

City of Mount Vernon
Special City Council Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2020 7:00 p.m.
(Virtual Meeting)

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Boudreau at 7:09 PM.

Present: Councilmembers Beaton, Brocksmith, Carías, Hudson, Hulst, Moberg and Molenaar,

Staff Present: Project Development Manager Donovan, City Attorney Rogerson, Finance Director Volesky, Fire Chief Bryan Brice, Public Works Director Bell and City Engineer Bullock

Citizens Present: 0

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of March 11, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of March 20, 2020 payroll checks numbered 109944 - 109969 direct deposit checks numbered 76075 - 76319, and wire transfers numbered 834 – 838 in the amount of \$1,227,051.39
- C. Approval of March 25, 2020 Claims numbered 8271 and 8279 - 8472 in the amount of \$1,033,466.02

Councilmember Brocksmith moved to approve the Consent Agenda items A-C. Motion seconded by Councilmember Carías. Motion carried 7-0.

REPORTS

- A. Review of Emails from the Public
 - Public comments sent via email to council@mountvernonwa.gov were read aloud by Mayor Boudreau.
 - Merry Byrum (Mount Vernon) – Expressed concerns related to the cancellation of the City's spring clean-up.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Bid Award – 2020 Sanitary and Storm Sewer Lining: Mr. Bullock requested that Council award the bid for the 2020 Sanitary and Storm Sewer Lining project to Michels Corp and to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement for the project.

Councilmember Hudson moved to award the bid and authorize the mayor to enter into an agreement for the project. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hulst. Motion carried 7-0.

- B. Approval of Agreement with PBS Engineering and Environmental Inc: Mr. Bullock requested that Council authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with PBS Engineering and Environmental, Inc. to assist the City with the repair of the North 19th Street culvert emergency repair work.

Councilmember Hulst moved to authorize The Mayor to enter into an agreement with PBS Engineering and Environmental Inc. Motion seconded by Councilmember Beaton. Motion carried 7-0.

- C. Ratification of Emergency Executive Orders: Mr. Rogerson requested that City Council ratify Emergency Executive Orders proclaimed by the Mayor. These orders included:
- Executive Order #2020-001: Extending temporary homeless encampment permits (March 16th)
 - Executive Order #2020-002: Closing certain public facilities (March 18th)
 - Executive Order #2020-003: Closing Playgrounds and Library (March 23rd)

Councilmember Hulst moved to ratify stated executive orders. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 7-0.

- D. Approval of Agreement with Skagit County: Mr. Donovan requested that Council authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Skagit County for reimbursement of expenses related to increased sanitation services.

Councilmember Hudson moved to authorize The Mayor to enter into an agreement with Skagit County. Motion seconded by Councilmember Beaton. Motion carried 7-0.

- E. Discussion on Future Council Meetings: Mayor and Council discussed how best to proceed with future council and committee meetings. There will be a council meeting on Wednesday, April 8th 2020. Committee meetings on the 1st and 8th of April have been cancelled.

- F. For the Good of the Order:

- The Mayor and Council had a brief discussion around the City's response to the COVID-19 pandemic with regard to staffing, training, and impacts on certain services. Discussed a temporary freeze on hiring for non-essential positions.
- Chief Chris Cammock gave an update on effects of COVID-19 on the Police Department.
- Chief Brian Brice gave an update on effects of COVID-19 on the Fire Department.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

SUBMITTED BY:

Tyler Rude, Recording Clerk

ATTEST:

Doug Volesky, Finance Director

APPROVE:

Jill Boudreau, Mayor