

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 Trimble, Councilman Cope, Councilman Bryson and Councilman Skaramuca.

STAFF PRESENT: Public Works Director Mike Olden, Police Chief Brett Vance, Fire Chief Corey Rux, CFO/City Clerk Doug Streeter, Deputy City Clerk Debbie Wisdom and City Attorney Chris Coker.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Councilman Trimble presented bills totaling \$136,282.02 for Checks 53719-53765. Motion to approve the bills as audited was made by Councilman Trimble and seconded by Councilman Cope. Motion Carried/6 -0 Vote

PAYROLL - \$195,027.70 for Checks 40868-40901

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the March 26, 2019 minutes as written was made by Councilman Trimble and seconded by Councilman Cope. Motion Carried/6-0

COUNCIL VACANCY: Introduction of Candidates, interviews, Executive Session RCW 42.30.110(h) to evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office shall be in a meeting open to the public.

Mayor Samuel announced that applicant Megan Valentine was present. She stated two applicants had applied but that one lives outside the city limits making the person ineligible.

Valentine introduced herself and was briefly interviewed by the Council. Montesano is special to her and her husband and they chose to return after completing their college education. "I love the City of Montesano and I think there is a lot of opportunity for our city to continue to grow. I was particularly inspired by the forum regarding how our city can expand with local businesses. I am a local business owner, and I'd really like to see us continue that outreach and looking forward to the future of our community. I have my own family here in the community, and this would be an opportunity for me to help our community continue to grow." She hopes to be active in economic growth and community support through her position on the council.

Councilman Wood moved to appoint Megan Valentine, effective immediately, to fill Councilman Hatley's vacated position and was seconded by Council Bryson. Motion Carried/6-0 Vote

7:15 p.m. She was sworn in by Mayor Samuel and took her seat with fellow council members.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

George Middleton – Ongoing problem of cars going at excessive speeds on McBryde. There is heavy pedestrian and pet travel in the area causing safety concerns. This is an ongoing problem and has previously voiced concerns. This needs immediate attention.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MTO – Councilman Trimble addressed McBryde safety concerns. Four speed bumps are scheduled to be added during summer construction.

PUBLIC WORKS – Councilman Skaramuca stated they met just prior to tonight’s meeting.

- Director Olden has found an orphaned billboard east of Montesano and is looking into possibility of the using it.
- 15 Upcoming Summer Projects including:
 - 3rd Street storm, water and street.
 - Downsizing sewer treatment plant settling pond. Fill in the half closest to the river and reline the remaining half.
 - Eliminate chlorine gas use for disinfecting the effluent going into the river and replacing it with UV light.
 - Log Jack Phase II
- Planning Commission will start the process of zoning text revisions; topics are home occupation and expiration of conditional land use permits.

FLOOD AUTHORITY – Councilman Wood announced the next meeting will be on April 18th. There will be discussion to clarify their diminished role and their advisory role to the Chehalis Basin.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Upstairs Meeting Room Remodel/Informational – Replacement of windows, flooring, tables and chairs; painting; kitchen upgrade; addition of technology equipment. Discussion ensued. Public Works Director Olden needs a head nod in order to commit to contractors. Motion to authorize upstairs remodel with supplemental budget to follow was made by Councilman Trimble and seconded by Councilman Wood. Motion Carried/7-0 Vote

Certified Creative District/Informational – Mayor stated there will be a presentation at the next meeting and council should review the packet and bring forward any questions to her beforehand. She will consolidate and forward them to the Planning Commission; this will allow them to address the questions during the presentation.

Committee Assignments – Discussion ensued.

Finance – Councilman Cope to replace Councilman Hatley; Councilwoman Valentine to replace Councilman Wood as alternate.

GH COG – Councilwoman Valentine to replace Councilman Wood as alternate.

Forestry – Councilwoman Valentine to replace Councilman Hatley as alternate.

Parks Board – Councilwoman Valentine to replace Councilman Hatley.

Motion to approve above changes in committee assignments was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Bryson. Motion Carried/7-0 Vote

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Skaramuca – Welcomed Ms. Valentine.

Councilman Bryson – Thank you Megan for making yourself available to take this opening on Council; I feel you will fit right in.

Councilman Cope – Echo previous councilman comments. Thank you for joining council; it is a rewarding and enriching experience.

Councilman Trimble – Echo's Councilman Skaramuca's and Cope's comments.

Councilwoman Cristobal – Welcomed Councilwoman Valentine and to just let her know if she can be of assistance.

Councilwoman Valentine – Thank you to council; excited and looks forward to being on Council.

Councilman Wood – Echo's welcome. Thanks for stepping up; glad you chose to return to Montesano. There are many stunning things here.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

- Reminder the Trillium Trek is coming up.
- Spring Fling scheduled for May 18th. If you are wanting tickets, they are selling out fast.
- Welcomed Councilwoman Valentine to Council. We have a great council who fight hard and respect each other and have the ability to unite for common purposes. You will add another great layer. Thank you for taking this on.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Cristobal and seconded by Councilman Wood.
Motion Carried/7-0 Vote - Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Debbie Wisdom, Deputy City Clerk
Recording Available.