



REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Fire Hall - 111 D Street
January 17, 2024 at 5:00 PM

WORKSHOP - PUBLIC OFFICIALS LIABILITY TRAINING FROM 5 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M.

Wes Crago from Cities Insurance Association of Washington gave a workshop on Public Officials Liability for the new Council and Mayor

OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Finance Director Pope gave the oath of office for Mayor Springer and Councilmembers Skinner, Winn, and Spargo.

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilmember Kim Skinner, Councilmember Jeremy Winn, Councilmember Justin Spargo, Councilmember Mark Collett, Councilmember Jim Ancich

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Councilmember Ancich to approve the agenda, Seconded by Councilmember Collett. Voting Yea: Councilmember Kim Skinner, Councilmember Jeremy Winn, Councilmember Justin Spargo, Councilmember Mark Collett, Councilmember Jim Ancich. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Councilmember Ancich to approve the consent agenda, Seconded by Councilmember Skinner. Voting Yea: Councilmember Kim Skinner, Councilmember Jeremy Winn, Councilmember Justin Spargo, Councilmember Mark Collett, Councilmember Jim Ancich. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

Police Chief - Chief Layman stated he has not received an answer on the grants he has applied for. We picked up the Crown Victoria from the Long Beach Police Department and is being outfitted through donations and volunteer time. He gave commendations to Officers Bailey and Tevis for their life saving efforts in a recent call. Deputy Chief Miskell is back to work. Chief Layman has been appointed the small agency representation for the E911 Operations Board.

Fire Chief - Chief Falley invited the Council to come tour the station to meet the volunteers. He has 6 recruits in the Fire Academy and 2 in the EMT course. He stated he will know the status of the FEMA grant in mid February.

Public Works Superintendent - Superintendent Nations stated they received 15 calls for broken water lines over the weekend due to the freeze. They had a total of 30 calls during the event. He thanked the Police Department for their help with the calls. Due to the new water meters, we were able to detect leaks much faster.

City Administrator - Administrator Raines welcomed the new Mayor and Council. He stated the contractor for the new building have one more day of work before shutting down until April or

May. Aberdeen is considering pulling out of the Stormwater Management Plan Grant and will be deciding soon.

Finance Director - Director Pope discussed the year end financial report that was given to the Council and the first quarter cash flow.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Springer appointed Mike Brown, Darrin King, and Janell Martin to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Mark Collett made a motion to confirm. It was seconded by Councilmember Spargo. Voting Yea: Councilmember Skinner, Councilmember Winn, Councilmember Spargo, Councilmember Collett, Councilmember Ancich. Motion carried.

She called for a Special Meeting on January 24th at 6 p.m. to discuss an Interlocal Agreement with Westport and not laying off a Police Officer. Officer Darrell Tevis spoke about his hiring and possible layoff with the City.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Council Committee Assignments

Mayor Springer gave out the Council Committee assignments:

Public Works: Councilmembers Ancich and Spargo

Parks: Councilmember Winn and Spargo

Finance Subcommittee: Councilmembers Ancich and Skinner

Public Safety: Councilmembers Collett and Skinner

Auditing: Councilmembers Skinner, Winn, and Collett

B. Vote for Council President/Mayor Pro Tempore

Councilmembers Winn, Spargo, and Ancich nominated themselves for Council President/Mayor Pro Tempore. Voting for Councilmember Ancich: Councilmember Ancich, Councilmember Collett, Councilmember Skinner.

Councilmember Ancich is the new Council President/Mayor Pro Tempore.

C. Connections Agreement

Motion made by Councilmember Skinner to approve the agreement, Seconded by Councilmember Collett. Voting Yea: Councilmember Skinner, Councilmember Winn, Councilmember Spargo, Councilmember Collett, Councilmember Ancich. Motion carried.

12. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Winn stated in the months leading up to taking the position he has met with City leadership, the Mayor, and some of the Councilmembers. He is excited to be working with people who have the City's best interest at heart and the townspeople.

Councilmember Skinner thanked everyone for giving them the opportunity to help the City. He believes the staff is excellent and looks forward to working with the citizens.

Councilmember Collett stated the training this evening was excellent.

Councilmember Ancich asked if water meters can detect slow leaks. PW Super stated that they do not detect slow leaks, but they do detect large ones. The clerks in City Hall look at it every day. Director Pope stated the software flags larger leaks. The City then contacts the property owner if a leak is detected.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments.