

**Mount Vernon
City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Boudreau at 7:00 PM.

Present: Councilmembers Beaton, Brocksmith, Hulst, Hudson, Moberg, Molenaar, and Mayor Boudreau. Councilmember Carías was excused from attendance.

Staff Present: Interim Police Chief Cammock, Fire Chief Bryce, Project Development Manager Donovan, Public Works Director Bell, Parks & Enrichment Director King, Finance Director Volesky, Library Director Huffman, Development Services Director Phillips, Senior Planner Lowell, Engineering Manager Chesterfield, Senior Engineer Christen

Citizens Present: 10

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of July 17, 2019 Study Session Minutes
- B. Approval of July 24, 2019 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- C. Approval of August 5, 2019 payroll checks numbered 109443 - 109493 direct deposit checks numbered 72444 - 72684, and wire transfers numbered 759 – 763 in the amount of \$974,034.05
- D. Approval of August 14, 2019 Claims numbered 4888 – 4927, 4939 – 4948 and 4950 - 5161 in the amount of \$1,628,664.34

Councilmember Hudson moved to approve the Consent Agenda items A-D. Motion seconded by Councilmember Beaton. Motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS

A. Committees

- Public Works and Library - see Committee minutes for details
- Development Services - see Committee minutes for details

B. Community Comments

- Mayor invited Robert Langdon and Fire Chief Bryce and Chief Cammock to open the community comments.
- Robert Langdon – resident of Mount Vernon presented two things
 1. Invited the community to attend the Hero's Craft Fair which will be held at the Heritage Flight Museum, November 8-10th, 9AM-5PM on Friday and Saturday and 9AM-4PM on Sunday. 100% of the proceeds will be donated to the city. Mr. Langdon stated his deep respect and gratitude to the service men and women of the military, law enforcement, emergency services, and the City Council
 2. Mr. Langdon presented a gift to Fire Chief Bryce and Interim Police Chief Cammock. Each Chief received hand-made wreath decorated for their department and a T-shirt for the 2019 Hero's Craft Fair. Photographs were taken with Mr. Langdon, the City Council, Fire Chief Bryce, and Interim Police Chief Cammock.

- Keith Johnson – Representing the homeless community. Thanked the council for the work they have been doing on the Community Parking issue and said the community is eager to prove how responsible they can be with the Community Parking.
- Clive Bolton – resident of Mount Vernon – Would like to make sure community parking is safe for residents as well as the homeless. He lives next to one of the churches that provided cold weather shelter during the winter and has additional insight on the Community Parking issue he would like to share with the council.

C. Council Member Comments

- None

D. Mayor's Report:

- Announced that the Washington Surveying and Rating Bureau upgraded the City of Mount Vernon's fire protection rating from 5 to 4 placing the city in the top 21% of the state fire departments. The rating improvement is due to newly hired staff and improved training.
- Provided update to the Little Mountain Park Project which will include an entry road, two tiered parking lot, trail access, and bike course as well. The project is a collaboration with the City Parks and Enrichment Services department and Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance. There will be a ribbon cutting in October and landscaping is expected to be complete in December.
- Mayor Coffee hours August 16th 2019, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM, Logan Creek Retirement Community
- Mayor Coffee hours August 24th 2019, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM, Mount Vernon Library

E. Committee Agenda Requests

- Councilmember Beaton requested the council spend a half day in September reviewing the housing crisis.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- none

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Closed Record Public Hearing – Dryden Request for Special Permission: Rebecca Lowell presented a recap of the situation regarding the Dryden request for Special Permission, reviewed what information can be considered as part of a closed hearing, outlined the available options to bring the Dryden improvements into compliance, and reminded the council of the Hearing Examiner's recommendation.
- Mayor Boudreau reminded the council of the quasi-judicial nature of this situation and each council member disclosed they had received an email on this issue.
 - The councilmembers and Ms. Lowell had a discussion on how this incident was discovered, how are these ordinances enforced in old and new areas, what the setback rules are, what the solutions may be, and how does the council make the city more livable for everyone.
 - Being a Closed Record Public Hearing, Mayor Boudreau invited anyone who testified at the Hearing Examiner's hearing or has submitted a letter of record to speak to the City Council on this matter.
 - Joel Dryden – Thanked the council for the opportunity to participate in the public process. He regrets not getting permits for this project and really hopes we can find a way to resolve this. Mr. Dryden referenced a number of letters in support of the deck, petition to keep the deck, and a letter from Fire Marshall Riggs stating the deck isn't a fire hazard.

