

**City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, August 27, 2024**

**Minutes**

**WORK SESSION**

Mayor Watterson convened the work session at 6:33 pm with

**PRESENT**

Councilmember Linda Gotovac

Councilmember Elaine Klamn

Councilmember John O'Callahan

Councilmember Jason Lawton

Councilmember Jeff Eisel

1. 6:30 pm Review of 8/27/2024 Council Agenda

Mayor Watterson asked Council to review tonight's agenda and correct if needed.

2. Council Priorities

New City Attorney

Tenino School Dist. Survey

Hidden Meadow Property

**New City Attorney:** Brent Dillie introduced himself and gave a little background history.

**Tenino School Dist. Survey:** Teresa Stevens with lunch program gave a little background update on the survey the school is requesting the families to complete. She also updated on what programs would be available.

**Hidden Meadow Property:** Mayor Watterson explained to Council what the Hidden Meadow Homeowner's Assoc is proposing with the land they would like the city to take over. Discussion only.

3. Discussion of 9/10/2024 Council Draft Agenda

Mayor Watterson asked council for their input on the next council meeting and advised if they had any additional information to talk about, to please contact him or C/T Scharber.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Watterson convened the regular council meeting at 7:30 pm with

**PRESENT**

Councilmember Linda Gotovac

Councilmember Elaine Klamn

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Councilmember John O'Callahan  
Councilmember Jason Lawton  
Councilmember Jeff Eisel

4. Flag Salute

#### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

5. Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the 8/27/24.

**Recommended Action:** Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by Councilmember Gotovac to add under New Business item #13 Council Actions. Motion made by Councilmember O'Callahan, Seconded by Councilmember Lawton.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember O'Callahan, Councilmember Lawton, Councilmember Eisel.

Motion passes 5/0.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

6. Meeting Minutes for 8/13/2024

**Recommended Action:** Motion to approve 8/13/2024 meeting minutes as presented.

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

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember O'Callahan, Councilmember Lawton, Councilmember Eisel.

Motion passes 5/0.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7. Consent Calendar August 14, 2024 through August 27, 2024 consisting of

Payroll Checks 32615/32616 & EFT's in the amount of \$54,593.39

Claims checks #32617 through #32652 in the amount of \$284,186.33

for a grand total of \$339,186.33

Liquor Cannabis License: None

**Recommended Action:** Move to approve the consent calendar as presented.

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

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Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember O'Callahan, Councilmember Lawton, Councilmember Eisel.

Motion passes 5/0.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

8. Wolf Haven International Capital Campaign

**Recommended Action:** None, Presentation and discussion Only.

Jeff Willard presented slides for the Mayor and Council as well as the public on what happens at Wolf Haven. He also discussed the campaign they are working on to raise funds for a tree house look out for the public and invite all to donate if possible.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

#### **PROCLAMATIONS**

9. Gold Star City Proclamation

**Recommended Action:** Motion to approve Proclamation for Gold Star City.

The VFW performed a small showing of the flags prior to the reading and acceptance of the proclamation.

Mayor Watterson read into record the Gold Star City Proclamation and presented to the to the VFW.

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

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember O'Callahan, Councilmember Lawton, Councilmember Eisel.

Motion passes 5/0.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**12 A. Council Actions:** Councilmember Gotovac suggested that all council members that attend any outside meeting that unless they are an appointed liaison for the committee they are not to state they are attending for the City of Tenino.

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10. Thurston County ILA for EV Charging Grant

**Recommended Action:** Motion to approve Thurston County ILA for EV Charging Grant

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

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember O'Callahan, Councilmember Lawton, Councilmember Eisel.

Motion passes 5/0.

11. City Attorney Agreement

**Recommended Action:** Motion to approve Agreement with Attorney Brent Dillie.

Motion made by Councilmember Gotovac, Seconded by Councilmember Lawton.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember O'Callahan, Councilmember Lawton, Councilmember Eisel.

Motion passes 5/0.

12. Verizon Lease Amendment

**Recommended Action:** Motion to approve Lease amendment with Verizon.

Please bring back to the second meeting in September. Wish to have the costs of lease to increase in 2 years not 5.

