



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Wenatchee City Hall Council Chambers

301 Yakima Street, 2nd Floor

Wenatchee, WA 98801

MINUTES

4:00 p.m. Council Tour of Library - Canceled

Present: Mayor Frank J. Kuntz, Councilmember Position 1 Jose Cuevas, Councilmember Position 2 Jim Bailey, Councilmember Position 3 Ruth Esparza, Councilmember Position 4 Travis Hornby, Councilmember Position 5 Mark Kulaas, Councilmember At-Large "A" Linda Herald (via phone), Councilmember At-Large "B" Keith Huffaker

Staff Present: Executive Services Director Laura Merrill, City Attorney Steve Smith, City Clerk Tammy Stanger, IS Support Jessi Saucedo, Public Information Officer/Deputy City Clerk Annagrisel Alvarez, Environmental Manager Jessica Shaw, Senior Engineer Jeremy Hoover, Economic Development Director Steve King, Finance Director Brad Posenjak, Public Works Director Rob Jammerman, Community Development Director Glen DeVries, Police Chief Steve Crown

5:15 p.m. Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call. Mayor Frank J. Kuntz called the regular meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Councilmember Keith Huffaker led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Councilmembers were present, with Councilmember Linda Herald participating via phone conference.

2. Consent Items:

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

3. Citizen Requests/Comments. None.

4. Presentations.

- Red Cross Month Proclamation read by Mayor Frank J. Kuntz and presented to Greater Inland Northwest Executive Director Ryan Rodin and Local Disaster Manager Hannah Christian who spoke about the services the Red Cross provides and the need for local blood donations.
- Apple Blossom Royalty Proclamation read by Councilmember Keith Huffaker and presented to Queen Tess Sparks, Princess Kaia St. John, and Princess Kelly Norland. The Royalty then sang their song and invited everyone to participate in this year's festival "Bloomin' Fun in 101!"

5. Action Items.

- A. Biosolids Hauling Contract for Boulder Park
Environmental Manager Jessica Shaw presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract for Biosolids Beneficial Use Services for the City of Wenatchee Public Works at the Boulder Park Project, 2020. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- B. Authorization to Award Construction Contract - Sewer Rehabilitation Project #1909

Senior Engineer Jeremy Hoover presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to award the contract for construction of the 2020 Sewer Rehabilitation Project #1909 to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder, J & K Earthworks in the amount of \$198,624.44, and further authorize the Mayor to sign the construction contract. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- C. Agreement to Address Park Drainage at 25 North Worthen

Economic Development Director Steve King presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign a settlement agreement with WenDBR, LLC, in the amount of \$34,204.51 to satisfy obligations associated with drainage impoundment adjacent to 25 North Worthen Street in the Chelan County PUD Park. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

This is the last Council meeting for Steve King and the Mayor thanked Steve for his years of service and all the hard work above and beyond all these years.

6. Reports.

a. Mayor's Report

1. There is no replacement plan yet for Steve King's position and the Mayor will meet with Public Works Director Rob Jammerman next week to discuss.
2. The capital budget passed by the legislature includes \$2 million for Parkside.
3. The Douglas County Commissioners are reconsidering the pit property purchase. They meet next Monday and will decide.
4. Of concern is the coronavirus and how the city plans to handle it with employees are the same suggestions the CDC is recommending by keeping social distances, hand washing, different types of meetings. He is not canceling anything at this point. The Mayor participated in a phone conference today with the Health District and will reevaluate daily. On the financial side of things, he expects sales taxes to take a hit. Executive Services Director Laura Merrill added that she will be sending an email out to the employee group tomorrow to remind them of best practices. We are doing the best we can.
5. Councilmember Jim Bailey asked Chief Crown how they are handling the current situation. Chief Crown said there are some protocols in place and that they may have a moratorium on things such as fingerprinting where social distancing cannot be avoided.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees


Councilmember Jose Cuevas attended the Complete Streets Leadership Work Shop last week and said it gave him a better understanding of how things operate.

Councilmember Linda Herald attended the Community Action Council board meeting this week, via phone conference, and said the empty bowls event has been canceled. She has been in self-quarantine after a recent cruise.

Councilmember Jim Bailey said the Link Transit RFP committee met today to review the proposals and will make a recommendation to the board next week.

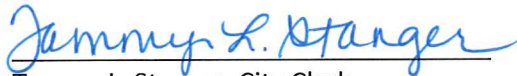
7. Announcements. None.

8. Adjournment. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk