

POULSBO CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 20, 2022

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Erickson; Councilmembers Livdahl, Lord, McGinty, McVey, Musgrove, P

Staff: City Clerk Fernandez, Civil Engineer Ranes, Police Chief Harding, Parks & Recreation Director Schoonmaker

ABSENT: Councilmember Stern, Councilmember Phillips (unable to connect due to technical issues)

MAJOR BUSINESS ITEMS

- * * * *Mayor's Report:* Q2 Employee of the Quarter
- * * * Excuse Absence for Councilmember Phillips
- * * * Payable Disbursements for June 2022
- * * * BA #22-0301, Casual Labor for Parks & Recreation Department
- * * * TIB Relight Washington LED grant Phase II Contract
- * * * Executive Session Regarding Personnel Matters

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Erickson called the virtual meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion: Move to approve the agenda as presented.

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Lord, **Seconded by** McGinty.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Rick Eckert said he appreciates the City is considering changing the Fireworks Ordinance. He commented on the Public Safety/Legal committee discussion regarding safety and no injuries occurring in the last five year, but he said people can take themselves to the hospital without having the need to call for an ambulance. He said Pennsylvania enacted a law for setback ordinances and suggested banning aerial fireworks within 50 yards of someone's private dwelling or livestock without their permission. It becomes a community decision. He discussed the lack of police response when citizens call in fireworks complaints.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember McGinty recognized former Councilmember Thomas in the audience for joining us.

Councilmember Musgrove said this month is Parks & Recreation month and recommended checking out the website for all the P&R programming available to participate in.

Councilmember Lord said the Concerts by the Bay are every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at the Waterfront Park. She congratulated the Pousbo Historical Society for putting on a successful fundraiser event.

Councilmember McVey thanked Mr. Eckert for his comments about fireworks. He thinks there are a majority of Councilmembers that want to make some changes to the ordinance. He noted Pousbo is an outlier for allowing the discharge of fireworks from June 28th to July 5th. The County allows one day for discharge, and Bainbridge Island has banned them completely. He feels eight days is too long.

Mayor Erickson said nationwide the 9-8-8 system has been implemented and went live on Saturday. Anyone can call or text this number for help with mental health crisis.

a. Q2 Employee of the Quarter: Senior Contracts Administrator April Zieman

Mayor Erickson recognized April Zieman as the Q2 Employee of the Quarter.

b. Department Head Reports

Civil Engineer Raney gave an update on Noll Road. The roundabout is starting to take shape and is currently functioning as a roundabout right now.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Erickson clarified for item 5c, it is 20 hours a week at \$18 an hour.

Motion: Move to approve Consent Agenda items a through c.

The item listed is:

- a.** Excuse Absence for Councilmember Phillips
- b.** Payable Disbursements for June 2022
- c.** BA #22-0301, Casual Labor for Parks and Recreation Department

Action: Approve, **Moved by** McVey, **Seconded by** McGinty.
Motion carried unanimously.

6. BUSINESS AGENDA

a. TIB Relight Washington LED grant Phase II Contract

Civil Engineer Raney presented the TIB Relight Washington LED Streetlight Grant. Presentation highlights included:

- The TIB Relight Washington grant program works with PSE and Washington Cities to retrofit existing PSE owned/operated High Pressure Sodium street lighting with more efficient full spectrum LED Lighting at no cost to the City
- Phase 2 of the TIB Relight Washington grant will replace 158 of the City's approximately 500 PSE owned/operated streetlights (Phase I replaced 146)
- The program will be full reimbursement – TIB will reimburse the City for the full invoiced amount – initial construction estimate for Phase II is \$67,067.15 (Phase I billing was \$42,744.43)
- Estimated yearly cost savings in billing for Phase II lighting amounts to approximately \$6,500
- For context – the City's annual street lighting budget for all types is approximately \$180,000 and each new subdivision brings about \$1,500-\$2,000 annually in additional light billing. Poulsbo Meadows for instance @46 lots added \$1,500 in annual street light billing.

Councilmember Musgrove asked what the Gas Tax Agreement was. Civil Engineer Raney said this is an agreement with have on how to allocate the tax. Finance Director added the TIB is funded through a portion of gas tax, and gas tax is a state shared tax. It is collected at the state level and distribute back on a population basis.

Motion: Move to accept the TIB Relight Washington Grant and authorize the Mayor to sign the TIB Gas Tax Agreement, PSE Master Lighting Services agreement and Custom Street Lighting order associated with the grant on behalf of the City.

Action: Approve, **Moved by** McVey, **Seconded by** Musgrove.
Motion carried unanimously.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance-Administration Committee: Councilmember McVey reported they reviewed the first take on a wishlist from department heads on new staffing requests.

Public Safety/Legal Committee: Councilmember McGinty reported they discussed fireworks and suggested changes. Looking at changing the number of days down to one day. Council workshop. They asked the Mayor to draft an ordinance to begin the discussion (one with a change of dates and a fine, or a full ban). Chief Harding is generating a follow up report on Viking Fest. They talked about staffing and the new strategic plan.

8. BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS

None.

9. CONTINUED COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Alex Carlson said regarding streetlights, it is important to minimize night pollution in the sky for mental health and aesthetic purposes. He said the affects of light pollution on wildlife is harmful. We are experiencing a drop on the insect population.

10. MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember McGinty noted they have a lighting ordinance for street lighting and it talks about lumens and the way the patterns shine down.

Councilmember Musgrove wants the naming of the agenda to be different for council meetings (have council in the name). He said the last agenda was not word searchable, but he recognized it could be his machine. He said AWC has a budget workshop August 18-19 in Leavenworth. He said the State is settling the opioid settlement and it will be distributed. He said in the CityVision magazine there is an article by the Mayor of Lacey about the art of building consensus through civility. He asked everyone to be kind, caring, and considerate.

Mayor Erickson said every summer we see more homeless people on the streets asking for money. She asked Housing, Health & Human Services Director Hendrickson to put together a flyer that has all of the services in Poulsbo along with a map. The Mayor is going to start handing these out to store managers.

Councilmember Lord said the handout is a great idea. She added there are showers available at Fishline and Poulsbo Lions provides laundry services. She hopes everyone enjoys this great weather we are experiencing.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. ~~15 minute executive session to discuss performance of a public employee per RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g).~~

Due to the technical issues with the meeting, the executive session was not held.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Move to adjourn at 7:36 p.m.,

Action: Approve, **Moved by** McVey, **Seconded by** Lord.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Rebecca Erickson, Mayor

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Rhiannon Fernandez, CMC, City Clerk