

**Mount Vernon
City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Boudreau at 7:01 PM.

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

Staff Present: Project Development Manager Donovan, City Attorney Rogerson, Parks & Enrichment Director King, Finance Director Volesky, Library Director Huffman, Interim Police Chief Cammock, Police Lieutenant Booth, Public Works Director Bell, Engineering Manager Blaine Chesterfield, Wastewater Manager Duranceau, Senior Engineer Darin Christen, Mayoral Exec. Assistant Grechishkin

Citizens Present: 13

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of September 25, 2019 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of October 4, 2019 payroll checks numbered 109615 - 109653 direct deposit checks numbered 73401 - 73637, and wire transfers numbered 780 – 784 in the amount of \$1,104,986.45
- C. Approval of October 9, 2019 Claims numbered 5812 – 5814 and 5817 - 5991 in the amount of \$1,052,347.63

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

REPORTS

- A. Committees
 - 1. Public Works and Library - see Committee minutes for details
 - 2. Public Safety - see Committee minutes for details
- B. Community Comments
 - Scott Correa – Mount Vernon
 - Commended the City on the quality of work, communication, and management of the various improvements throughout the City.
 - Spoke against the proposed plastic bag ban - He recognized the City is understaffed and overwhelmed and is attempting to deal with a number of complex issues. With that in mind, he didn't believe it would be prudent to use the City resources to pursue a plastic bag ban considering the state is working toward a solution as well.
 - Purposed the council to look into repurposing one of the City's rental properties into an admin space for the Fire department.

C. Council Member Comments

- None

D. Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Boudreau invited the public to attend the upcoming Mayor's Walking Coffee Hour on October 12th, from 10-11 AM starting at Kulshan Trail near the Habitat for Humanity Store.
- Mayor Boudreau attended the Cascadia Innovation Conference in Seattle. It is a cross border initiative between British Columbia, Oregon, and Washington to focus on the development of the Pacific Northwest region. The conference addressed issues such as life services, agriculture, housing, connectivity, transportation, and cross border research. The Mayor was a guest speaker on the panel for housing.

E. Committee Agenda Requests

- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Presentation of the 2018 Outstanding Performance Award to the Wastewater Treatment Plant: The Washington State Department of Ecology has recently recognized the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant staff with an "Outstanding Performance Award" for perfect permit compliance during 2018. Esco Bell presented Gary Duranceau the 2018 Outstanding Performance Award before the Mayor and City Council.
- B. Appointment to Mount Vernon Arts Commission: Bill King requested the council approve the appointments of Diane Gage, Jill Gilbert, and Alexa Grechishkin to the Mount Vernon Arts Commission.

Councilmember Hulst moved the Council to approve appointments of Diane Gage, Jill Gilbert, and Alexa Grechishkin to the Mount Vernon Arts Commission. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hudson. Motion carried 7-0.

The new Mount Vernon Arts Commission members were sworn in before the Mayor and City Council.

- C. Approval of Agreement with Mount Vernon Parks Foundation: Bill King requested the council authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Mount Vernon Parks Foundation for the conversion of the south Hillcrest Park tennis court into a pickleball court.

Councilmember Molenaar moved the Council to authorize the Mayor enter into an agreement with the Mount Vernon Parks Foundation for the conversion of the south Hillcrest Park tennis court into a pickleball court. Motion seconded by Councilmember Moberg. Motion carried 7-0.

- D. Approval of Agreement with Skagit County: Peter Donovan requested the Council authorize the Mayor to enter into a renewal agreement with Skagit County District Court for probation services.

Councilmember Hudson moved the Council to authorize the Mayor to enter into a renewal agreement with Skagit County District Court for probation services. Motion seconded by Councilmember Carías. Motion carried 7-0.

- E. Approval of Agreement with Skagit Multiple Agency Response Team (SMART): Interim Police Chief Cammock requested the Council authorize the Mayor to enter into an amended 2013 SMART Interlocal Agreement that includes the addition of Oak Harbor Police Department, Island county Sheriff's Office and other minor modifications.

Councilmember Hulst moved the Council to authorize the Mayor enter into an amended 2013 SMART Interlocal Agreement that includes the addition of Oak Harbor Police Department, Island county Sheriff's Office and other minor modifications. Motion seconded by Councilmember Beaton. Motion carried 7-0

- F. FY2019-21 Water Quality Stormwater Capacity Grant Agreement: Blaine Chesterfield requested the Council authorize the Mayor to enter into the FY2019-21 Water Quality Stormwater Capacity Grant agreement with the Washington State Department of Ecology.

Councilmember Beaton moved the Council to authorize the Mayor to enter into the FY2019-21 Water Quality Stormwater Capacity Grant agreement with the Washington State Department of Ecology. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 7-0

Kevin Rogerson invited the Mayor and Council to attend an executive session, not to exceed 20 minutes, with no further action needed.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:39PM.

SUBMITTED BY:

Chase Kinney, Recording Clerk

ATTEST:

Doug Volesky, Finance Director

APPROVE:

Jill Boudreau, Mayor