

**Mount Vernon
City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Boudreau at 7:08 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers Fiedler, Hudson, Hulst, Molenaar, Ragan and Quam

Absent: Councilmember Lindquist, excused

Staff Present: Public Works Director Bell, Assistant Public Works Director Love, Parks and Enrichment Services Director King, Police Chief Dodd, Fire Chief Hari, Project Development Manager Donovan, Community Development Director Hyde, Finance Director Huschka, , Library Director Soneda, Youth Services Librarian Bermani, City Attorney Rogerson, Information Services Director Kleppe

Citizens Present: Seven

Approval of Minutes

- A. Approval of May 18, 2016 Study Session Minutes.

Councilmember Fiedler moved to approve the May 18, 2016 Study Session Minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Quam. Motion carried 6-0.

- B. Approval of May 25, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

Councilmember Hudson moved to approve the May 25, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ragan. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Claims and Payroll

- A. Approval of June 8, 2016 claims numbered 145118 – 145256 in the amount of \$1,721,528.25.

Councilmember Hulst moved to approve the June 8, 2016 claims numbered 145118 – 145256 in the amount of \$1,721,528.25. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 6-0.

- B. Approval of May 31, 2016 payroll checks numbered 105534 - 105602, direct deposit checks numbered 56022 – 56223, and wire transfers numbered 569 & 570 in the amount of \$980,809.61.

Councilmember Ragan moved to approve the May 31, 2016 payroll checks numbered 105534 - 105602, direct deposit checks numbered 56022 – 56223, and wire transfers numbered 569 & 570 in the amount of \$980,809.61. Motion seconded by Councilmember Fiedler. Motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS

- A. Committee Reports:

- Public Works – for details see Committee minutes.
- Public Safety – for details see Committee minutes.

B. Community Comments:

- Donna Klein, Mount Vernon resident, stated that she is disappointed in the lack of help she has received with her neighbor dispute. She said that children need guidance and balance, not to run amok and they were not meant to scream for 5 to 7 hours a day. She added that before this she didn't understand how the system works and she is disappointed in city council for not doing anything to alleviate this ongoing situation. This dispute has been going on for 4 years.

C. Councilmember Comments:

None.

D. Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Boudreau provided an update on the Commercial Cold Storage demolition that is making way for the final phase of the Downtown Flood Protection Project. Some public parking is closed during the demolition. This fully funded project will be going out to bid later this year and construction will begin in March of 2017.
- Mayor Boudreau announced activities related to the Mayor Wellness Challenge happening during the month of June.
- Mayor Boudreau congratulated Chief Dodd on 20 years of teaching service with Skagit Valley College.
- Mayor Boudreau stated she swore in Officer Alex Elwell today and he will be attending the Police Academy starting in June.
- Mayor Boudreau shared pictures of the Kulshan Trail metal sculptures that were funded by the Safe Routes to School grant.
- Mayor Boudreau announced the next Mayor's coffee will be on June 10th at 10am located in City Hall on 2nd floor conference room.
- Mayor Boudreau gave an overview of how to sign up on the city's website for notifications regarding events and announcements happening in the city.

E. Committee Agenda Request:

- none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Interlocal Agreement to Install Fiber: Mr. Kleppe explained that this agreement with Skagit County is for installation of fiber to the new county jail located on Suzanne Lane.

Councilmember Fiedler moved to authorize Mayor Boudreau to enter into an agreement with Skagit County for installation of fiber at the new county jail. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hulst. Motion carried 6-0.

- B. Community Action 2015 Annual Community Impact Report: Mr. Donovan introduced Bill Henkel, executive director of Skagit County Community Action Agency. Mr. Henkel gave a presentation on the programs and services they provided to the community during 2015. A 2015 Client Impact Report was presented and made a part of the record.

- C. Fireworks Stands in Mount Vernon: Chief Hari stated that the Fire Department has received three retail fireworks stand applications for the sale of fireworks from June 28 to July 4th. The stands will be located at Wal-Mart, Safeway and Haggen's parking lots.

Councilmember Ragan moved to approve the fireworks stand applications as stated above. Motion seconded by Councilmember Quam. Motion carried 6-0.

- D. Fireworks Display at Edgewater Park: Chief Hari said that the Fire Department is requesting approval of the July 4th fireworks display at Edgewater Park. He added that typically the city waives the license fees and fire permit fees and is requesting these fees be waived this year as well.

Councilmember Molenaar moved to approve the July 4th Fireworks Display on July 4th at 10pm. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hudson. Motion carried 6-0.

- E. Library Update Presentation: Mr. Soneda gave a brief overview of the May Library usage statistics and the events for the Celebrating a Century of Service programs. Beth Bermari, Youth Services librarian, gave an overview of the upcoming Summer Reading program.
- F. Bid Award – 2016 Street Improvements (REET): Mr. Love stated that bids were opened on June 6th for the 2016 Street Improvements (REET) project. Lakeside Industries, Inc. gave the lowest responsive bid in the amount of \$654,142.75.

Councilmember Hulst moved to approve the bid award to Lakeside Industries, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$654,142.75. Motion seconded by Councilmember Quam. Motion carried 6-0.

- G. Project Acceptance – Downtown Flood Protection Project Phase 3A: Mr. Love said that this request is to accept the construction work completed satisfactorily by Colacurcio Brother's Inc. on the Downtown Flood Protection Project Phase 3A.

Councilmember Fiedler moved to accept the work completed by Colacurcio Brothers, Inc. on the Downtown Flood Protection Project Phase 3A in the amount of \$999,706.55. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 6-0.

- H. Lease Agreement at Fire Station #1: Removed from consideration for tonight's meeting.

Meeting was convened into executive session at 8:16 p.m. and was estimated to last 15 minutes.

- I. Executive session – pending litigation, enforcement actions, and real estate acquisition:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Lori J. K. Smith, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

Alicia D. Huschka, Finance Director

APPROVE:

Jill Boudreau, Mayor