



**City of Mount Vernon
City Council Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2021
Police Court Campus, 1805 Continental Place**

Mayor Boudreau called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Finance Director Volesky, City Attorney Rogerson, Police Chief Cammock, Parks and Enrichment Services Director Berner, Project Development Manager Donovan, Assistant Fire Chief Harris, Fire Marshall Kerth and Administrative Assistant Love-Johnson

Citizens Present: 1

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of September 8, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.
- B. Approval of September 20, 2021 payroll checks numbered 110943 - 110962, direct deposit checks numbered 84129 - 84366, and wire transfers numbered 1015 - 1019 in the amount of \$1,233,603.14.
- C. Approval of Approval of September 22, 2021 Claims numbered 15110 and 15112 - 15263 in the amount of \$2,582,476.23.

Councilmember Hudson moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A-C. Motion seconded by Councilmember Carías. Motion carried 7-0.

REPORTS

- A. Committees
 - 1. Finance and Parks & Enrichment Services – see committee minutes for details.
 - 2. Public Safety – see committee minutes for details.

B. Public Comments - Email

Public Comments sent via email to council@mountvernonwa.gov were read aloud by Mr. Donovan.

- Audria Woll, representing Family Promise of Skagit Valley, invited Mayor, Council, and staff to the Family Promise Fall Fundraiser: Homeless for a Night. The event will take place September 25th, 5-7 pm.

C. Public Comments - none

D. Councilmember Comments

- none

E. Mayor's Report

- Mayor Boudreau introduced Assistant Fire Chief Harris, Fire Marshall Kerth, and Christine Love-Johnson. Mr. Harris thanked staff for the efforts with fire prevention week activities. Mr. Kerth spoke about Fire Prevention Week and various activities, including Flat Sparky the fire dog search. Mayor Boudreau read a proclamation declaring October 3–9, 2021 Fire Prevention Week.
- A video promoting the Library Commons Project was viewed.
- Solid Waste Fall clean up days are October 2nd and 9th.

F. Committee Agenda Requests

- none

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval of Agreement with Skagit Habitat for Humanity: Mr. Donovan requested approval of an agreement with Skagit Habitat for Humanity to consolidate commitments from the 2020-21 and 2021-22 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan providing \$200,000 in homeownership assistance funding to four qualifying households.

Councilmember Beaton moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Skagit Habitat for Humanity to combine the CDBG awards for 2020-21 and 2021-22. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 7-0.

- B. Approval of Agreement with Community Action of Skagit County: Mr. Donovan requested approval of an agreement with Community Action of Skagit County for the use of CBDG funds to provide \$56,184 for their Housing & Resource Center program.

Councilmember Hulst moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Community Action of Skagit County to provide \$56,184 for their Housing &

Resource Center program. Motion seconded by Councilmember Carías. Motion carried 7-0.

- C. Approval of Agreement with Mountain Law: Mr. Donovan requested approval of an addendum to agreement #3858 with Mountain Law to fund the services of an additional public defender. The additional public defender is necessary to work through the backlog of cases caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Councilmember Hudson moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement addendum with Mountain Law for public defender services. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hulst. Motion carried 7-0.

- D. Approval of Agreement with Axon: Chief Cammock requested approval of an agreement with Axon for the purchase of body cameras, tasers and related services.

Councilmember Hulst moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the purchase of body cameras, tasers and related services. Motion seconded by Councilmember Beaton. Motion carried 7-0.

The was meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Becky Jensen, City Clerk

APPROVE:

Jill Boudreau, Mayor