

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DAVENPORT CITY COUNCIL
October 23, 2019

ROLL CALL

Mayor Brad Sweet called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council Members present were, Nathan Hansen, Cory Hollis, Chris Ruiz, Lance Strite, and Theresa Telford.

Absent: Patrick Katz and Pete Schweiger.

Lance Strite made a motion to excuse Patrick Katz and Pete Schweiger from the meeting. The motion was seconded by Theresa Telford. The motion carried.

Also present were David Bingham, Fred Bell, Gene Hein, Steve Goemmel, Dave Leath, Mackenzie Stevens, Victor Stevens, Penny Strite, Jason Tamayo, and Jeremy Tikka.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Theresa Telford made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Cory Hollis. The motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. 2020 City Council Budget Workshop at 6:00 p.m. – Mayor Sweet opened the City Council Budget Workshop at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Sweet recognized City Administrator Steve Goemmel. Steve outlined the agenda for the budget workshop. The Council discussed the water, sewer, and street projects budgeted for 2020. They went over the proposed revenue sources for 2020. Steve presented options for a cost-of-living increase for the staff and the City Council discussed a proposal for a utility rate increase in 2020.

The City Council agreed on a 2.7% cost of living increase for the city staff. A 3% increase in the sewer rate and a 4% increase in the water rate plus a .25 increase in the account fee for garbage in 2020. The City Council decided to ask for a 1% increase in the property tax rate which is the allowable limit for the State of Washington. Steve told the City Council that he would present a tax levy ordinance at the next City Council meeting.

The City Council discussed the 2020 budget and discussed funding an assistant maintenance superintendent position in the public works department. They discussed three bids for a sprinkler system at the Davenport Sports Complex. The City Council decided to accept the bid from Mountain View Sprinklers. The bid amount was \$21,000. Mountain View was the lowest bidder of the three bids.

The Mayor closed the City Council budget Workshop at 6:50 p.m.

2. Public Hearing on the 2020 Budget at 7:05 p.m. Mayor Sweet opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. The Mayor asked for questions or comments on the 2020 budget from the public. There were none. The Mayor told the City Council that most of the budget items were discussed in the workshop and that there would be another public hearing on the budget at the next meeting. The Mayor asked for comments or questions from the City Council There were none. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

POLICE REPORT

None.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Mayor Sweet added “Resolution 2019-18 Approval of the Multi-Sports Field Irrigation Installation at the Davenport Sports Complex” to New Business.

COMMENT / SIGN IN

Mackenzie Stevens signed in to brief the City Council on student activities at Davenport High School. She told the City Council that her goal was to get more students involved in civic activities.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No Committee Reports.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sweet announce the dates for the open burn period. The dates are October 26, 2019 – November 3, 2019. He urged everyone to follow the rules and be courteous to their neighbors.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. *First Reading of Ordinance 1144 Changing Chapter 2.36 of the DMC Dealing with Salaries of City Employees and Elected Officials.* – City Administrator Steve Goemmel asked the City Council to consider this ordinance. He said, “this ordinance gives each city council member \$80.00 per meeting and \$10.00 for each committee meeting attended instead of the flat rate of \$160 per month.” The City Council discussed this ordinance and decided to do a second reading.

2. *First Reading of Ordinance 1145 Changes to Chapter 2.20 Dealing with the Office of Assistant Maintenance Superintendent.* City Administrator Steve Goemmel told the City Council that this ordinance provides all certification pay that is offered to the maintenance crewmembers shall be made available to the assistant superintendent.

Lance Strite made a motion to accept Ordinance 1145 at it's first and final reading. The motion was seconded by Theresa Telford. The motion carried.

3. *Frist Reading of Ordinance 1146 Changing the Zoning Map to Rezone 201 Morgan Street.* Mayor Sweet recognized Planning Commission Chairman Gene Hein. Gene told the City Council that the Planning Commission unanimously voted to approve the application from the Lincoln County Economic Council to rezone their property at 201 Morgan Street from Residential One to Commercial. City Administrator Steve Goemmel commented that this ordinance would rezone lot 4 and lot 5. He said, “the other half lot is zone commercial already.”

Lance Strite made a motion to pass Ordinance 1146 at it's first and final reading. The motion was seconded by Theresa Telford. The motion carried.

4. *Condition Use Permit for 914 Morgan Street to Operate a Business in a Residential One Zone.* Mayor Sweet recognized Planning Commission Chairman Gene Hein. Gene told the City Council that the Planning Commission denied the request at their last meeting. The vote was 2-1. Theresa Telford asked why they denied the petition. Gene said, “the members who voted against the petition did so because the portion of the red building that was supposed to be removed is still there.” Mayor Sweet asked Mr. Tikka who owns 914 Morgan Street, if he had any comments. He said, “not really, I just need to use the building until I get my new building built.” Mayor Sweet asked him how long it would take him to build his new building? Mr. Tikka replied that he thought it would take him about a year or so to finish his building.

Theresa Telford made a motion to approve a conditional use permit for Jeremy Tikka at 914 Morgan allowing him to operate a business in a residential zone. The motion was seconded by Lance Strite. Theresa Telford, Nathan Hansen, Lance Strite, and Chris Ruiz voted for the motion. Cory Hollis voted against the motion. The motion carried four votes to one.

5. *Resolution 2019-18 Approval of the Multi-Sports Field Irrigation Installation at the Davenport Sports Complex.* City Administrator Steve Goemmel present three bids for the new irrigation system at the sports

complex. Steve commented that Mountain View Sprinklers was the apparent low bidder. The bid was \$21,000.

Lance Strite made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-18. The motion was seconded by Nathan Hansen. The motion carried.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS

Theresa Telford made a motion to pay Claim/Vouchers #15985 - #16002 in the amount of \$34,312.56. The motion was seconded by Lance Strite. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Theresa Telford made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Lance Strite. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

David M. Leath
City Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor Brad Sweet