



## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**Special Meeting –via Zoom meeting # 883-1899-0360**  
**Monday, September 12, 2022**  
**7:00p.m.**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Styron Sherrell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Councilmember Whitaker led the flag salute.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Whitaker, White, Peretti, Strader and Whalen.  
Absent: Councilmember Ceder  
Vacant: Council Position #6

**MOTION** (Whitaker/Strader) “to excuse Councilmember Ceder from tonight’s meeting.” **Passed 5/0**

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Finance Director Robbecke, Public Works Director Madden, Police Chief Hernandez, and City Clerk Summers.

### **CITIZEN COMMENT**

**Susan Johnson, 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue** – 1) Manufactured property and code regarding it should be protected in the city, as they are affordable housing. Could create an MHP only zone. 2) No parking signs on asphalt sidewalks. Cars are parking and pushing walkers into the roadway. Need a review of the sidewalks and where cars are parking.

**Heather Popp, Milton Way** – Excited to see Milton Days back this year and all involved should be proud. There was an anti-transgender group in the parade that was displaying behavior that was adult themed, hateful, and inappropriate for our parade. Aware of first amendment rights and that the city cannot deny participation but perhaps if a non-governmental organization sponsored the parade, there would be no restrictions for denying entry and the parade could remain family friendly.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **A. Check Approval Process**

- a. Minutes Approval:
  - i. July 20, 2022, Regular Meeting
  - ii. August 15, 2022, Regular Meeting
- b. Claims Approval:
  - i. Approval of the checks/vouchers/disbursements numbered 70678 to 70794 in the amount of \$440,844.81.

- ii. Approval of the payroll disbursement for August 20, 2022, and September 5, 2022, in the amount of \$496,031.94.

**MOTION** (Peretti/Whalen) “to approve the Consent Agenda.” **Passed 5/0.**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**A. Deep Production Well**

Public Works Director Madden introduced this item to Council giving it a brief explanation and introduced Mike Piechowski from Robinson Noble to present further information and answer questions for Council. The city is drilling a new well to keep up with growth and demand for water. The new deep production well will be drilled at the 2-million-gallon tank site located in Edgewood on 18<sup>th</sup> St. Ct.

Council inquired about location and communicating with the school district as the process goes. Council also inquired about the capacity of water production at the new well and how it was tested. Council is happy to see this project getting started.

**MOTION** (Peretti/Whitaker) “move to authorize the Mayor to execute the contract with Tacoma Pump & Drilling Co., Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$841,857.50 for the drilling and testing of a replacement production well.” **Passed 5/0**

**B. Resolution 22-1956 Employee Handbook Approval**

Mayor Styron Sherrell presented this item to Council. The handbook hasn't been updated since April 2021. There were several suggested changes to the document that were recommended by the City Attorneys. There were two additions made by the city which were a media policy and an update to the smoking policy.

Council noted a couple minor editing issues.

**Motion** (Whalen/Whitaker) “move to approve Resolution 22-1956, adopting the updated employee handbook.” **Passed 5/0**

**C. Council Position #6 Appointment (to be continued)**

Mayor Styron Sherrell presented this item to Council. The applicants for the vacant position are Kyle Wintermute, Steve McKeen, and Frances Hall. The applicants retired to another room and came in one by one to be asked questions and interview with the Council. After each interview was complete, Council retired to another room for Executive Session to discuss the potential candidate interviews.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** In at 8:21 p.m. for 30 minutes. Out at 8:57 p.m.

**C. Council Position #6 Appointment (continued)**

Mayor Styron Sherrell thanked all the applicants for applying for the open position and advised them that there are also several positions on city boards and commissions as well if they are interested.

Mayor then asked for nominations and Councilmember Whalen nominated Frances Hall. Councilmember White nominated Kyle Wintermute and Councilmember Strader nominated Steve McKeen.

Mayor stated that the process would be a round robin vote in order of nominations beginning with Frances Hall. Councilmember Whalen moved to appoint candidate Frances Hall to fill the Council Position number 6 through the general election of November 2023. A round robin vote was conducted and Frances Hall was elected to Council by a vote of 3/2.

Frances Hall was sworn in by Mayor Styron Sherrell and took her seat as Councilmember #6.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

### Councilmember Whitaker-

- Nothing to add.

### Councilmember White-

- Inquired about a speed limit sign that looks to have been changed on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

### Councilmember Peretti-

- Thank you to the candidates who applied for the open position and Congratulations to Frances, and I look forward to working with you.

### Councilmember Strader-

- Thank you to the candidates for stepping up and Congratulations to Frances.

### Councilmember Hall-

- Enjoyed Milton Days and the community coming together. There were lots of small children coming to the police booth. It was a wonderful, family event.
- Teenagers are using the park more and more and it's nice that we are creating a place for them to want to be.

### Councilmember Whalen-

- The skatepark looks amazing. If you haven't been there, stop and talk to Cody who is heading the project up. It's an inviting change and a good effort to change graffiti.
- There are several places in the city for those who didn't get a council position tonight, we can use your expertise and volunteer help here in the city.

## **DIRECTOR REPORTS**

### Public Works Director Madden-

- Water, Streets and Electric emergency response has been busy over the last week. We had a car vs pole and water leaks and I have been impressed with their diligence and persistence.
- The Public Works Admin team has been helping develop grant opportunities and I want to acknowledge them as well.

### Police Chief Hernandez-

- Vandalism at the Skate Park and Triangle Park bathroom.
- We are getting some displacement of homeless from Fife. If you see something say something.
- The car vs pole is suspect DUI. They are lucky to be alive.
- We continue to work diligently, and we are currently down a total of 4 officers.

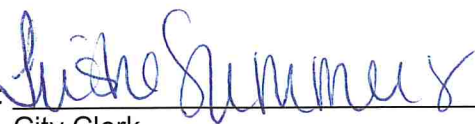
## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Please stop by the Skate Park if you have not. We are trying to prevent graffiti and create some fun artwork there. The second phase would involve the community next year.

- Milton Days was a great event. Thank you Councilmember Peretti and Hall for volunteering, I appreciate it. Have heard nothing but positive about the day except for the parade. Will start planning in January for next year.
- Bingo Night this Saturday from 4-7 p.m. in the MAC. Proceeds benefit 2023 Milton Days.
- Tech 101 for Seniors will kick off this Friday in the MAC. The program is a technical beginner's course for Seniors. This is in partnership with Fife FBLA and will be an ongoing monthly event.
- Appreciate the applicants who applied. There are openings on other boards and commission, and I would really like to reach out and discuss those openings with you.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

ATTEST:   
City Clerk

  
Shanna Styron Sherrell, Mayor