

**CITY OF RAYMOND
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
May 1, 2017**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Steve Jones and Council Members, Colby Rogers, Chris Halpin, Vicki Fletmetis, Kaley Hanson, and Betty Sovereign were present for the regularly scheduled City Council meeting at 6:00 PM on the 1st of May in Council Chambers at 230 Second Street, Raymond, Washington. Council Members Dee Roberts and Wm Ian Farrell were absent. Officers present were Public Works Director Eric Weiberg Clerk/Treasurer Gretchen Sagen, Police Chief Chuck Spoor and Fire Chief Todd Strozyk.

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Jones would like to amend the Agenda with an Item 5a – Resolution #252. Council Member Vicki Fletmetis moved to approve the minutes of April 17, 2017 meeting, the Amended Agenda and Consent Agenda for tonight's meeting. Council Member Betty Sovereign seconded the motion and it carried with all members present voting aye.

CLAIMS No. 59457 through No. 59494	\$17,260.60
PAYROLL No. 59434 through No. 59456	\$125,478.68
ACH DEBIT – APRIL 2017	\$12,212.45

COMMUNICATIONS

Fire Chief Strozyk introduced Captain Bill Didion, who demonstrated the new SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) gear the City of Raymond and Fire District #3 received from a grant.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC NOT ON THE AGENDA

Barbara Hannah, representing Friends of the Raymond Theater, introduced herself and explained to the City Council that they have acquired a 5013C status and would like to put the job posting for the Theater Manger position on hold because there is nothing scheduled in June for the theater.

Trish Bisbee was in attendance and is asking permission from the City Council to cut down and remove 2 trees including roots in front of her properties located on 3rd Street. The tree roots are lifting up the sidewalks. She read aloud a letter from Abel Staricka, a horticulturist, he suggested a different variety of trees the City could replace with slow growing roots. Council Member Hanson wanted a timeline when these trees would be replaced. After a lengthy discussion, Council Members Fletmetis and Sovereign made and seconded a motion authorizing Trish Bisbee to remove the 2 trees and to re-plant after concurring with Public Works Director Weiberg by October 15, 2017. Motion carried with all members present voted aye.

Joshua Latimer, Eagle Scout, displayed his digitized map to the Mayor and Council outlining the waterways along the river for kayakers. The map would be displayed by the dock down on the waterfront. Mayor Jones and Council thanked him for coming to the meeting and that the map looked great.

RESOLUTION #252 – UPDATED WATER SYSTEM PLAN

WAC 246-290-100, the Water System Plan, requires the City of Raymond to develop and implement a local Water System Plan. The City of Raymond adopted its current plan in 2006. The Plan is

outdated and is required to be updated. The Resolution is granting the final approval of the Updated Water System Plan to The Department of Health for final review and approval. Council Members Sovereign and Flemetis moved and approved the passing of Resolution #252. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

THEATER DISCUSSION/STEELE RESIGNATION LETTER

Clerk/Treasurer Sagen had passed out a job posting for the Theater Manager’s position. The posting was drafted from the Theater Advisory Group. Discussion was held and the Mayor and Council believe that there needs to be some type of wording regarding monetary value of the position. Mayor Jones suggested we add “Negotiated Pay” to the posting. The position will be published twice in the 2 local newspapers and deadline for applications is May 26, 2017 at 4:00 PM.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Fire Chief Todd Strozyk had nothing to report

Police Chief Chuck Spoor informed the Council we had received our 2 new police cars

Public Works Director Eric Weiberg had nothing to report.

Clerk/Treasurer Gretchen Sagen reported the she and her fellow department heads would be attending the AWC Labor Institute Conference in Yakima this week.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Jones reported that Pacific County would like to impose a one tenth of one percent sales tax increase for safety in regards to law enforcement. Total revenue would be \$250,000 and the City of Raymond would receive \$30,515.86, based on population. The monies would be distributed by the State Treasurer to the cities of Pacific County with Pacific County getting the largest share.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

There were none.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion of Council Members Flemetis and Halpin at 7:00 PM.

ATTEST:

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer, CMC