

CITY OF CENTRALIA
RECORD OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Tuesday – April 8, 2025
Executive Session – 5:45 pm
Council Meeting – 7:00 pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Smith Johnston called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm.

Attendance

Present: Mayor Smith Johnston, Deputy Mayor Brewer, Councilor Vogt, Councilor Garibay, Councilor Althausen, Councilor Chapman (appeared via zoom), and Councilor Westley (appeared via zoom)

Absent: none.

Mayor Smith Johnston announced Council will now meet in Executive session to discuss litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). Council will now be in Executive session until 6:45 pm with no expected action to be taken.

Mayor Smith Johnston adjourned Executive session at 6:45 pm with no action taken.

COUNCIL MEETING:

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Garibay led the flag salute.

Attendance

Present: Mayor Smith Johnston, Deputy Mayor Brewer, Councilor Vogt, Councilor Garibay, Councilor Althausen and Councilor Chapman (appeared via zoom), Councilor Westley (appeared via zoom at 7:03 pm).

Absent: none.

1. Approval of Agenda

DEPUTY MAYOR BREWER MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR GARIBAY, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED....motion PASSED...6-0.

Councilor Westley was having issues connecting via zoom. Did not connect until after the first vote 7:03 pm.

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2. Comments by the Public on Non Agenda Items

Dale Luger, Centralia, spoke regarding the challenges he is facing with the City regarding the code requirements for the supportive housing codes. He has a transitional house located on Lum Road.

Martha Flanagan, Olympia, expressed concerns regarding the corruption in Centralia.

Katie Moore, Centralia, discussed her concerns about the costs of utilities in Centralia, providing a breakdown of charges.

Elizabeth Cameron, Centralia, expressed concerns about vehicles speeding on First Street, specifically semis. She is requesting support to enforce the ordinance passed regarding the 20 miles per hour.

3. Proclamation – Child Abuse Awareness Month

Mayor Smith Johnston read the Proclamation into the record. She presented the Proclamation to Zoey Lamb and two other staff members of Family Education and Support Services.

Zoey Lamb thanked the Council for the Proclamation and gave some history on their organization.

4. City Manager Reports

No City Manager Reports.

5. Consent Agenda

- a. Voucher Approval – April 8, 2025 #248244-248417 \$599,517.90
- b. Payroll Approval – April 4, 2025 #139967-140009 and direct deposits
#56008-56180 \$1,901,460.14
- c. Consideration of meeting minutes for March 25, 2025
- d. Consideration of Change Order #1 to the Public Works Agreement with Rognlin's Inc. for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Dewatering System Improvements Project PW 2024-12 – new contract total \$970,859.46
- e. Consideration of Change Order #1 and Final Acceptance of the Public Works Agreement with Confederated Construction Company LLC for the South Gold Street Reconstruction – Main Street to Summa Street Project PW 2023-07 – final contract total \$1,530,258.71
- f. Consideration of approval of Farm Lease Agreement with Al-Ris Farm and James Road Dairy, LLC
- g. Consideration of Amendment #5 to the Professional Services Agreement MM/WTR 2022 with Mott MacDonald, LLC for On-Call Hydrogeological Services – new contract total \$540,423

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- h. Consideration of Amendment #4 to the Consultant Services Agreement WTR 03142025 with Parametrix, Inc. for the Phase I Seminary Hill Upper Reservoir and Pressure Zone Improvements Engineering Design – new contract total \$2,463,176.80
 - i. Consideration of approval for the actuarial contract for the Fireman's Pension Plan \$13,125
 - j. Consideration of approval of a contract with Puget Sound Plants for purchase of trees for the Arboretum \$3,476.93
 - k. Consideration of approval of a Small Works Contract with JIT Landscaping for Borst Arboretum Mulch Application \$9,902
 - l. Consideration of approval of a \$12,700 WCIA Grant for sidewalk repairs
 - m. Consideration of approving amendment to the 2025-2027 Teamsters Collective Bargaining Agreement for Clerical & Support Staff

DEPUTY MAYOR BREWER MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR GARIBAY TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED ...motion PASSED...7-0.

- 6a. Consideration of purchase of a new 2025 Ford F-450 Service Truck through the Department of Enterprise Services CARS System.

Public Works Director, Kim Ashmore, presented the information to Council.

Public Comment

Andrew Balerud, Centralia, expressed his support.

DEPUTY MAYOR BREWER MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR GARIBAY, TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A NEW 2025 FORD F-450 SERVICE TRUCK THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE SERVICES ...motion PASSED.....7-0.

- 6b. Consideration of approval of the Salishan Preliminary Subdivision Plat

Emil Pierson, Community Development Director, presented the information to Council.

