

CITY OF CENTRALIA
RECORD OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Tuesday – June 27, 2023 - 7:00 pm

Mayor Smith Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Cameron led the flag salute.

Attendance

Present: Mayor Smith Johnston, Mayor Pro-Tem McGee, Councilor Vogt, Councilor Westley, Councilor Cameron, Councilor Althausen and Councilor Garibay.

Absent: none

1. Approval of Agenda

MAYOR PRO-TEM MCGEE MOVED. SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAMERON. TO APPROVE THE AGENDA...motion PASSED...7-0.

2. Comments by the Public on Non Agenda Items

Joyce Barnes, Centralia, spoke about item #5d being on the Consent Agenda and not being placed as an item for the taxpayers to discuss. She spoke about the empty lot that is adjacent to City Hall being a great location for a brand new beautiful City Hall.

Col. Ron Averill, Centralia, spoke on the leadership changes happening with the Flood Authority.

3. Presentations

- a. Founders Day – MacKenzie McGee

Centralia Downtown Association Executive Director, MacKenzie McGee, addressed Council about Founders Day and the importance of it and the CDA's proposal being that the City make the 2nd Saturday in August each year Founders Day starting this year on August 12th.

- b. Blue Zones Activate – Shawna Herriford

Executive Director for Blue Zones Activate in Lewis County, Shawna Herriford, presented information on the organization to Council.

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c. Homeless Committee – Elizabeth Cameron

Patty Howard addressed Council regarding the Homeless Committee's Recommendations being Safe Parking areas and Pallet Shelters.

4. City Manager Reports

Kyle Manley spoke about Code Enforcement and informed Council that by the end of the week there will be a Q & A section posted on the City's website and there are also plans to have a portal added so that citizens can submit complaints and also check the status of ongoing complaints.

5. Consent Agenda

- a. Voucher Approval – June 27, 2023 #240237-240363 \$1,228,338.96
- b. Payroll Approval – June 20, 2023 #138812-138816 and direct deposits #50766-50828 \$107,425
- c. Consideration of meeting minutes for June 13, 2023
- d. Consideration of Purchase and Sale Agreement for 215 N Pearl St.
- e. Consideration of Amendment #2 to the Consultant Service Agreement with Jacobs Engineering for the WWTP Phase 1 Upgrades Project
- f. Consideration of Small Works Agreement CCL-23-05SWC with MDK Construction for the Customer Service Center Re-Roofing Project
- g. Consideration of Change Order #1 to the Public Works Agreement CCL-23-08PWC with Kemp West, Inc. for the Line Clearance Tree Trimming Project
- h. Consideration of Amendment #1 to Agreement PW 2021-23 with Curfman Custom Fabrication for the Harrison Ave sign structure

COUNCILOR VOGT MOVED. SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO-TEM MCGEE. TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH REMOVAL OF ITEM #5D TO BECOME AN ITEM ON THE AGENDA...motion PASSED...7-0.

5d. Consideration of Purchase and Sale Agreement for 215 N Pearl St.

City Manager, Rob Hill, explained the idea with buying this property to the Council. Workspace in the current City Hall has been a problem and this purchase would provide more space and parking. He spoke on the different ideas that have been talked about for use of this property. Council discussion followed.

MAYOR PRO-TEM MCGEE MOVED. SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAMERON. TO APPROVE ITEM 5D THE CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT FOR 215 N PEARL ST...motion PASSED...7-0.

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6. Consideration of a letter of support to the Lewis County Board of Commissioners for the addition of a 2/10 of 1% Sales tax to fully fund the new 911 center

Chief Stacy Denham presented the information to Council.

Commissioner Brummer, from Lewis County Board of Commissioners, addressed Council about the importance of the 911 tax and this going to the ballot. Council discussion followed.

Public Comment:

Col. Ron Averill, Centralia, stated that current sales tax for Centralia is 8.2% and with this new tax it would become 8.4%. We have one of the sales taxes in the area. This tax is long overdue and he supports this.

MAYOR PRO-TEM MCGEE MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAMERON, TO APPROVE THE LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE ADDITION OF A 2/10 OF 1% SALES TAX TO FUND THE 911 COMMUNICATIONS CENTER AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE LETTER...motion PASSED...7-0.

7. Consideration of a permanent closure of Pine Street between N. Tower Avenue and Railroad Avenue

Kim Ashmore, Public Works Director, and MacKenzie McGee, Executive Director of the Centralia Downtown Association addressed Council with the request for the permanent closure. Council discussion followed.

MAYOR PRO-TEM MCGEE MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAMERON, TO APPROVE A PERMANENT CLOSURE OF PINE STREET BETWEEN N. TOWER AVENUE AND RAILROAD AVENUE...motion PASSED...7-0.

8. Consideration of Sole Source Resolution 2780 to waive bidding requirements for the purchase of replacement substation switches

ML Norton, City Light General Manager, presented the information to Council.

MAYOR PRO-TEM MCGEE MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAMERON, TO APPROVE SOLE SOURCE RESOLUTION 2780...motion PASSED...7-0.

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9. Consideration of Special Market Conditions Resolution 2781 waiving standard bidding requirements for the purchase of rebuilt distribution transformers

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MAYOR PRO-TEM MCGEE MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAMERON, TO APPROVE SPECIAL MARKET CONDITIONS RESOLUTION 2780...motion PASSED...7-0.

10. Consideration of Sole Source Resolution 2782 waiving standard bidding requirements for the purchase of electric actuator gates

ML Norton, City Light General Manager, presented the information to Council. Council discussion followed.

MAYOR PRO-TEM MCGEE MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAMERON, TO APPROVE SOLE SOURCE RESOLUTION 2782...motion PASSED...7-0.

11. Consideration of Resolution 2783 for the adoption of the 2024-2029 Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan

Patty Page, City Engineer, presented the information to Council.

MAYOR PRO-TEM MCGEE MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAMERON, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2783...motion PASSED...7-0.

12. City Council Reports

Councilor Althausen – attended Music in the Park and the Kiddin' Around event.

Councilor Cameron – attended the Lewis County Historical Museum meeting and they have a pancake breakfast coming up on the 29th. The 4th of July is coming up and hopes everyone can attend Summerfest and have a safe time.

Councilor Garibay - nothing to report.

Councilor Westley – nothing to report.

Councilor Vogt – attended the Solid Waste Committee meeting. He also attended Music in the Park and just like to remind everyone a lot of great restaurants can grab a snack and head to Music in the Park. Dawns Delectables walk up window is open until 8pm.

Mayor Pro-Tem McGee – nothing to report.

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Mayor Smith Johnston – nothing to report.

Adjournment

**MAYOR PRO-TEM MCGEE MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAMERON, TO
ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:23 PM...motion PASSED...7-0.**

Submitted by:



Kristan McConnell, City Clerk

Approved by:



Kelly Smith Johnston, Mayor