



CITY OF WHITE SALMON
City Council Regular Meeting – Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Council and Administrative Personnel Present

Council Members:

Jason Hartmann
Donna Heimke
Marla Keethler
Ashley Post
Amy Whiteman

Staff Present:

Pat Munyan, City Administrator
Bill Hunsaker, Fire Chief/Building Official
Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer
Ken Woodrich, City Attorney (By Phone)
Mike Hepner, Police Chief

1. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tempe Donna Heimke called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. There were approximately 13 people present.

2. Roll Call

All council members were present.

3. Comments – Public and Council

Caitlin Cray, Bingen said she lives in Bingen and is a teacher in the White Salmon Valley School District. Cray thanked the city council for taking on the responsibility of governing the city. She provided statistical information from the 2018 Washington State Healthy Youth Survey and other sources to help Council members better understand circumstances for the LGBTQ+ people in the community. Cray said that believes White Salmon holds a wide range of values and beliefs about being LGBTQ but hopes that everyone is in agreement about the value of providing a safe place to live, learn, shop and work, free from discrimination and harassment.

Gabrielle Gilbert, White Salmon said the LGBTQ need the support of community leaders. She noted that the city council made the front page of The Enterprise June 12 edition regarding the council's decision on Pride Month which is the anniversary of the Pulse nightclub massacre. Gilbert said the city council needs to address its implicit bias. She said positive stance will help alleviate problems but instead the city council has added to the problem.

Jim Ransier, White Salmon said he has recently moved to White Salmon and found the people are very accepting and open. He said the quotes in the newspaper are concerning. Ransier suggested reconsidering recognizing Pride Month new year. He said it may be a tiny thing but it makes a difference.

Kevin Herman, White Salmon said he does not know much about zoning laws but tries to stay in touch with things that are being used. He said that he feels annexations are being used to push thing through to make money. Herman said that even if the property is zoned R1 it will not fix

the demand. He suggested the city council should cater to the people who live in White Salmon now.

Ruth Olin, White Salmon suggested the city council consider leaving those individuals who are opposed to the annexation out of the annexation.

4. Changes to the Agenda

Jan Brending noted that staff is requesting an agenda item be added to the agenda at the bottom of the business items. She said it addresses Skagit Street Improvements.

Marla Keethler asked that two additional agenda items be added to the agenda 1) discussion of conditional use processes added after agenda item #5 and 2) crosswalks to the end of business items after Skagit Street Improvements.

There was a consensus of the city council to add the agenda items.

5. Presentation – Columbia Gorge Pride Alliance

Megan Winn provided information to the city council regarding Columbia Gorge Pride Alliance and its activities.

Marla Keethler thanked Megan Winn for coming and thanked others for speaking about the LGBTQ community. She said the comments drive home how the decision that was made by the city council was felt. Keethler said it is a reminder of the community the council services.

Ashley Post asked if there are other resources and programs besides the annual events.

Megan Winn said the Alliance works as volunteers using donations. She said the Alliance wants to develop support groups for families. Winn said the Alliance has the ability to work with schools and the libraries have asked for information and trainings. She said the Alliance answers a lot of questions from Facebook posts. Winn said much of the focus has been on young people. She said young people want to be seen and heard and have a place of community.

Amy Martin asked what can individuals do to communicate that White Salmon is inclusive.

Megan Winn said citizens can attend events, wear rainbow flags, share things on Facebook, etc. She said equity and inclusivity is not about one specific group.

6. Ordinance 2019-06-1043, Amending Ordinance 2019-05-1042 Annexing Certain Real Property (WS-ANX-2019-001)

Jan Brending provided an overview of the ordinance. She said there were several errors in the legal description of the original ordinance including two parcel numbers that were left out and one parcel that was included that the city found out was previously annexed into the city. Brending said because of the errors in the legal description a new ordinance correcting the

errors is necessary. Brending noted that all property owners within the annexation area were notified about the errors and provided a copy of the new ordinance and map.

Donna Heimke opened the public hearing regarding Ordinance 2019-06-1043.

Susan Svenson, White Salmon said she lives on Spring Street. She suggested the city council think outside of the box and take no action. Svenson said she likes what the comprehensive plan is doing and sees that a lot of work is going into it now. She said that she does not want to see a wider Spring Street. Svenson said the city should be providing safer plowing in the winter, using easements for paths and developing community bike paths.

Dorothy Herman, White Salmon thanked Susan Svenson for bringing up the comprehensive plan. Herman read an excerpt from the comprehensive plan. She noted that previously 11 people spoke against the annexation and 8 people spoke for it – 3 of which were real estate agents.

Donna Heimke closed the public hearing.

Ken Woodrich reviewed the need for the ordinance. He said it is not the time to revisit the issue of the annexation but the opportunity to correct the legal descriptions and associated map.

Marla Keethler said it is frustrating to the public when they think they can comment on the annexation itself again particularly when the issues are fully charged.

