

Mayor Art Smyth called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council Members present were John Housden, Tim Rieb, Avis Erickson, Jan May and Ramiro Villagrana. Also present were City Clerk Treasurer Misty Ruiz, Public Works Director Lee Webster Deputy Clerk Desha Rupeiks and Police Lieutenant Kelly Hook.

❖ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA/MINUTES APPROVAL:

The minutes from the 6/12/2017 City Council Meeting were reviewed. The final agenda for the July Regular City Council Meeting was also reviewed. It was asked that Steve James and Michelle Johnson of JUB be added to the agenda.

MOTION: Council Member Housden made the motion to approve the July final agenda, with additions, as well as the June Minutes. Council Member Erickson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PAYROLL AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL:

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing, which has been made available to the City Council.

As of this date, July 12th, 2017, the Council, by a majority vote, does approve for payment those vouchers included in the payment list and further described as follows:

June 2017 Manual Claim Fund vouchers 2241, 2242, 57239-57253, 57272-57276 and 57293 in the amount of \$21,885.05 as well as July 2017 Council Claim Fund 57299-57301 and 57306-57379 in the total amount of \$388,606.46.

June 2017 Payroll check numbers 2208-2240, 57163-57165, 57238, 57260-57271 and 57277-57298 in the total amount of \$136,153.82.

Void Checks, number 57157, 57254-57259 were also included for approval.

MOTION: Council Member Rieb made the motion to approve the above noted bills, void checks and payroll. Council Member Erickson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

MANNY AND MARTIN HURTADO – SALMON DERBY VENDORS:

Not Present.

STEVE JAMES AND MICHELLE JOHNSON – JUB UPDATES:

Steve James and Michelle Johnson from JUB Engineering were present to discuss the Water Tank Replacement Projects. The upper tank is completed and is fully on-line. The topic of discussion tonight is the decision to rehabilitate or reconstruct the existing tank. Ms. Johnson reviewed the alternatives and projected costs of rehab vs. new construction. She also reviewed the structural engineer reports and GPR analysis. The condition of the tank is much better than what was initially suspected on original inspection. Upon further discussion, Council agreed that if the oversight is good, we should be able to rehab the tank correctly and efficiently based on the structural engineer's recommendations.

MOTION: *Council Member Housden made the motion to proceed with the tank rehabilitation project as it has been scheduled and bid previously. Council Member May seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

Johnson and James discussed the lower site construction and stated that the electrical and controls are complete and the tank is online. The final gravel surfacing and fence installation is anticipated to be completed by the end of July.

With respect to the Manganese Abatement Project, the final RD application packet has been sent to the Rural Development National Office for review and they anticipate a response in early August. Public Works Director Webster is continuing to search for potential well sites and is coordinating with WDOH to confirm that these sites will meet State requirements.

LIEUTENANT KELLY HOOK:

STATS AND UPDATES:

Lieutenant Hook reviewed the department activities, including the National Night Out, car seat inspections, Red-Gun (LASR) training. He also noted that he and the officers are continuing to work on alley clean up and sidewalk parking issues. Lieutenant Hook reviewed the overtime for the month of July, stating this will be a bit higher considering the holiday.

CHIEF MIKE WEBSTER – FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Fire Chief Mike Webster was toned out to a fire at an apartment complex in town. He excused himself from the meeting before he could give his department updates.

MAYOR ART SMYTH:

Mayor Smyth asked for the Finance Committee to review the monthly pay rate for the City Council Members, as well as the Mayor. It has been recommended that these rates be increased to a flat rate per month, rather than per meeting for Council Members. Consideration to increase Mayor's rate of pay to those comparable of other Cities and Towns will be entertained as well. The new rates, if passed, would only apply to those council members who are re-elected, or newly elected and not those who are currently serving a term.

MOTION: *Council Member May made the motion to restructure the monthly payment of all elected City Officials, and that these be set at a flat rate for uniformity for all newly elected or re-elected Council Members and Mayor. Council Member Erickson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

CLERK TREASURER MISTY RUIZ:

MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT:

Clerk Treasurer Ruiz reviewed the monthly finance report. She also stated that the Exit Conference with the State Auditor's Office will be held on July 20th at 12:00 pm as an open public meeting.

MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW:

The mid-year budget review packets were distributed and reviewed. Meetings regarding the annual budget will begin in September.

RE-LIGHT WASHINGTON:

Ruiz states that she had not received the information from the PUD in time for the meeting today, however, is hopeful to have the Interlocal Agreement/Contract with the PUD for the Re-Light Washington Project by August Council.

LEE WEBSTER – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES:

Public Works Director Lee Webster gave the public works updates, as follows:

- The County is still looking for a site to place the cardboard recycling bins.
- The grass at the park and soccer field has many yellow patches, initially thought to be from faulty sprinklers. Upon closer inspection, it appears there are grass grubs that are chewing through the root system and killing the grass. Some of these grubs have been sent off to WSU for identification and plan for treatment.
- The Bridge Street/Griggs/Indian/Hanson chip seal project is scheduled to being on July 19th.
- The application for TIB funding is due next month. JUB will work on possible funding sources for any street projects we may get award for, more than likely these streets will be 4th, 6th and Bruce Avenue.
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ANDERSON FIELD – DBE PROGRAM PLAN:

MOTION: Council Member Erickson made the motion to approve the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program Plan for the Anderson Air Field. Council Member May seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: With there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Mayor Art Smyth

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk/Treasurer, Misty Ruiz