

**City Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 24, 2019**

**Minutes**

**WORK SESSION**

The Work Session was preceded by a re-dedication ceremony for the Tenino Stonecarver.

Mayor Fournier opened the Work Session at 6:38 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Councilmember Linda Gotovac  
Councilmember Dave Watterson  
Councilmember John O'Callahan  
Councilmember Rachel Davidson

**ABSENT**

Councilmember Jason Lawton

1. As he mentioned in his previous two reports, Public Works Director Troy Cannon has been submerged in water meter maintenance for the past several months and has detected an unfavorable trend with regard to the mechanical condition of the City's meters.. He has invited a representative of "Master Meter" to discuss the status of the City's water meters and to provide information about what options are available to the City to address the pending meter failures.

Presenter did not show. Conversation tabled for a future meeting.

2. Now that the YTT Extension Feasibility Study Report has been accepted, the Administration would like to discuss the possibility of a Joint Statement between Bucoda and the City (and perhaps the TRPC) for submission to the Board of County Commissioners in hopes of having the County prioritize the construction of one or more "geographic reaches" to extend the YTT both south toward Bucoda, and west toward Grand Mound.

The general consensus is that Tenino should join with Bucoda to ask the County to extend the Yelm-Tenino trail south to Bucoda. C/T Millard will draft a proposed joint resolution for presentation to the City Council for consideration at the October 8 regular meeting.

3. Ideas for raising revenues in support of Transportation initiatives.

The MRSC has published several blogs regarding taxes, some of which may be used to raise revenues for transportation projects:

<http://mrsc.org/Home/Explore-Topics/Finance/Special-Topics/Transportation-Benefit-Districts.aspx>

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<http://mrsc.org/Home/Explore-Topics/Finance/Revenues/Sales-and-Use-Taxes.aspx>

<http://mrsc.org/Home/Stay-Informed/MRSC-Insight/July-2019/SHB-1406-Affordable-Housing-Sales-Tax-Credit.aspx>

The State Department of Revenue has also provided information on how the City can raise revenues to support affordable housing.

Mayor Fournier led a discussion of the various means of raising revenues with a particular focus on revenues for transportation.

With one of the lowest sales tax rates in Thurston County, the City should look at taking advantage of the ability to raise revenues through sales taxes to improve our transportation infrastructure.

The Administration will research the formation and operation of a Transportation Benefit District and the procedures for adopting an additional 2/10th's of 1% dedicated for transportation purposes.

4. With this document, Thurston County is saying that:
  1. Because the proposed amendments are not associated with a specific development proposal, they are being reviewed as a Non-project Action.
  2. The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact upon the environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

The Public Comment period for this proposal will end on September 16, 2019. Any appeals must be filed by September 23, 2019.

This notice is also being provided to the Tenino Planning Commission.

C/T Millard explained that this item was simply closing the loop on a land use action that borders the City Limits. The action relates to the installation of a diesel-powered backup generator for AT&T's cell tower on Lemon Hill. The Public Comment period closed on September 16 and any appeals were due by September 23.

5. When responding to a potential business owner's request, it was discovered that Chapter 10.16 of the Tenino Municipal Code is in conflict with Chapter 108.40.140, created by Ordinance 849 in December of 2014. Chapter 10.16 prohibits the possession of marijuana; Chapter 108.40.140 allows the production, processing, and/or sale of marijuana in accordance with the guidelines published the State Liquor and Cannabis Board.

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Also discovered is the fact that Ordinance 849 has apparently never been codified; this is a separate issue that the Administration is working with the City's Code Publisher. Under the assumption that Ordinance 849 will get codified in 2020, proposed Ordinance 906 will harmonize Chapter 10 (Public Peace, Morals, and Welfare) with Tenino's Land Use Regulations and the State's Recreational Marijuana statutes.

C/T Millard explained how a conflict has arisen in that Title 10 of the Municipal Code is not in harmony with the City's Land Use Regulations.

The Administration has drafted an ordinance that would repeal the current provisions of Title 10 that address marijuana use within the City and replace it by adopting the State Statutes that addresses the recreational use of marijuana throughout the City.

6. Councilmember O'Callahan wishes to review the Public Comment Policy (attached, below) recently published by the Administration.

Councilmember O'Callahan led a discussion regarding the Public Comment Period policy recently put in place by the Administration to address the issues surrounding the appropriate role of a Public Comment period and the procedures for maintaining order during a City Council meeting.

The discussion developed two distinct viewpoints regarding the purpose of the Public Comment period: 1) The period should be open to any subject desired by the speaker or, 2) The period should only be open to address what is already on the agenda.

A suggestion was made that the Public Comment period should only be available during the Worksession, and there was some agreement on this point.

The discussion will continue at a future meeting.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Fournier called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

### **PRESENT**

Councilmember Linda Gotovac  
Councilmember Dave Watterson  
Councilmember John O'Callahan  
Councilmember Rachel Davidson

### **ABSENT**

Councilmember Jason Lawton

## **AGENDA APPROVAL**

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Councilmember Watterson moved to approve the agenda as presented, but with the addition of the excusal of Councilmember Lawton as part of the Consent Calendar.

Motion made by Councilmember Watterson, Seconded by Councilmember O'Callahan.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Watterson, Councilmember O'Callahan, Councilmember Davidson

Motion passes.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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7. Minutes from the September 10, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Tenino City Council.