The council discussed the information included in the original staff report related to the annexation and future land use planning.

Pat Munyan pointed out that with the RPUD overlay, properties that are zoned Large Lot Residential could have a higher density.

Bill Hunsaker noted that county zoning allows 6,000 square foot lots if city water and sewer are available.

Ashley Post asked if the city could table the discussion.

Ken Woodrich noted that the legal description needs to be corrected along with the map. He noted the parcel numbers that were left out of the legal description wording were included in the original map that was part of the original ordinance.

Moved by Jason Hartmann. Seconded by Amy Martin.

Motion to approve upon first reading, Ordinance 2019-06-1043, Amending Ordinance 2019-05-1042 Annexing Certain Real Property into the City of White Salmon. CARRIED.

7. Ordinance 2019-06-1044, Adopting WSMC 2.21 Hearing Examiner

Pat Munyan provided an overview of the proposed new code and reviewing the need for using a hearing examiner.

Ken Woodrich provided additional review of the use of a hearing examiner. He noted the council authorizes the use of the hearing examiner. Woodrich said he feels it is a tool that White Salmon is missing that can be helpful in preventing the city to litigation exposure. He said the city currently has an instance where a hearing examiner can be used and was actually requested by the appellant. Woodrich noted that some cities use hearing examiners exclusively such as Washougal.

Moved by Amy Martin. Seconded by Jason Hartmann.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2019-06-1044, Adopting WSMC 2.21 Hearing Examiner. CARRIED.

8. Professional Services Contract, Hearing Examiner – Joe Turner

Pat Munyan and Ken Woodrich said that Joe Turner is a highly recommended individual that currently does hearing examiner work. They both recommended approval of a professional services contract through December 31, 2020 at \$215 per hour.

Moved by Ashley Post. Seconded by Marla Keethler.

Motion to authorize the mayor to sign a contract with Joe Turner, P.C. to provide hearing examiner services through December 31, 2010 at \$215 per hour. CARRIED.

9. Interlocal Agreement for Law Enforcement Services – Klickitat County

Mike Hepner said that due to staff resignations he is need of additional law enforcement support in July and possibly into August.

Jan Brending noted the city council has a revised agreement with changes provided by Ken Woodrich.

The council and staff discussed how the supplemental law enforcement services would be provided. Mike Hepner noted he does not have a choice of which deputy will work the scheduled shift. He said the deputies will use county vehicles and wear county uniforms. Hepner said he will be in communication with Sheriff Songer about any differences procedurally between the two departments and about any issues that come up during the time period which supplemental services are provided.

Marla Keethler noted that Sheriff Songer has gone on record of stating that he will not enforce 1639 which goes into effect on July 1st. She said she has serious concerns with the leadership of the sheriff's department. Keethler said the community may not feel good about seeing sheriff vehicles in White Salmon.

Pat Munyan noted that there are already sheriff vehicles in White Salmon and that the county has the legal right to patrol in White Salmon.

Mike Hepner said he is still the chief of White Salmon. He said that he reads all of the calls and if there is something being done that he doesn't agree with it will be corrected. Hepner said that he has earned the trust of both White Salmon and Bingen and will not give that up.

Jason Hartmann said that he trusts Mike Hepner.

The council and staff discussed current police department staffing and the rate of pay. Mike Hepner said the city's pay schedule is competitive.

The council and staff discussed the hold harmless and indemnification clause. Ken Woodrich said he feels the city is protected with the clause.

Woodrich noted that he has written a legal opinion regarding 1639 for the City of Washougal that he can make available to the city council.

Moved by Amy Martin. Seconded by Ashley Post.

Motion to authorize signing an interlocal agreement with Klickitat County provide supplement law enforcement services coverage for the month of July 2019 at the overtime rate of specific deputy providing the coverage. CARRIED.

10. Conditional Use Processes

Marla Keethler said she is concerned about the process that took place on a recent conditional use permit. She there were elements to its that led to confusion and some frustration. Keethler said she is coming from place of trying to work with people and staff.

The city council and staff discussed the process used to approve a conditional use permit and the appeal process associated with that approval. Staff noted they are working on some ordinance amendments that will help address some of the confusion.

Marla Keethler asked if the decision could be remanded back to staff.

Ken Woodrich noted that a remand of a decision occurs through the appeal process. He noted the city council has control of legislation and adopts policies which staff then impalements. He said the mayor is the one who governs staff's performance. Woodrich suggested that discussing how processes work could be an issue that could be addressed at the retreat.

The city council took a five-minute break at 8:10 p.m. and resumed the council meeting at 8:15 p.m.

