

**CITY OF SUMNER
Council Meeting
Minutes – January 18, 2022**

The Covid-19 pandemic continues to impact the health and safety of our community. In an effort to be diligent, the city is continuing to conduct all public meetings virtually, using the ZOOM platform. Access information can be located on the city's website, and on each meeting agenda. As the pandemic evolves, and when it is safe to do so, we look forward to welcoming everyone back to City Hall for in-person and hybrid meetings in our newly renovated council chambers.

CALL TO ORDER

The Sumner City Council met in regular session at 6:00pm, with Mayor Kathy Hayden presiding.

Staff present via electronic device: City Administrator Jason Wilson, City Attorney Andrea Marquez, Administrative Services Director Jeff Steffens, Communications Director Carmen Palmer, Chief Financial Officer Kassandra Raymond, Community Development Director Ryan Windish, Development Services Director Doug Beagle, and City Clerk Michelle Converse

Mayor and Councilmembers present via electronic device: Mayor Kathy Hayden, Councilmembers Bitetto, Brown, Cole, Hochstatter, Neuman, Reed and Stuard

CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED BY HOCHSTATTER, SECONDED BY BITETTO TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA CONSISTING OF:

1. Approval of checks and electronic payments in the amount of \$987,571.99.
2. Approval of the minutes from the regular council meeting of January 3, 2022 and January 10, 2022, study session.
3. Resolution No. 1607 - Accept Pierce County LTAC Grant (Stay in Sumner Campaign)
4. Resolution No. 1609 - Accept Pierce County LTAC Grant (Sumner Main Street Design Project)
5. Associate Engineer Compensation Approval
6. WWTF Biosolids Equipment Modernization - Consultant Services Agreement
7. Water Rights Pilot Project - Consultant Amendment
8. Finance & Personnel Committee Members

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no Public Hearing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none tonight.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sumner Bonney Lake School District Superintendent Dent was joined by Deputy Superintendent Dr. Thua Ament recognized Chief Moericke for his great leadership and professional police department. The district thanked the Chief and department for their commitment to programs such as School Resource Officer.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 2804 – 2021/2022 Biennial Budget Amendment

MOVED BY REED, SECONDED BY NEUMAN TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2804-AMENDING THE 2021/2022 BIENNIAL BUDGET.

Jeff Steffens, Administrative Services Director addressed the Council.

The COVID-19 pandemic has seriously affected Fleet Reserves, rising costs and limited inventory have necessitated a budget adjustment. Our current bucket truck is a vital piece of equipment that is used by both the Parks and Shops departments. It was scheduled in the budget to be replaced in 2022 but with rising costs, we are \$70k over the original estimate we received in the summer of 2020. With current supply shortages, it will take one year from the order to delivery, but it is important we move forward now to lock in our price.

The pandemic has also shifted the work location of many of our field staff. Rather than being all together in the Shops building, they are spread out throughout the city in various satellite locations. This change in location has made it necessary to purchase an additional water quality truck as it is no longer feasible for our two employees to share a single vehicle.

The city plans to increase staffing to specifically focus on additional storm maintenance this summer. This increased staffing will require an additional vehicle. We have the ability to purchase a remaining 2021 model now rather than wait until November for the 2022 models to arrive.

Discussion ensued.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

Resolution No. 1610 – Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration Grant Acceptance

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER BROWN, SECONDED BY REED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 1610 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE WASHINGTON STATE RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE TO RECEIVE GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,641,123 FOR THE SUMNER WHITE RIVER RESTORATION PROJECT (CIP14-10), SUBSTANTIALLY IN A FORM APPROVED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY.

Robert Wright, Environmental & Sustainability Specialist addressed the Council.

As part of efforts to fully fund construction of the White River Restoration project, the City applied for grant funding from the State of Washington's Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR) Large Capital program. Our application was ranked 3rd and the State budget (approved in July 2021) included enough funding for the PSAR program to grant our full request of \$14,641,123. This is the largest grant ever awarded by the program and the first one received by a project in Pierce County.