DEPUTY MAYOR BREWER MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR GARIBAY, TO APPROVE THE SALISHAN PRELIMINARY SUBDIVISION PLAT ACCEPTING ALL OF THE FINDINGS AND FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS

DEPUTY MAYOR BREWER WITHDREW HIS MOTION SO COUNCIL COULD DISCUSS.

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- 6c. Consideration of Resolution 2820 authorizing transfer of \$1,500,000 to the United Way of Lewis County for the purpose of completing the ULC building.

City Manager, Mike Thomas, presented the information to Council. Council Discussion followed.

Public Comment:

Council received 28 letters in support of the ULC project. All letters are available to the public by contacting the City Clerk's Office.

Marilynn Chintella, Chehalis, Discover Children's Museum Board Member, spoke in support of the resolution.

Katie Moore, Centralia, expressed concerns about the funding the city is considering transferring to the ULC.

Shannon Glenn, Chehalis, United Way of Lewis County Board of Directors, spoke in support of the resolution.

Marline Miller, Centralia, she was the Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year and spoke in support of the resolution.

Shelby Campbell, Chehalis, Director of the Discover Children's Museum, spoke in support of the resolution.

Andrea Viall, Chehalis, spoke on behalf of the Discover Children's Museum, spoke in support of the resolution.

Chris Judd, Chehalis, Resource Development Director of United Way of Lewis County, spoke in support of the resolution.

Andrew Balerud, Centralia, expressed concerns about the funding the city is considering transferring to the ULC.

Annalee Tobey, Chehalis, United Way and the Discover Children's Museum Board Member, spoke in support of the resolution.

Lisa Streidinger Hubbard, Centralia, spoke in support of the resolution.

Wendy Pinion, Centralia, spoke in opposition. She thinks the program should happen, but the project started too big. Start small and build up.

Rebecca Staebler, Centralia, spoke in support of the resolution.

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Council discussion continued.

DEPUTY MAYOR BREWER MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR GARIBAY, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2820 AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$1,500,000 IN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE UNITED WAY OF LEWIS COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSES OF COMPLETING THE ULC BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION...motion PASSED.....6-0. (Councilor Althausen recused herself from the vote due to her position with the Boys and Girls Club).

- 6d. Consideration of Resolution 2821 granting consent to change of control from Ziply Fiber Wireless to BCE Holding Corporation.

City Manager, Mike Thomas, presented the information to Council.

DEPUTY MAYOR BREWER MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR GARIBAY, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2821...motion PASSED.....7-0.

- 6e. Consideration of Resolution 2822 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Interagency Agreement with the Washington State Department of Commerce and a Professional Services Contract for Veterans Community Park.

Deputy City Manager/Parks Director, Amy Buckler, presented the information to Council. Council discussion followed.

DEPUTY MAYOR BREWER MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR GARIBAY, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2822...motion PASSED.....7-0.

- 6f. Consideration of second reading of Ordinance 2563 relating to net metering and the creation of a large solar net metering program.

City Light General Manager, ML Norton, informed Council there have been no changes since the first reading.

DEPUTY MAYOR BREWER MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR GARIBAY, TO APPROVE SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2563...motion PASSED.....7-0.

6. City Council Reports

Councilor Althausen – attended the Young Artist Show at the Rectangle Gallery. There were 26 artists. She also attended the CHS Music Festival.

Councilor Chapman – unable to attend the meeting tonight in person because he is in Utah. He believes Centralia is heading in the right direction though.

Councilor Westley – nothing to report.

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Councilor Garibay – is working with the coalition talking to teenagers in the Hispanic community about alcohol, getting in trouble and family. They have sessions every Thursday.

Councilor Vogt – attended the ULC tour. He also attended the Young Artist show at the Rectangle Gallery. Tomorrow is the monthly solid waste meeting. He also attended WinCo's opening.

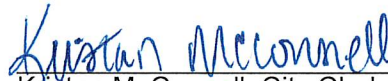
Deputy Mayor Brewer – mentioned the cycling with your councilor event he is holding on May 7th. It will be a 45-minute to 1 hour ride around Centralia. More details to come.

Mayor Smith Johnston – expressed gratitude for the signs of hope. She attended the Retirement Party of two offices and the office administrator for the Police Department. She also attended the 100th birthday celebration of a local veteran.

Adjournment

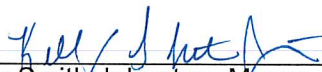
MAYOR SMITH JOHNSTON ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 9:14 PM.

Submitted by:



Kristan McConnell, City Clerk

Approved by:



Kelly Smith Johnston, Mayor