11. Authorizing Loan Application to Public Works Trust Fund Board

Pat Munyan said the city has the opportunity to apply for a Public Works Trust Fund loan to provide funding for the design work associated with replacing the 14-inch water line from Buck

Creek to the city. He said that completing the design and engineering work will put the city in a better place to apply for funding for the construction portion of the project. Munyan said replacing the 14-inch water line is critical as it is the only line that brings water into White Salmon and ultimately to the City of Bingen and the Port of Klickitat. He said the city's estimated design and engineering will cost approximately \$750,000.

Ashely Post asked if the city has the funding for the work without the loan.

Jan Brending said not.

Moved by Jason Hartmann. Seconded by Amy Martin.

Motion to authorize applying to the Public Works Trust Fund Board for a loan for design and engineering of the 14-inch water main from Buck Creek to the city in the amount of \$750,000. CARRIED.

12. Leak Adjustment Requests

Jan Brending said that she has three requests related to leak adjustment requests. She said she previously approved a request for Monica Rudestam in the amount of \$2,101.88 that should have been approved by the city council. She said the two additional leak adjustments related to ongoing leakage associated with an adjustment that was already approved. Brending said because the city's ordinance does not address this issue they need to be approved by the city council. She noted the city has changed its procedures related to reading meters associated with leak to insure that the full amount of water associated with the leak is obtained.

Moved by Jason Hartmann. Seconded by Ashley Post.

Motion to 1) retroactively approve Request for One-Time Reduction in Bill Due to Leakage submitted by Monica Rudestam, 3 Biz Place and approved by the Clerk Treasurer on April 16, 2019 in the amount of \$2,101.88; 2) approve additional Request for One-Time Reduction in Bill Due to Leakage submitted by Monica Rudestam, 3 Biz Place in the amount of \$1,380; and 3) approve additional Request for One-Time Reduction in Bill Due to Leakage submitted by Andrew Mack, 1000 NW Holli Lane in the amount of \$555.00. CARRIED.

13. Skagit Street Improvements

Pat Munyan said the city has the opportunity to do some improvements to Skagit Street that would make the street usable. He said a contractor would pre-level the road at a cost of approximately \$38,000 and the county would then chip seal over. Munyan said the city will be responsible for all the costs and is asking for authorization to spend up to \$50,000.

The council discussed the Skagit Street improvements and the chip seal project in the area including Snohomish Street.

Moved by Jason Hartmann. Seconded by Amy Martin.

Motion to authorize the expenditure of up to \$50,000 for improvements to Skagit Street. CARRIED.

14. Crosswalks

Marla Keethler asked what is the plan for the Jewett Street crosswalks.

The city council and staff discussed the crosswalks noting that the crosswalks bands have been installed by public works staff. Pat Munyan noted that the fish have not been painted as public works relies on volunteers and a template that needs to be repaired. Staff noted there has been some preliminary discussion of painting the fish only on the crosswalks on the side streets and not on Highway 141. Staff said that decision will be made by the council at a future council meeting.

15. Resolution 2019-06-488, Authorizing Free Pool Passes for City of White Salmon Residents

Ken Woodrich asked that Resolution 2019-06-488 be pulled from the consent agenda so the council can take specific action on the item.

Jan Brending said the resolution puts into place the free pool passes to Hood River pool program and authorizes the expenditure of up to \$20,000 for the program.

Moved by Jason Hartmann. Seconded by Amy Martin.

Motion to approve Resolution 2019-06-488 Authorizing Free Passes to the Hood River Pool for White Salmon Residents and authorizing the expenditure of up to \$20,000 for the program. CARRIED.

16. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes – June 5, 2019 (with corrections)
- 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 19th day of June, 2019.

Type	Date	From	To	Amount
Claims	6/19/2019	35075	35108	45,464.04
		EFT	EFT	8,092.83
			Claims Total	53,556.87
Payroll	6/20/2019	EFT	EFT	57,400.00
			Payroll Total	57,400.00
Manual Claims	6/4/2019	EFT	EFT	1,417.14
	6/5/2019	EFT	EFT	482.52
	6/7/2019	35076	35076	504.00
	6/12/2019	35077	35077	1,500.00
			Manual Total	3,903.66
			Total All Vouchers	114,860.53

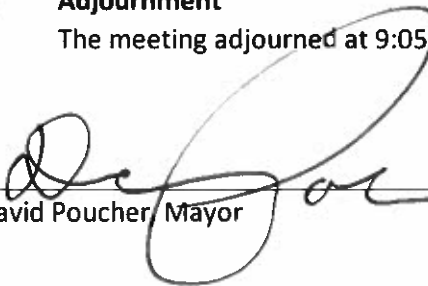
**Moved by Amy Martin. Seconded by Marla Keethler.
Motion to approve consent agenda. CARRIED.**


17. Department Head and Committee Reports

Marla Keethler, Council Member noted that the main article in AWC’s CityVision is about White Salmon and Bingen working together. She said that she met with a group that is looking at the PacificCorp property and what can be done with it.

18. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.


David Poucher, Mayor


Jan Brending, Clerk-Treasurer