The project is currently in the permitting and final design phase. Funds are expected to be spent between Summer 2022 and Fall 2025.

Discussion ensued.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

Ordinance No. 2809 – Amending Sumner Municipal Code Chapter 1.18 – Public Records

MOVED BY BITETTO SECONDED BY HOCHSTATTER ORDINANCE NO. 2809 - AMENDING SUMNER MUNICIPAL CODE 1.18 - PUBLIC RECORDS.

The state legislature updated various sections of RCW 42.56 (Public Records) in 2019. While incorporating the legislative changes into our code, there was the need for clean-up and clarification in order to reflect our current method of fulfilling public records requests.

Some areas of significant adds/changes/deletions include:

- Refers the requestor to use the NextRequest portal on the City's website.
- Update the fee schedule (1.18.100). Updated in accordance with RCW 42.56 to include Body Worn Cameras recording/footage redactions.
- Updated exceptions (1.18.120). These are now adopted by reference as outlined in RCW 42.56.

Discussion ensued.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Bitetto encouraged everyone to visit covidtests.gov, to request their free Covid tests. It's very easy, enter your name, address and hit submit. It's a good idea to have those on hand if you do think you might have covid or become exposed to it. She continued to remind everyone the importance of wearing masks and will now be looking for N-95 masks.

Councilmember Stuart congratulated the Police department for their recognition from the school district. He ended his comments by thanking the IT department for their advancement in technology. He can retrieve emails and conduct city business on a daily basis from his home. A few years ago, when he was on council, you would have to come into the office to do so.

Councilmember Brown had no comments tonight.

Councilmember Hochstatter ordered her Covid kits too, she agrees it was very easy.

Councilmember Cole also ordered COVID test kits. She is excited about becoming a regular member of the Finance and Personnel Committee instead of an alternate. Communications Director Carmen Palmer led a tour of the Ryan House. She did a very nice job with the overview of the history, etc.

Councilmember Reed welcomed Councilmember Cole to the member status of the Personnel and Finance Committee.

Councilmember Neuman had no comments tonight.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

City Administrator Jason Wilson updated council with the following:

Upcoming Policy Issues:

- Next Week's Study Session:
 - Resolution No. 1612 - Annual Refuse and Recycling Rate Adjustment
 - Parks Master Plan Discussion - Seibenthaler Park and the Bennett property
 - Resolution No. 1613 - Establishing the 2022-2027 Parks Improvement Plan
- Monday January 31st: Special Study Session
 - Overview & update of the Ryan House Renovation project
- Next Regular Council Meeting on February 7th:
 - ILA with EPFR for Investigation Services
 - ILA with Bonney Lake for Building Inspector Services

- ILA with Bonney Lake for Municipal Court Services
- ILA with Bonney Lake for Therapeutic Court
- Operations Facility Design Supplement
- Resolution adopting the 2022 Refuse and Recycling Rates
- Ordinance amending the Parking Code related to Mailboxes and Bike Lanes
- Ordinance amending the budget adopting the LTAC Recommendation Ryan House
- Ordinance Authorizing Condemnation 14403 and 14415 29th Street East

Commission Updates:

- The Design Commission reviewed a 60 unit apartment project located on the east corner of 162nd Ave E and 60th Street. The design was conditionally approved and will receive a director's opinion in the near future.

Miscellaneous:

- In honor of Betty White's passing and what would have been her 100th birthday, Metro Animal Services is accepting donations. Over the weekend nearly \$3000 has been donated, and that doesn't include our corporate giving sponsor, Volkswagon of Puyallup. Metro will continue to accept donations in honor of Betty's legacy, visit Metroanimalservices.org to donate.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Hayden thanked the School District for their acknowledgement of the Chief and the Police Department. She attended her first meeting with the Pierce County Board of Health last week and was amazed at the number of programs and information that you can get from the Board of Health, everything from vaccine information to smoke free rental information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session tonight.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:41pm. Councilmembers concurred.

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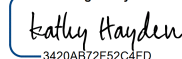
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