

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DAVENPORT CITY COUNCIL
October 26, 2016**

ROLL CALL

Mayor Sweet called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council Members present were: Alan Coriell, Nathan Hansen, Pat Katz, Scott Liebing, Pat Rosman, Pete Schweiger and Theresa Telford.

Also present were: Fred Bell, Steve Goemmel, Eric Laflin and Dave Leath.

MINUTES

Scott Liebing made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 12, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Pete Schweiger. The motion carried.

2017 CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP @ 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Sweet opened the City Council Budget Workshop at @ 6:00 p.m. The Mayor reviewed the preliminary budget with the City Council. City Administrator Steve Goemmel discussed his concern for the current expense fund and how the carryover from year to year is declining. He noted that the increase in the City's law enforcement contract with Lincoln County will cost the current expense fund \$15,000 for the next four years. Steve told the City Council that he didn't expect any new revenue sources for 2017. He mentioned a proposal on the ballot to increase the sales tax for law enforcement which would add \$40,000 to the criminal justice fund. He said the voters would have to approve it so he wasn't counting on it.

The City Council discussed a cost of living increase for the staff and an increase in longevity pay. Steve Goemmel noted that 2007 was the last time that longevity pay was updated by the City Council.

Steve asked the City Council to use the "All Urban Consumer (CPI-U) as presented under the current year's annual average for the Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton index" as a basis for staff cost of living increases. The City Council discussed this proposal at length and the consensus was to adopt the index for staff and city council wage increases.

Alan Coriell suggested a 2% increase in staff salaries and doubling the current longevity pay schedule for 2017.

Mayor Sweet closed the City Council Budget Workshop at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. 2017 Budget Hearing @ 7:05 p.m. Mayor Sweet opened the public hearing for the 2017 budget at 7:05 p.m. The Mayor asked the City Council for questions or comments. Pat Rosman asked for more money appropriated for ordinance enforcement. The City Council discussed the role of funding when it comes to enforcing code violations. Mayor Sweet suggested setting aside \$2,500 for ordinance enforcement. City Administrator Steve Goemmel reminded the City Council that in 2017 and extra \$15,000 will come out of the criminal justice fund to pay for the increase in the law enforcement contract. The City Council asked Steve to make sure \$2,500 was available for ordinance enforcement.

The City Council discussed staff a COLA for the staff and increasing the longevity pay for city workers.

Alan Coriell made a motion to raise the city staff wages 2% and double the current longevity pay schedule for the 2017 budget. Pete Schweiger seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mayor Sweet asked Steve Goemmel to incorporate these changes into the 2017 budget.

The Mayor asked for comments or questions from the public. There were none. Mayor Sweet closed the public hearing for the 2017 budget at 7:40 p.m.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

None

COMMENT / SIGN IN SHEET

Eric Laflin signed in to address the City Council. Eric commented that this was his first meeting and he was enjoying it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Scott Liebing suggested a meeting to discuss Ordinance 1097 which was passed in November of 2015. This ordinance increased the City Council wages when members were eligible. Scott commented that he was confused about the difference between Ordinance 1097 and proposed Ordinance 1108 which also deals with City Council pay increases. Scott commented that he wanted to make sure the City Council was clear on the role of these ordinances.

The City Council discussed this issue at length and decided to review both ordinances at the next meeting. No committee meeting was scheduled.

Water/Sewer/Garbage

City Administrator Steve Goemmel asked for a Water/Sewer/Garbage meeting to review the farming contract for the city lagoons. The Committee agreed to meet at 6:00 p.m. on November 9, 2016.

Street Committee

City Administrator Steve Goemmel asked for a committee meeting to discuss the truck route survey. Steve told the City Council that he met with City Attorney Nathan Smith to discuss the city's options for resolving this issue. The committee agreed to meet on November 9, 2016 at 6:15 p.m.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sweet reminded the City Council that the open burn period is October 14-23, 2016. He asked everyone to follow the rules and be courteous to their neighbors when burning.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading of Ordinance 1107 Amending Chapter 8 Animals and Fowl in Order to Update the Chapter to Better Define Animals and Fowl Use in the City.

City Administrator Steve Goemmel told the City Council that this ordinance was a cleaned up version of the ordinance from the last meeting. At the last city council meeting, the Building/Planning committee recommended passing this ordinance.

Alan Coriell made a motion to accept Ordinance 1107 at its first and final reading. The motion was seconded by Pete Schweiger. The motion carried.

2. First Reading of Ordinance 1108 Amending DMC Chapter 2.36 Dealing with Salaries of City Employees and Elected Officials. City Administrator Steve Goemmel asked the City Council to consider this ordinance. Steve told them that this ordinance would allow the City to use the "Consumer Price Index for all Urban consumers (CPI-U) as presented under the current year's annual average for the Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton index" to determine salary increases for the city's employees. No COLA shall be approved that is less than that presented in the annual average index and no more than 3% over that amount for any given year. The City Council discussed the merits of using an index to base staff COLAs.

Alan Coriell made a motion to approve Ordinance 1108 Amending DMC Chapter 2.36 Dealing with Salaries of City Employees and Elected Officials at its first and final reading. The motion was seconded by Pat Rosman. The motion carried.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS

Theresa Telford made a motion to pay Claims/Vouchers #12984- #13002 in the amount of \$18,190.18. The motion was seconded by Alan Coriell. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Theresa Telford made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. The motion was seconded by Nathan Hansen. The motion carried.

David M. Leath Clerk/Treasurer

Brad Sweet, Mayor