**RESOLUTIONS**

None

**ORDINANCES**

None

**REPORTS**

**13. Outside Agency**

**1) Chamber of Commerce**

**2) Economic Development Council (EDC)**

**3) South Thurston Economic Development Initiative (STEDI)**

**4) ARCH Commission**

**5) Experience Olympia & Beyond (VCB)**

**6) Timberland Regional Library**

**1) Chamber of Commerce:** No report by George Sharp. Councilmember Gotovac reported at the last meeting they had a report by the Fire Department that stated they will begin Business fire inspections annually.

**2) Economic Development Council (EDC)**

**3) South Thurston Economic Development Initiative (STEDI)**

**4) ARCH Commission**

**5) Experience Olympia & Beyond (VCB)**

**6) Timberland Regional Library:** Mayor Watterson reported that PW Director Cannon and himself met with Linda regarding some things they felt we should be doing and vice versa with a positive outcome.

#### **14. Committees/Commissions**

**1) Civil Service Commission**

**2) Façade Improvement Grant Review Committee**

**3) Finance Committee**

**4) Planning Commission**

**5) Public Safety Committee**

**6) Public Works Committee**

**1) Civil Service Commission**

**2) Façade Improvement Grant Review Committee**

**3) Finance Committee:** Mayor Watterson reported they will be meeting in a couple of weeks to begin reviewing for the budget.

**4) Planning Commission:** Adam reported they have been working on Master Plan update and looking at different angles to be able to upgrade properties within the city.

**5) Public Safety Committee**

**6) Public Works Committee**

#### **15. Staff**

**1) Chief of Police**

**2) Director of Public Works**

**3) Code Enforcement/Building Inspector**

**4) PARC Specialist**

**5) Clerk/Treasurer**

## **6) Mayor**

**1) Chief of Police:** Sgt Lee reported they have been having a pretty quiet time right now. Councilmember O'Callahan stated the traffic has been traveling fast into the City on 507 E and suggested they start monitoring the area. Discussion ensued on parking a "dummy" car in the area.

**2) Director of Public Works:** PWD Cannon reported this will be the last weekend for the pool. They will begin to winterize it next week. This will also be the last weekend that the camping will be open. They will put up barricades and lock the bathrooms. They are to start the work on Park Ave tomorrow. They will have no sludge haul out at the WWTP this year, maybe next year as the costs shot from \$300k to approx. \$700k to clean the fine screens. Councilmember Eisel questioned the possibility of the City receiving monies from the state for tonnage tax. Troy has been looking into this and will continue to do so.

## **3) Code Enforcement/Building Inspector**

**4) PARC Specialist:** C/T Scharber reported for Jessica that the artists will start on the murals Monday.

**5) Clerk/Treasurer:** she met with HUD re: Ag Park Grant. She has been working on 4 record requests and following up on them. She has submitted a request for reimbursement from the AWC Loss Prevention Grant. We are getting reimbursed \$63k from SLLGP. Dave and her will be meeting with Planner Dan Penrose tomorrow regarding some issues.

**6) Mayor:** The Ag Park is on the down hill so we should not have anymore big costs left. They had a Department Head meeting this morning. He attended the S County Mayor's meeting regarding Flock Cameras. He also met with the Bucoda Fire Dept.

## **16. Liaisons**

**1) Bucoda/Tenino Healthy Action Team (BTHAT)**

**2) Solid Waste Advisory Board**

**3) TCOMM/911**

**4) Tenino School Board**

**5) Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC)**

**6) Transportation Policy Board**

**7) Thurston County Commissioner's Office**

**8) Legislature**

**1) Bucoda/Tenino Healthy Action Team (BTHAT):** Councilmember Eisel reported they will be hosting an event at the Middle School called Screen Ages to help families live a better life away from all the electronics.

**2) Solid Waste Advisory Board**

**3) TCOMM/911**

**4) Tenino School Board:** Councilmember Eisel reported they are getting ready for the new school year.

**5) Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC):** Councilmember O'Callahan reported they did not hold a meeting, however, he went in to sign vouchers. He also stated with the members in attendance they voted on a land swap which passed.

**6) Transportation Policy Board**

**7) Thurston County Commissioner's Office**

**8) Legislature**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS 2**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Watterson adjourned the Council meeting at 7:55 pm.