

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