

Mayor Vini Samuel presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Samuel at 7:00 p.m.

FLAG CEREMONY – Pledge of Allegiance

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilman Wood, Councilwoman Cristobal, Councilman Cope, and Councilman Skaramuca.

Motion to excuse Councilman Trimble and Councilman Bryson was made by Councilman Cope and seconded by Councilwoman Cristobal. Motion Carried/4-0 Vote

STAFF PRESENT: Public Works Director Mike Olden, Police Chief Brett Vance, Fire Chief Corey Rux, Forester Loren Hiner, Deputy City Clerk Debbie Wisdom and City Attorney Chris Coker.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Councilman Wood presented bills totaling \$89,141.48 for Checks 53659-53692. Motion to approve the bills as audited was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Cope. Motion Carried/4 -0 Vote

PAYROLL - \$224,941.09 for Checks 40832-40863

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the February 26, 2019 minutes as written was made by Councilman Skarmuca and seconded by Councilman Wood. Motion Carried/4-0

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

PRESENTATION:

Department Annual Report – Fire Chief Corey Rux

1,511 calls in 2018 which is well over previous highs. 30% call volume increase since 2015. Volunteer Firefighters are steadily being recruited; currently 35 volunteers. The high school Fire Cadet Program is going well. The primary focus for 2019 is on training and meeting the demands of increased call volumes. Biggest accomplishments in the last two years is successful procurement of equipment, gear, fire truck and ambulances. The success of these procurements filled promises made to the public and an open house to display them is being planned. Discussion ensued. Councilman Cope commented on impressive 4.7 minute EMS call response time.

OLD BUSINESS:

American Tower Proposal – Action

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the American Tower Communications Easement Purchase was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Cope. Discussion ensued. Motion Passed/4-0

Fleet Park Sequoia Update – Informational

Discussion held. Testing found trees to be healthy and within safety range. They will be tested every five years. Dead wood needs cleaned from crown of trees.

NEW BUSINESS:

WWTP Building Bid Award – Action

\$68,000 low bid from D & J Construction of Hoquiam. Discussion held. Motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Skaramuca to authorize the Mayor to sign the construction contract with D & J Construction for a Wastewater Treatment Plant Shop Building. Motion Carried/4-0 Vote

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

Sole Source Acquisition of a Used Dump Truck – Potential Action

Found 2007 International Dump Truck; \$50,500. Discussion held. Motion to approve Resolution 950 authorizing sole source acquisition of used dump truck and making findings in relation thereto was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Skaramuca. Motion Carried/4-0 Vote

Hensley Partial Right of Way Vacation – Informational

Small piece of this property was recently vacated. Hensley is working on a lot line adjustment to split the property in two pieces. During this process it was discovered encroachment into city right of way. City is proposing vacating a 10' portion of the right of way. Public hearing is set to be held at the March 26, 2019 Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilwoman Cristobal– Thanked Chief Rux for the nice report and all the statistics. She also thanked the Fire Department for their efforts and hard work to keep our city safe.

Councilman Skaramuca – Thanked Corey for his hard work.

Skaramuca said he recently visited San Diego and visited Balboa Park. The Museum of Flight has a whole section dedicated to Reuben H. Fleet and a timeline of his life noted he was born in Montesano, Washington in 1886. He was very successful in the world of aviation and was very instrumental in starting the Museum of Flight in San Diego in 1961. His name is seen all over San Diego; there is a Reubin H. Fleet Science Center. All this from his humble roots in Montesano.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor announced two events coming up on March 15th. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for dedication of new playground equipment at Friends Landing is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. and the Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at the Moose Lodge. She encourages attendance.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Cope and seconded by Councilman Skaramuca Motion Carried/4-0 Vote - Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Debbie Wisdom, Deputy City Clerk
Recording Available.