



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, May 28, 2020

Wenatchee City Hall Council Chambers
301 Yakima Street, 2nd Floor
Wenatchee, WA 98801

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Frank J. Kuntz, Councilmember Position 1 Jose Cuevas, Councilmember Position 2 Jim Bailey, 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 (via phone), City Clerk Tammy Stanger, IS Support Tim Mccord, Finance Director Brad Posenjak, Community Development Director Glen DeVries, Police Chief Steve Crown, Engineering Services Manager Jacob Huylar

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 Jose Cuevas led the Pledge of Allegiance. The excused absence of Councilmember Ruth Esparza was noted for the record. All other Councilmembers were present, with Councilmember Linda Herald participating via phone.

2. Consent Items:

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings, to accept the work performed by the contractor KRCl, LLC on the Olds Station Sanitary Sewer Expansion Phase 2 - Lift Station, Project No. 1718-2 and further authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Contract Voucher Certificate on behalf of the City of Wenatchee, to accept the work performed by the contractor KRCl, LLC on the Cleveland Ave. Sanitary Sewer Repair, Project No. SW19-10 and further authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Contract Voucher Certificate on behalf of the City of Wenatchee, and to accept the work performed by the contractor, Ascendent LLC, on the North Wenatchee Avenue Building Demolition, City Project No. 1712, and further authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Contract Voucher. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

3. Action Items.

- A. Option to Purchase and License to Enter to conduct exploratory well drilling between GBI Holding Co., and the City of Wenatchee
City Attorney Steve Smith presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve the Option to Purchase and License to Enter Agreement with GBI Holding and authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- B. City Project 1805 – Ninth Street Parking Lot
Supplement #4 to Agreement with RH2 Engineering

Engineering Services Manager Jacob Huylar presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to approve Supplement #4 with RH2 Engineering for construction services on the Ninth Street Parking Lot and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract documents. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

4. Reports.

- a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported on the following matters:

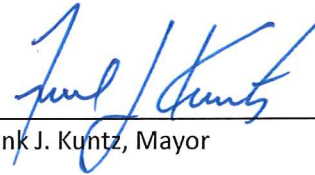
1. The March sales tax report has come in, and as expected is down a couple of hundred thousand dollars; however, there was allowed a two-month extension allowed by the Governor to pay the taxes, so there are a lot of zeros in the report. Without a complete report it is difficult to gauge the complete picture of the slow down due to COVID-19.
2. The water right agreement with Lineage has been signed and recorded. Attorney Mark Peterson has been hired to transfer the water rights into the city's name.
3. The Governor will now allow church services to recommence with restrictions. With that announcement, the Mayor has received some calls concerning outdoor amplification. Outdoor amplification is not allowed under the current noise ordinance and zoning code.
4. He has been monitoring the local court case, Cuevas, et. al. vs. Inslee.
5. The Police Chief has had his hands full with several issues that are manifesting.
6. He heard that Labor & Industries has been going around town and asking businesses that are open to close. Otherwise, they can face a hefty fine.
7. It has been very frustrating for the community to figure out where we sit with reopening. The hospital has only had 1-3 people in the last 18 days in the hospital with COVID-19. Local businesses are ready to open with safeguards in place.
8. He will participate in a conference call with the Governor and many Eastern Washington Mayors tomorrow at 10:45 a.m.
9. The TTC board met today, and they are down to nine employees, all working part-time. All concerts for the remainder of 2020 have been canceled.

- b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Huffaker sat in on the recent Chelan-Douglas Health District Board meeting (in place of Ruth Esparza) and said they passed a resolution that contains a responsible policy to have in place for businesses to reopen.

Councilmember Kulaas reported that the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee and Tourism Promotion Area Board recently held their joint meeting and discussed the RFP for the Convention Center. At this time, they are soft about moving forward until there is a better financial picture in place and when architectural firms fully return to the workplace. They will revisit again at the next joint meeting in September.

5. Adjournment. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk