



CITY OF WHITE SALMON
City Council Regular Meeting – Wednesday, July 3, 2019

Council and Administrative Personnel Present

Council Members:

Jason Hartmann
Donna Heimke
Ashley Post
Amy Whiteman

Staff Present:

Pat Munyan, City Administrator
Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer
Ken Woodrich, City Attorney
David Poucher, Mayor

1. Call to Order

Mayor David Poucher called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. There were approximately 13 people present.

2. Roll Call

Moved by Amy Martin. Seconded by Donna Heimke.
Motion to excuse Marla Keethler. CARRIED.

3. Comments – Public and Council

Temra Lital, Comprehensive Mental Health said she works for Comprehensive Mental Health and lives in Hood River. She said that she wants to express concerns about the comments made by city council members stating that declaring June as Pride Month would be divisive. Lital said what is divisive is hate. She provided statistics to the city council regarding suicide rates in the LGBTQ community. Lital said she is disappointed in the city council and hopes they will reconsider their decision. She suggested declaring something related to Pride in July or August.

Greg Clost, Lyle said he is a general contractor. He said the council's decision to vote no on declaring June Pride Month was a terrible mistake. Clost asked the council if they know who is the LGBTQ+ community. He said he will always go where the Pride flag is flown from. Clost said that when the city excludes the LGBTQ+ community they are excluding his friends and family.

Pam Morneault, 508 Center Place, White Salmon said she was shocked by the city council's decision regarding declaring June as Pride Month. She said it should have been such an easy thing to do. Morneault said she feels the council's decision said that we don't want everyone in our community. She said the council should support every section of the community. Morneault asked the council if they were elected to make decisions only on comfortable issues or were they elected to do what is right.

Naomi Mayo, 1264 Heidi Lane, White Salmon provided suicide statistics to the city council. She said that "Pride" gives a message to the LGBTQ community that suicide may not be necessary. Mayo said she feels that the action taken by the city council condones hate. She said she thinks the council does not like to take action after a clear mistake has been made.

Nina vonFeldmann, 37 Nestor Peak Road asked the council to look into their hearts and humanity and understand the relevance of the time we are living in. She said she would love to be proud of the White Salmon community and asked the council to reconsider its decision.

Steven Johnson, 1010 Schoolview Place, White Salmon said he was blown away by the city council's decision regarding Pride Month. He said he does not think it reflects the character, soul and substance of the White Salmon community and feels the decision was fundamentally wrong. Johnson said he does not understand why a parade with rainbow flags can't happen. He said that he has raised \$150 and bought rainbow flags to be displayed on business fronts. Johnson asked the city council to reconsider their decision.

Gabrielle Gilbert, White Salmon said that she watched Feast put a rainbow flag on their awning. She said she has friends and family that are part of the LGBTQ community. Gilbert said she does not accept that the issue is not part of government and that the government should be looking at social issues. She said it is the responsibility of government to uphold the constitution for everyone. Gilbert asked the council to reconsider their decision.

Michelle Mayfield, 222 El Camino Real, White Salmon said she was saddened by the message the city council sent that her nephew and his husband would not find White Salmon welcoming. She said she feels it is important to recognize the LGBTQ community as they are a minority and often maligned.

Archer Mayo, 1264 Heidi Lane, White Salmon said that he stands with his queer siblings. Mayo said that the idea that the city codes can be tightened up is a red herring. He said oversight is needed regarding those who interpret the codes. Mayo said the planning commission should be interpreting the city codes and preserving the peoples' interests. He said he feels the Planning Administrator's discretion was abused and that when there is any doubt regarding a decision it should go to the planning commission. Mayo asked if the city council knew there was a petition of business owners related to the proposed conditional use permit that was approved by the Planning Administrator. He asked the city council to work for the citizens and that oversight and leadership is needed over the staff.

Heather Kowalewski, 820 Grandview, White Salmon said she is concerned that the city council did not recognize June as Pride Month. She said that everyone wants to feel safe and that they belong in the community. Kowalewski said she came out about a year ago and will now wonder if she is safe in the community. She said that Pride Month is only divisive if the council names it as such. Kowalewski asked the council to reconsider their decision and consider having inclusivity training.

Sean Amico, 1030 Schoolview Place, White Salmon said that she has a granddaughter who is 14-years old that does not live with her. Amico said her granddaughter is supported in her community but she does not know if her granddaughter would be supported in White Salmon.

Jenna Andersen, 20 Bristol Road, White Salmon said she is a teacher at the preschool. She said she has concerns about the council decision on Pride Month. Andersen said she hopes the council will reconsider and determine if it wants a community that includes everyone.

