

Regular Council Meeting of October 6, 2020

Pursuant to Proclamation 20-28 issued by Governor Inslee on March 24, 2020 and further amended, which prohibits in person meetings, this regular meeting was attended only by the Mayor, Councilmembers and staff, as social distancing requirements could be met; call in number was provided to the public.

Present were: Mayor Neal, Councilmembers Naillon, Marthaller, McElheran, Hart and Moser.
Absent: None.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Neal. Pledge of Allegiance given.
Copies of the September 15th council meeting minutes were read and approved.
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Lynn Chapman stated that the flowerpots and hanging baskets around town are looking beautiful this year and there have been several compliments, however, the tree maintenance needs improvement; Chapman is requesting that the City increase the watering of the trees. Chapman discussed the condition of the trees and asked for an increase to the budget for tree maintenance. Mayor Neal stated that the City is in the budget process now and will take the request into consideration.

Emergency Declaration Extension Ordinance #897, extending the emergency declaration due to COVID-19 through December 1, 2020 reviewed. Motion by Naillon, second by Moser that the ordinance be approved; motion carried.

Public Hearing recommended by the Planning Commission will be held Tuesday, October 20th; City Planner Kurt Danison will be available to participate in the hearing.

Housing Authority request for additional letter of support for redevelopment of the site received. Councilman McElheran expressed his opposition to the project. Discussed need for additional information; request tabled to the October 20th meeting.

East Lake Water Association Water Main Replacement and Consolidation Project Contract Change Order #2 received from Varela & Associates to extend the 8" Water Main across Eastlake Road explained by Superintendent Thompson. Change Order #2 will increase the contract by \$33,441.40, which will be covered by the Department of Health. Thompson explained benefits of installing the new line. Motion by Marthaller, second by Moser to approve Change Order #2; motion carried.

Councilman Marthaller wanted to discuss email hacking and what the City can do about it, as he received an email from Mayor Neal which actually was not from the Mayor. Councilman Naillon explained how that happens and it is really not an issue with computers; discussed that everyone just needs to be aware of the emails they receive and whether or not the email sounds legitimate.

Mayor Neal stated that he had been contacted by Julianna Crawshaw regarding using the old Community Development building (1728 Main Street) to hand out Emergency Awareness & Preparedness packets on a short-term basis, looking at through the end of the year. Karen Frisbie questioned them being allowed to use the building through the end of the year when her request was limited; Mayor Neal stated that had Frisbie used the building, the end date could have been discussed if the need was there to continue the use. Councilman Naillon asked if Karen and Julianna could possibly work together; Karen stated that it would not be a good mix. Mayor Neal stated that Julianna is connected to the Valley Christian Fellowship Church, along with other organizations. Councilman Naillon questioned if the City has a policy to address the use of City facilities for the benefit of the community to ensure that resources are handled appropriately; Clerk Denney stated that there currently is not a policy. Mayor Neal suggested that the request be tabled until further information can be received.

Police Department updates discussed by Chief Langford.

Chief Langford requested that the council approve a resolution to surplus 4 patrol cars that are not usable by the department. Motion by Naillon, second by McElheran that the requested resolution be presented to Council. Clerk Denney requested that the resolution wait until the public works department can compile a list of items to include in the surplus resolution. Motion by Naillon, second by McElheran that the requested resolution be presented to Council with items to be added by the public works department; motion carried.

Chief Langford requested that Officer Cantrell be advanced to the Senior Patrol level, as he meets the requirements for that step. Motion by McElheran, second by Naillon that Officer Jeremy Cantrell be advanced to the Senior Patrol level; motion carried.

Chief Langford requested that the Council authorize him to use the remaining balance of the Police Vehicle Reserve Fund to purchase an additional vehicle if one becomes available. Clerk Denney stated that the fund balance is \$10,406. Motion by Naillon, second by McElheran that Chief Langford be authorized to use the Police Vehicle Reserve Fund to purchase an additional vehicle for the department if one becomes available; motion carried. Mayor Neal requested that the vehicle be pursuit rated.

Karen Frisbie questioned the status of filling the Building Inspector position. Mayor Neal stated that interviews were held and an offer was made to one of the applicants; Neal is unsure if the offer was accepted.

Karen Frisbie stated that she was contacted by a local Senior Citizen who had their identity stolen and that it has become a big problem in the community. Chief Langford stated that the citizen needs to file a report with the Police Department.

Motion by McElheran and second by Marthaller the vouchers \$75,089.81, #27960-28002, be paid, manual checks \$3,691.85, Park Account EFT #990463-990464, Checking Account EFT #990441-990443, Checking Account #27847, 27899-27903, 27905-27915, be paid, the September 30, 2020 payroll of \$83,990.00, #27916-27959, Direct Deposit Run, EFT #202042-202044, be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:40 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk