



CITY OF WHITE SALMON
City Council Regular Meeting – Wednesday, April 17, 2019

Council and Administrative Personnel Present

Council Members:

Jason Hartmann
Donna Heimke
Marla Keethler
Ashley Post
Amy Whiteman

Staff Present:

Dave Poucher, Mayor
Bill Hunsaker, Building Official/Fire Chief
Kevin English, Public Works Operations Mgr.
Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer
Ken Woodrich, City Attorney

1. Call to Order

Mayor Poucher called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. There were approximately 40 people present.

2. Roll Call

All council members were present.

3. Comments – Public and Council

Lloyd DeKay, White Salmon Valley Pool Metropolitan Park District said the park district continues to pursue identifying a location at the school property near the high school/junior high-intermediate schools. He said there is nothing certain but the park district will be meeting with the county planning department to review what requirements the county might have for locating a pool in that area.

4. Changes to the Agenda.

There were no changes to the agenda.

5. Stevenson Intermediate School Presentation – Petition to Ban Plastic Bags

Students from the Wallace and Priscilla Stevenson Intermediate School made a presentation to the city council supporting a petition to ban single-use plastic bags. The students submitted a petition with 248 signatures from adults and students.

The council thanked the students for their presentation.

6. Personal Services Contract – BergerABAM – On Call Land Use Planning Services

Jan Brending said staff is presenting a proposed personal services contract with BergerABAM for on call land use planning services. She said at a later date a separate contract for services related to the comprehensive plan update using BergerABAM as a consultant will be presented. Brending said staff and the planning commission are working on the scope of work and costs associated with that work. She said the contract for on call land use planning services is based on hourly rates.

Moved by Amy Whiteman. Seconded by Donna Heimke.

Motion to authorize may to sign personal services contract with BergerABAM providing for on-call land use planning services for 2019-2020 per Scope of Work and Fee Schedule. CARRIED.

7. City of White Salmon Pool – Review of Pool Maintenance Items

Kevin English, Public Works Operations Manager, said he met with representatives from the Klickitat County Health Department and the State Health Department for inspection of the pool. He said as a result of that inspection, Klickitat County Health Department send a letter identifying the repairs and maintenance that are needed to open the pool. English reviewed the requirements outlined by the report. He said the repairs and maintenance will cost more than an additional \$50,000 above what has already been allocated for repairs.

Jan Brending said that she has identified a proposal that might offset the impact of closing the pool, if that is what the city council decides to do. She said she contacted the Hood River Aquatic Center and asked if the city could purchase pool passes that provide for 10 passes on the card and then offer them to White Salmon citizens for free or at a discounted rate. Brending said the Hood River Pool is open to working with the city. She said swimming lessons are always offered on a first-come first-serve basis. She said the city would want to make sure residents know they need to sign up for swim lessons at other local swimming pools – Hood River, Stevenson, The Dalles, etc. as soon as possible.

The council, legal counsel and staff discussed the idea of provided passes to the Hood River pool for free or providing the passes at a discount.

Lloyd DeKay, White Salmon Valley Pool Metropolitan Park District said it is possible that the park district could do something similar for those residents within the park district but outside the city limits of White Salmon. He said the board could discuss that at an upcoming meeting.

Ken Woodrich said he feels the council will need to adopt a resolution related to providing the pool passes for City of White Salmon residents.

The city council also discussed holding other community events in the summer to help connect residents and offset the impacts of a possible pool closure including possibly holding a “Movies in the Park” event. Stephanie Porter said her family owns a high voltage projector that can be used during daylight hours that she would be willing to loan to the city.

The city council agreed to place the idea of providing pool passes on the next council agenda.

Bill Hunsaker, Fire Chief/Building Official reminded the city council that they have taken no action on whether to open the pool or not.

Moved by Donna Heimke. Seconded by Ashley Post.

Motion to not open the pool due to the financial costs associated with required repairs and maintenance. CARRIED 4 to 1 with the following vote: Hartmann – Nay, Heimke – Aye, Keethler – Aye, Post – Aye, Whiteman – Aye.

8. Proclamation 2019-003, Declaring May 2019 as Mental Health Month

Dave Poucher said he was contacted by the state requesting that he consider issuing a proclamation declaring May 2019 as mental health month to help raise awareness about mental health particularly in small towns. He said he is aware of a number of mental health issues in White Salmon.

Amy Whiteman said that she attended a behavioral health conference last year and has worked with youth in the community that have dealt with mental health. She said there are limited resources in the community and hopes that long-term solutions can be identified.

Amy Whiteman identified a number of changes she would like to see made to the proposed proclamation:

Marla Keethler said the Community Development Committee can discuss ways to highlight the proclamation.