Liz Overhouse, 120 Hood Street, White Salmon said that she works with youth and teaches them how to participate in civic engagement. She said that the intention to be neutral usually ends up supporting the oppressor.

River Buttrice, 20 Britol Road said he wants people to love each other and wants to be part of a loving world.

Chelsa Hefner, 107 SW Oak, White Salmon said she has heard impassioned speeches. She asked the council who loses if the proclamation was passed. Hefner said the council has heard from those who are affected everyday.

Amy Martin, Council Member thanked the audience for attending and speaking. She said she voted for the proclamation declaring June as Pride Month. Martin read from the city's mission statement and core values. She said the city's police chief was in support of the proclamation. Martin noted that a full city council was not present when the proclamation was voted on. She said she hopes that individual personal views can be put aside and reconsider the decision. Martin said the decision should have been easy and that it means something to a lot of people. She said the city council works for the people.

Ashley Post said she appreciates everyone who came to speak to the city council. She said she feels there are some misconceptions about what happened at the council meeting when the decision was made. Post read from a statement. She said she would like to continue the dialogue about this issue. Post thanked everyone again for their input and for participating in civic engagement.

4. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

5. Ordinance 2019-07-1045, Amending WSMC 10.24.120 – Parking Prohibited

Jan Brending said the proposed ordinance prohibits parking at the northwest corner of Garfield and Jewett (Highway 14) running 200 feet from the intersection west. She said a number of vehicles park in the area and provide a safety issue related to line of site.

Moved by Amy Martin. Seconded by Jason Hartmann.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2019-07-1045, Amending WSMC 10.24.120 – Parking Prohibited upon first reading. CARRIED.

- 6. 2019 Budget Amendment, Ordinance 2019-07-1046, Amending the 2019 Budget**
 Jan Brending presented the proposed budget amendments to the 2019 budget. She noted the amendment addresses several minor revenue updates and a number of expenditure updates based on approvals the city council has given for projects.

Moved by Jason Hartmann. Seconded by Amy Martin.
Motion to approve Ordinance 2019-07-1046, Amending the 2019 Budget. CARRIED.

- 7. Consent Agenda**
 a. Approval of Minutes – June 19, 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 3rd day of July, 2019.

Type	Date	From	To	Amount
Claims	7/3/2019	35121	35166	146,342.37
			Claims Total	146,342.37
Payroll	7/5/2019			1,273.51
		EFT	EFT	93,023.28
			Payroll Total	94,296.79
Manual Claims	6/20/2019	35109	35110	61,744.00
	6/26/2019	35111	35113	4,592.82
			Manual Total	66,336.82
			Total All Vouchers	306,975.98

Moved by Donna Heimke. Seconded by Amy Martin.
Motion to approve consent agenda. CARRIED.

- 8. Department Head and Committee Reports**
Pat Munyan, City Administrator said the street chip seal project will be starting soon. He said the city hall project has gone out to bid. Munyan reported that Kevin English has resigned effective August 30. He said the city has already published a job announcement for the position.

David Poucher, Mayor said that at the retreat the council talked about directing the mayor to write a letter regarding narrowing the travel lanes on SR 141 west of White Salmon in order to widen the shoulder for the Loop Trail.

Moved by Jason Hartmann.

Motion to direct the mayor to write a letter to the State of Washington asking that the travel lanes on SR 141 west of White Salmon be narrowed in order to widen the shoulder for the Loop Trail and also requesting the speed limit be dropped to 25 miles per hour.

Ashley Post said that Bill Hunsaker raised some good points at the retreat regarding truck travel on Highway 14. She suggested that additional information might be needed and suggested the City Operations Committee discuss the issue and bring it back to the council.

The motion died due to a lack of a second.

David Poucher said that Diane Lynn with Proud Ground will make a presentation to the council at a special council meeting on July 29 at 3:00 p.m. regarding land trusts.

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer said the comprehensive plan update process is underway. She said the city council will be kept up-to-date with emails and additional information about the process. Brending said it is up to city council members and planning commissioners to make the community meeting engagement process work.

Donna Heimke, Council Member noted that at the retreat the council talked about the need to update and clarify the city's ordinances and procedures specifically to make things clearer.

Amy Martin, Council Member noted that the Community Development Committee meetings will move to the second Monday of each month.


Jason Hartmann, Council Member said the City Operations Committee met and discussed comments from WSDOT regarding crosswalks. Hartmann also reported that discussions are going on with Fire District #3 about the idea of having a combined fire station that could also include space for the EMS District.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.



David Poucher, Mayor



Jan Brending, Clerk-Treasurer