



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 3, 2017
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Manley called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

- Present: Councilmembers Whalen, Ott, Morton, Johnson, and Boyle
- Absent: Councilmember Bennest – **MOTION TO EXCUSE** (Whalen/Morton) – **Passed 6/0.**

STAFF PRESENT

Police Chief Hernandez, Finance Director Garrison, Public Works Director Howlett, City Attorney Cameron, Public Works Superintendent Peretti, and City Clerk Bolam

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS

None.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Speaker	Comments
Richard Cosner	Referring to 12/19/2016 meeting – knows utilities are not subject to consumer protection act – remind council that citizens are 1 st priority, businesses 2 nd , utilities 3 rd – requests protections for citizens’ personal information 7 th Ave – on 12/7/2009 council approved 7 th Ave soil/erosion repair project, and Queens/7 th overlay project – passed photos of 7 th showing very bad shape (sink hole around manhole, etc) – noted that 7 th Ave is not listed on current TIP City website still shows Dec 2 meeting – no agenda easily accessible

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of:

A. Voucher and Payroll Approval

- i. Approval of the checks/vouchers numbered 60589-60632 in the amount of \$238,233.07.
- ii. Approval of the payroll disbursement of 12/20/2016 in the amount of \$173,457.80.

Councilmember Johnson asked clarification on several items.

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to approve the Consent Agenda. **Passed 6/0.**

REGULAR MEETING

A. Informational Item – Water Tank Interior Inspections

Director Howlett provided a slide show presentation, explaining the processes of cleaning and retrofitting the tanks, and answering clarifying questions from Council.

B. Project Update – Parking Lots

Director Howlett provided a slide show presentation, showing the before and after of the Parking Lot projects, as well as the Emerald Street Bioretention project, and answering clarifying questions from Council.

C. Voucher Approvals for 2017

Directors Garrison explained the need for this and previous Council action on this topic.

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, to authorize the Finance Department to process operating expenses for payment, with the Mayor's approval, when gaps occur between Regular Council meetings during fiscal year 2017. **Passed 6/0.**

D. Appoint to Finance Committee

Mayor Pro Tem Manley introduced discussion on this topic.

COUNCILMEMBER OTT MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to appoint existing members (Johnson, Whalen, Morton) to the Finance Committee for fiscal year 2017.

COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Morton, to add "with alternatives allowed" to the end of the motion. **Passed 6/0.**

The amended motion was voted on and passed 6/0.

E. Appoint to Regional Boards (SCA, PSRC)

Mayor Pro Tem Manley introduced discussion on this topic.

Some discussion ensued, with nominations made for members not present at this meeting.

The Clerk suggested that, since those members are not present to accept or decline their nomination, Council might consider postponing this item.

COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Morton, to postpone this to the next meeting. **Passed 6/0.**

C. Elect Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Pro Tem Manley introduced this topic.

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Boyle, to postpone the election of Mayor Pro Tem to the Special Meeting of Monday, January 9, 2017, and to extend the termination date of Mayor Pro Tem Jim Manley through January 9, 2017. **Passed 6/0.**

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Boyle

- Glad to see Emerald Street project done, as well as the 10th Street project
- Referring to 7th Ave comments, perhaps city can do more extensive pothole repairs while waiting for full project

Councilmember Johnson

- Requests calendar list to show what city is working on at least a month ahead
- Requests monthly report from planning and economic development – permit status – wants to be informed when citizens ask about things in the city
- Suggests that council read fiscal documents from MRSC
- While having breakfast at Uptown Koffee, owner said people are cutting through her parking lot during heavy traffic times

Councilmember Whalen

- Supports council calendar
- Supports monthly report from planning and economic dev

Councilmember Morton

- Also supports Councilwoman Johnson's two items, and further requests the information by the end of the month
- Requests update on Milton Way project
 - Mark Howlett updated – railings, wiring, school zone lights, etc in next 2 weeks – striping weather dependent

Councilmember Ott

- Lower Ballfield is looking messy
- Supports both of Councilwoman Johnson's items
- Been in touch with photo cam company – free 6-9 months' trial
- Milton Way project – how much over budget will it be?
 - Howlett – not that much over budget, and reimbursement will be requested from utility companies involved

Councilmember Whalen

- Referring to photo cams – would like to see materials in order to support it coming forward
- Many bad streets in town, and yes prioritization is needed – appreciates the visuals handed out during citizen comment
- EPFD – FireHouseNews – Chief is concerned with medic units serving Milton from Orting – average time now is over 7.5 minutes
- Requests that fellow Council members get voucher questions to the City by Friday to avoid questions during meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Manley

- Attended meeting in Fife regarding SR167 – disappointed in timeline – opposes the toll ways that were reported, when the voters approved a gas tax to pay for the project

STAFF REPORTS

Chief Hernandez

- Shop with a Cop very successful
- Agency-assist for recent incident involving identification device
- Graham Trucking burglary – vehicle and suspect in custody

Director Garrison

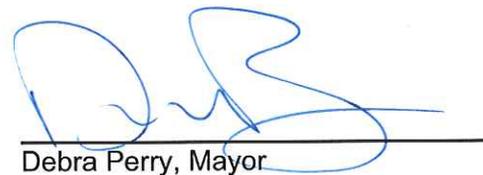
- Closing out 2016 after January 20

Superintendent Peretti

- Christmas pole will come down tomorrow
- Flag pole – explained flag sizes and dilemma with 3 flags – will be looking at possible options

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.


Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:


Katie Bolam, City Clerk