Councilmember Gotovac moved to approve the Minutes of the September 10, 2019 regular meeting as presented.

Motion made by Councilmember Gotovac, Seconded by Councilmember Watterson.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Watterson, Councilmember O'Callahan, Councilmember Davidson

Motion passes.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilmember O'Callahan moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, but including the excusal of Councilmember Lawton.

Motion made by Councilmember O'Callahan, Seconded by Councilmember Gotovac.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Watterson, Councilmember O'Callahan, Councilmember Davidson

Motion passes.

8. Vouchers.

Payroll EFT's in the amount of \$25,430.26 and Claims Checks #28560 through #28594 in the amount of \$38,753.67, for a grand total of \$64,183.93

Motion made by Councilmember O'Callahan, Seconded by Councilmember Gotovac.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Watterson, Councilmember O'Callahan, Councilmember Davidson

Motion passes.

9. Liquor & Cannabis Board Licenses

New Applications: None

Renewals: None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

10. County Auditor Ms. Mary Hall has requested the City of Tenino join the County in proclaiming Tuesday, September 24, 2019, National Voter Registration Day in an effort to increase voter registration and turnout in our community.

Councilmember O'Callahan moved to approve the Proclamation as presented. During the discussion, he recommended, since it appears that the Council is asked to support such a proclamation on a yearly basis, that the Administration attempt to schedule this proclamation for approval the meeting prior to the date of the event.

Motion made by Councilmember O'Callahan, Seconded by Councilmember Gotovac.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Watterson, Councilmember O'Callahan, Councilmember Davidson

Motion passes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

11. The term of the Temporary Position supporting the Department of Public Works is set to expire on September 30. Director Cannon asks that the term be extended one full month until October 31, 2019 in order for the Department to finish the activities related to the closure of the Quarry Pool and to assist in the unexpected volume of water meter issues being experienced at the current time.

Councilmember O'Callahan motioned to approve a one-month extension of the Temporary Employee within the Department of Public Works.

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Motion made by Councilmember O'Callahan, Seconded by Councilmember Watterson.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Watterson, Councilmember O'Callahan, Councilmember Davidson

Motion passes.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

12. Pproposed Ordinance 906 will harmonize Chapter 10 (Public Peace, Morals, and Welfare) of the Tenino Municipal Code with Tenino's Land Use Regulations and the State's Recreational Marijuana statutes.

Councilmember O'Callahan moved to approve as a first reading of proposed Ordinance 906.

Motion made by Councilmember O'Callahan, Seconded by Councilmember Watterson.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Watterson, Councilmember O'Callahan, Councilmember Davidson

Motion passes.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

None.

## **ORDINANCES**

None.

## **REPORTS**

13. 1) Chamber of Commerce
- 2) Economic Development Council (EDC)
- 3) Experience Olympia & Beyond (VCB)
- 4) Fire District
- 5) Library
- 6) Museum

Councilmember Gotovac, in her capacity as a Member of the Board of the Tenino Chamber of Commerce, reported that the Chamber has hired Mr. George Sharp to help increase Chamber membership.

Councilmember O'Callahan, in his capacity as Chairman of the Board of the South Thurston County Historical Society, reported that the Museum is closed for the season (but special tours can be arranged by contacting him). He also reported that the Annual Historical Society Dinner will be held on Thursday, October 3. Lastly, and with great regret, he reported the passing of long-time Historical Society member Don Montgomery (no memorial information is currently

available, but he expects to know soon).

14. 1) Civil Service Commission
- 2) Park Commission
- 3) Planning Commission
- 4) Facade Improvement Grant Review Committee
- 5) Finance Committee
- 6) Public Safety Committee

C/T Millard, in his capacity as Temporary Clerk of the Commission, reported that the reason there is not a set of published Tenino Civil Service Commission Rules is due to a mistaken reading of Ordinance 759, published in 2009, that removed all but a single section of the rules in the Municipal Code. The Code Publisher is working to correct this error.

C/T Millard, in his capacity as Staff Liaison to the Planning Commission, reported that the Commission has decided to implement a training program based on the curriculum developed by the Washington State Department of Commerce for their "Short Course on Local Planning." This program will include a block of instruction of between 20-45 minutes per meeting for the next six or seven meetings. This is an excellent opportunity for anyone interested in learning more about the Municipal Planning Process. The Planning Commission meets on the second Wednesday of every month from 6:00-7:00 pm in Council Chambers.

15. 1) Chief of Police
  - 2) Director of Public Works
  - 3) City Planner / Building Official
  - 4) City Attorney
  - 5) Clerk/Treasurer
  - 6) Mayor
16. 1) Bucoda/Tenino Healthy Action Team (BTHAT)
  - 2) Community Investment Partnership (CIP)
  - 3) Solid Waste Advisory Board
  - 4) TCOMM/911
  - 5) Tenino School Board
  - 6) Thurston Regional PLanning Council (TRPC)

7) South Thurston Economic Development Initiative (STEDI)

7) Transportation Policy Board

Councilmember O'Callahan, in his capacity of Legislative Liaison to the Transportation Policy Board, reported that the Board has held it's annual "Retreat" where he raised the issues of Autonomous Vehicles and Flying Vehicles.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS 2**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Fournier adjourned the meeting at 7:57 pm.