

Mayor Vini Samuel, Presiding
Meeting was called to order by Mayor at 7 pm

FLAG CEREMONY – Pledge of Allegiance

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

STAFF PRESENT: City Clerk/CFO Doug Streeter, Forester Loren Hiner, Public Works Director Mike Olden, Police Chief Brett Vance, Fire Chief Corey Rux, Senior Deputy Clerk Kim Morey and City Attorney Chris Coker.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Councilman Trimble presented bills totaling \$86,943.79 for Checks 53766-53791. Motion was made by Councilman Trimble approve the bills and seconded by Councilman Cope. *Motion carried 7 -0 vote.*

Payroll total amount \$149,244.25 checks 40902-40904.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Councilman Trimble to approve minutes as written and seconded by Councilman Bryson. Corrections made. *Motion carried as corrected 7-0.*

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comments

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Flood Authority -Councilman Woods reported that he attended the Flood Authority meeting, discussion were the relationship between Flood Authority and Office of Chehalis Basin in terms of advising on small projects. Office of Chehalis Basin are content with the Flood Authority advising on small projects and will remain as is.

Council of Government – Mayor Samuel reported she did not attend and let the Council know Theresa Julius will be leaving COG for another job.

PRESENTATION:

Certified Creative Arts District – Planning Commission chair Ken Albert, along with Annette Roth of ArtsWA gave a presentation on the Certified Creative Arts District program. Discussion ensued, no action was taken.

This will be set on the May 14th agenda for action.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Agreement with West Consultants for camera to monitor river at WWTP

Motion was made by Councilman Wood to authorize Mayor Samuel to sign agreement with West Consultants and seconded by Councilman Bryson. *Motion carried 7-0 vote.*

Shorline Master Program public comment response: Motion was made by Wood to authorize Community Development Director Olden to submit the City's responses to ecology and seconded by Councilman Bryson. *Motion carried 7-0 vote.*

Third Street Water Improvements Phase 1: Authorize Mayor to sign a contract with Rogniln's. Motion was made by Bryson to authorize mayor to sign a contract with Rognlin's in the amount of \$422,344.00 and seconded by Skaramuca. *Motion carried 7-0 vote.*

ORDIANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 951 declaring chairs and tables to be surplus. Motion was made by Wood and seconded by Councilman Skaramuca. *Motion carried 7-0 vote.*

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Wood – Would like to paint the chairs in the Council room, interested in the certified creative district to bring more events, visitors, money in the community and attract people that work remotely with high paying jobs into our local economy.

Councilwoman Valentine – Expressed her condolence to the family of former Aberdeen Police Chief Torgerson's passing, echo's Councilman Woods support for the creative district, potential to bring in revenue to the city, a vision for our community and a benefit for everyone.

Councilwoman Cristobal –

Supports idea of the creative district bringing in more businesses into our area, but would like to first improve downtown look, feel some of the businesses that are already here are in disrepair and if there is anything that the City could do to help them, would like to see our focus there.

Councilman Trimble- No comment

Councilman Cope – Credit the Planning Commission for some out of the box thinking, any and all alternative to bring in more businesses to Montesano.

Councilman Bryson- Thanks department heads for thinking of ways to save the City some money with improving our city's needs, thanked the planning commission for getting the creative arts district this far and thinks it is something to look into. Bringing more people into the area and improving a quality of life for the ones that already live here.

Councilman Skaramuca- Supports creative arts district; part of his vision for the city.

MAYORS COMMENTS:

- Reminder Librarian Val Jester is retiring there will be an open house this Saturday at 1:00 pm.
- Pinwheels around town are from Connections for awareness of child abuse and a pinwheel is a symbol of childhood.

- Expressed; last week was a very difficult week for our city, sorrow that we feel in the harm of anybody was balanced by the good work and compassion by our Law enforcement community, our Fire Department, confident in what they did and how they handled the situation

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilwoman Wood and seconded by Councilwoman Cristobal. *Motion carried 7-0 vote.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.
Kim Morey, Senior Deputy Clerk
Recording Available.

APPROVED