Change the title to: “A Proclamation by the City of White Salmon, Washington Declaring May 2019 as Mental Health Awareness Month in the City of White Salmon”

Change the 4th “Whereas” to read: “WHEREAS, there is strong research that animal companionship, religion, spirituality, recreation, social connections, nutrition, acceptance, housing and work-life balance can help all American protect their health and well-being; and”

Add the following “Whereas” clause between the 5th and 6^h “Whereas” clauses: “WHEREAS, access to mental health treatment is limited in rural areas and lower-income communities; and”

Change the 6th “Whereas” to read: “WHEREAS, with effective treatment, those individuals with mental health and other chronic health conditions ~~can recover and~~ lead full, productive lives; and”

Change the 7th “WHEREAS” to read: “WHEREAS, each business, school, government agency, healthcare provider, organization and citizen shares the burden of mental health ~~problems~~ conditions and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts.”

Change the last paragraph to read: “NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor David Poucher, and the City Council of the City of White Salmon, do hereby proclaim May 2019 as Mental Health Awareness Month if the City of White Salmon.”

Moved Amy Whiteman, Seconded by Jason Hartmann.

Motion to accept proposed amendments to proposed Proclamation 2019-003 as presented. CARRIED.

Moved by Amy Whiteman. Seconded by Marla Keethler.
Motion to approve Proclamation 2019-003, Declaring May 2019 as Mental Health Awareness Month as amended. CARRIED.

9. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes – April 3, 2019
- b. Approval of Vouchers

Vouchers audited and certified as required by RCW 42.24.080 and expense reimbursement claims as required by RCW 42.24.090 as of this 17th day of April, 2019.

Type	Date	From	To	Amount
Claims	4/17/2019	34898	34934	42,614.83
		EFT	EFT	8,411.52
			Claims Total	51,026.35
Payroll	4/9/2019	EFT	EFT	9,863.12
	4/19/2019	EFT	Eft	63,028.52
			Payroll Total	72,891.64
Manual Claims				
			Manual Total	0.00
			Total All Vouchers	123,917.99

Moved by Jason Hartmann Seconded by Donna Heimke.
Motion to approve consent agenda. CARRIED.

10. Department Head and Committee Reports

Bill Hunsaker, Fire Chief/Building Official said the training that was conducted related to extraction from vehicles was a great class. He said the newspaper published an article about the training.

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer, said she will not be in attendance the next council meeting as she will be attending a conference on labor relations. She said Stephanie Porter, Deputy Clerk will be in stepping in for her at that meeting.

David Poucher, Mayor said Police Chief Mike Hepner is not in attendance as he is working with the State Wildlife department to track a cougar that has been sited in the city limits. He said it is their hope to relocate the cougar.

Kevin English, Public Works Operations Manager said the city received a letter from the State Department of Ecology said that because the city has been below the reporting level for cryptosporidium the city is now qualified for a reduced monitoring schedule. English recognized the work that Community Partners did on the landscape beds along Jewett Blvd.

Marla Keethler, Council Member said the Community Development Committee will be meeting on April 18. She said there was a good turnout for the TreeFest celebration last weekend. Keethler said the city used the event to celebrate Arbor Day and provided free mulch to citizens. She said Karen Black Jenkins mulched the trees that were planted last year with the assistance of some youth.

Jason Hartmann, Council Member said he attended his first meeting of the Klickitat County Solid Waste Advisory Committee. He said the committee talked about the upcoming Community Pride event. Hartmann said volunteers are still needed for Community Pride. He said he feels like is a good committee. Hartmann said he did take the opportunity to ask questions of David Cavanaugh, Klickitat County Health Department, regarding the letter related to the pool.

Ashley Post, Council Member said the Tree Board discussed the conifer tree that is located on city property, i.e. the property that is proposed to be used for a new pool, across from Whitson Elementary. She said staff has recommended the tree be removed because it poses a safety risk.

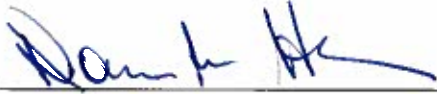
David Poucher said the tree shed s limbs.

Kevin English said trees did fall this winter as result of a north wind. He said an arborist was hired to look at the tree and the arborist has determined that the tree is fine.

Ashley Post said the Tree Board will be recommending city tree maintenance in the parks and along Jewett Blvd. based on the management plans developed for the city. She said not including the tree located on city property across from Whitson Elementary was probably an oversight. Post aid the tree probably could use some maintenance. She said she would like the Tree Board to be notified about any large trees that may need to be removed. Post said the tree on the property across from Whitson Elementary qualifies as a heritage tree per the city's critical area ordinance and therefore has some special requirements.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.



Donna Heimke, Mayor Pro Tempe



Jan Brending, Clerk-Treasurer