



DRAFT CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 6, 2014
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Perry called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Perry, Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, Councilmembers Whalen, Jones, Ott, Morton, Manley, and Zaroudny

STAFF PRESENT

Public Works Director Neal, Finance Director Tylor, Police Chief Hernandez, and City Clerk Bolam

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Speaker	Address	Comments
Jerry Thorson	EPFD	<p>Reporting back regarding questions raised at the last meeting he attended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hydrant markers – not in the contract, but he is evaluating the costs. • fire inspections – currently running one person short – planning to replace the position in January with passage of levy. Looking at addressing regular inspections and plan review with that position. <p>He answered questions regarding hydrant standards (NFPA) and the difference in this ballot measure compared to the August one. (This one drops the new firefighter funding request.)</p>

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of:

- A. Minutes
 - a. September 15, 2014 Regular Meeting
- B. Voucher and Payroll Approval
 - a. Checks/vouchers 55696-55805 for \$381,503.30.
 - b. Payroll of 9/20/14 for \$142,257.00.

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to approve the Consent Agenda – **Passed 7/0**.

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Additional Well Drilling Bid Award

Director Neal explained the background and future steps of this item, and answered Council's questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor expressed concern over water quantity and quality in general, and his support for this item.

COUNCILMEMBER JONES MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to award the bid for the Fluid Rotary Test Well Deepening Project to Tacoma Pump & Drilling Company for a bid amount of \$228,974.20 including tax, and authorize the Mayor to sign all related contract documents. **Passed 7/0**.

COUNCILMEMBER OTT MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Morton, to approve a supplement to the existing contract with the firm Robinson & Noble for hydrogeological testing and analysis of the Test Well Deepening Project, for an additional \$45,920, and authorize the Mayor to sign all related contract documents. **Passed 7/0**.

B. Milton Community Park ADA Bathrooms

Director Neal explained what each of the recommended motions will accomplish and briefly covered the steps of the project to come. She said there will be some funds left over to apply to the associated walkways, but will likely not be enough to cover it all.

Council expressed concerns over the high cost for oversight services. Discussion ensued.

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Manley, to authorize the purchase of the prefabricated washroom building off of the State of Washington Contract #00213, as detailed in the attached documents, and approve a purchase order of \$60,522.12 plus sales tax.

Councilmembers Morton and Manley agreed that getting this done sooner than later is the better route.

The motion was voted on and passed 7/0.

COUNCILMEMBER JONES MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to accept the proposal for ADA oversight services by the consulting firm AECOM, as outlined in the attached document, for a cost not to exceed \$88,677.68, and authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary contract documents.

Councilmember Jones said that it is important to get this moved along and to not lose Director Neal's time to this project by waiting until spring.

The motion was voted on and passed 5/2. (Roll call vote: No votes Zaroudny and Ott)

C. 3rd Quarter Financial Report

Director Tylor apologized that this item was not available in advance of the meeting time.

She explained that the assumption at the end of the 3rd quarter that the city would be about 75% of the way through expenses and revenues, and that's close to reality. She reviewed department details.

Questions and discussion ensued.

D. Police Presentation

Chief Hernandez provided Council with information on South Sound 911, including handouts. He explained that our previous contract numbers with Fife will be honored for 2015; future years will be a matter of negotiation.

Chief Hernandez provided information on Fleet Management, both in general and how it relates within Milton, including researching into internal mechanical work.

E. Electric Rate Increase

Director Neal introduced this item in keeping with Council's direction to pursue regular incremental rate increases to maintain the utility's health.

Council expressed support for the small regular incremental rate increases. Mayor Pro Tem Taylor said he's against the timing, suggesting putting out public education pieces ahead of time. Councilmember Ott pointed to the importance of responding to the BPA rate increases. Councilmember Whalen agreed with a postponement of no later than March.

Mayor Perry explained the purpose for this resolution, referring to the extreme water rate hikes experienced in the past.

COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Zaroudny, to adopt Resolution 14-1852, with a change to Section 2 amending the effective date to

March 19, 2015, increasing the Electric Utility rates by a nominal 3% to keep pace with inflation.

Councilmembers expressed support for keeping pace with inflation; future increases should do that. Other rate increases may need to be separate.

The motion was voted on and passed 7/0.

COUNCIL REPORTS

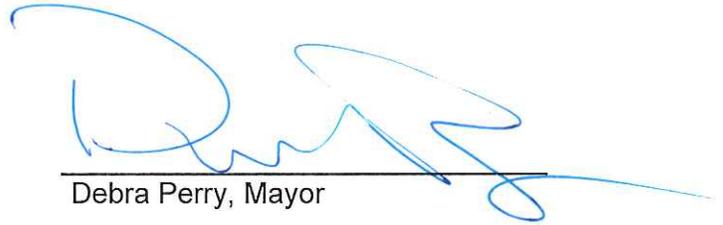
- Councilmember Whalen
 - Street striping looks really good – would like to see stop bars done.
 - Meridian nearly finished – would like to see street sweeping done.
 - Graffiti on building near Emerald/Meridian.
 - Concerns regarding trees on Milton Way.
 - Request – on corner of Fife Way/Porter traveling north, there's no indication to not turn up Fife Way there.
 - Requests that councilmembers be critical of the fire hydrants around town.
 - Appreciates the minutes from the other boards included with packets.
- Mayor Pro Tem Taylor
 - Appreciates additional radar presence from police department.
 - Heather Hills has a donation for police reserves of \$500.
- Councilmember Jones
 - Appreciates meeting with police chief individually.
 - Police presence on 23rd appreciated.
 - Noticed a well-maintained fire hydrant on his street.
- Councilmember Morton
 - Noticed fire hydrant blue reflectors missing.
 - Noticed stop bars looking bad next to newly painted street striping.
 - Grass strips on Milton Way looking great.
- Councilmember Manley
 - Experienced first-hand local EMS services – very professional – needed police assist due to a second call in town.
- Councilmember Zaroundny
 - Compliments to the police department presence – noticed by neighbors as well.
 - New energy program for those on fixed income for ductless heat pumps coming.
- Councilmember Ott
 - Thanks to Chief Hernandez for actions since taking office.
 - Construction crew incident wiped out mailboxes – called Director Neal – new mailboxes within 8 hours! Kudos.
 - VFW Dinner on October 16 – some tickets left.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Busy with budget – lots of meetings and reading! Started with a shortfall, but a balanced budget will be presented.
- Hired a consultant to give the city advice on the planning department and the city's organizational chart overall.
- Planning to attend a Pierce Transit meeting next Monday to testify – explained some of the problems with existing service. They are looking at "Bus Plus" and other ideas to meet needs.
- Attended the Good Eggs breakfast and heard representative candidates speak on schools and Hwy 167.
- PCCTA meeting hosted AWC, who spoke on "Operation: Strong Cities".
- Negotiation process has begun with IBEW.
- Craft Bazaar is this weekend. This is the Event Committee's largest fundraiser. Please come and participate!
- Roof project begun on Activity Center!
- Attending Chamber lunch this week – Congressman Denny Heck will be speaking.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 9:55 p.m.



Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:



Katie Bolam, City Clerk