- Mark Johnson – He has lived in the neighborhood in question for over 40 years and spoke in support of all the work the Dryden's have done on their home and the positive impact it has had on the neighborhood. Mr. Johnson would be very disappointed if all of this work had to be redone.
- Barbara Worley – Spoke on behalf of her mother who's lived in the neighborhood for over 90 years. Mrs. Worley spoke in support of the Dryden improvements and its positive impact on the neighborhood.
- Andrea Dryden – Mrs. Dryden told the council how the old deck was a safety hazard and as parents they had to act on behalf of their children's safety. Given the existing deck and how the neighbors yards are setup they didn't think replacing the deck would result in any permitting issues.
- Councilmembers and Ms. Lowell had a follow up discussion in which each of the councilmembers expressed a desire to find a solution that would allow the Dryden's to keep what they've built while meeting the permitting requirements. Ms. Lowell recommended continuing the hearing until August 28th, 2019 at which time the City Attorney would be present and could advise the Council on the City's legal options.

Councilmember Hulst moved to continue the Closed Record Public Hearing to the next city council meeting on August 28th, 2019. Motion seconded by Councilmember Beaton. Motion carried 6-0.

- B. Bid Award – Bakerview Park Entrance Road Improvements Project: Mr. King requested the council award the bid for the Bakerview Park Entrance Road Improvements Project to PNW Civil, Inc. of Bellingham in the amount of \$228,784.50.

Councilmember Molenaar moved to award the bid for the Bakerview Park Entrance Road Improvements Project to PNW Civil, Inc. of Bellingham in the amount of \$228,784.50. Motion seconded by Councilmember Moberg. Motion carried 6-0.

- C. Bid Award – 2019 Sanitary and Storm Sewer Lining Project: Mr. Christen requested the council award the bid for the Sanitary and Storm Sewer Lining Project to Insituform Technologies of Chesterfield, MO in the amount of \$699,406.77

Councilmember Hudson moved to award the bid for the Sanitary and Storm Sewer Lining Project to Insituform Technologies of Chesterfield, MO in the amount of \$699,406.77. Motion seconded by Councilmember Moberg. Motion carried 6-0.

- D. 2019 TIB Agreement for Complete Streets Grant: Mr. Christen requested the Council authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Washington State Transportation Improvement Board to receive \$350,000 for the construction and/or improvement of curb ramps.

Councilmember Hulst moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Washington State Transportation Improvement Board to receive \$350,000.00 for the construction and/or improvement of curb ramps. Motion seconded by Councilmember Beaton. Motion carried 6-0.

- E. Project Acceptance – 2018 Curb Ramp Improvements: Mr. Christen requested the that Council accept the work completed by Trinity Contractors for this project in the amount of \$312,596.28.

Councilmember Beaton moved to accept the work completed by Trinity Contractors for this project in the amount of \$312,596.28. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 6-0.

- F. Approval of Agreement with Skagit County: Mr. Chesterfield requested the Council authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Skagit County which allows for the design and construction of the Maddox Creek culvert removal and stream enhancement project.

Councilmember Brocksmith moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Skagit County which allows for the design and construction of the Maddox Creek culvert removal and stream enhancement project. Motion seconded by Councilmember Beaton. Motion carried 6-0.

- G. Approval of Agreement with Paul Schissler Associates, Inc.: Mr. Donovan requested the Council authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Paul Schissler Associates, Inc. to assist in the preparations, corrections, revisions, and coordination of the City's CDBG responsibilities.

Councilmember Hudson moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Paul Schissler Associates, Inc. to assist in the preparations, corrections, revisions, and coordination of the City's CDBG responsibilities. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hulst. Motion carried 6-0.

- H. Approval of Agreement with Community Action of Skagit County for CDBG Funds: Mr. Donovan requested the Council authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Community Action of Skagit County for the Community Action Housing and Resource Center Program.

Councilmember Hulst moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Community Action of Skagit County for the Community Action Housing and Resource Center Program. Motion seconded by Councilmember Beaton. Motion carried 6-0.

- I. MOU with Home Trust of Skagit for CDBG Funds: Mr. Donovan requested the Council authorize the Mayor to enter into an MOU with Home Trust of Skagit to assist with the Buyer Assistance Program for qualifying clients.

Councilmember Beaton moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an MOU with Home Trust of Skagit to assist with the Buyer Assistance Program for qualifying clients. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hudson. Motion carried 6-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.

SUBMITTED BY:

Chase Kinney, Recording Clerk

ATTEST:

Doug Volesky, Finance Director

APPROVE:

Jill Boudreau, Mayor