

POULSBO CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 15, 2014

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Erickson, Berry-Maraist, Henry, Lord, McGinty, Musgrove, Nystul, Stern.

Staff: Kasiniak, Purves, Stephens, Townsend, Treacher

MAJOR BUSINESS ITEMS

- * * * 6th Avenue Contract Acceptance
- * * * Public Trail Easement
- * * * Executive Session – Potential Litigation

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Erickson called the meeting to order in the Council Chambers at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

- a. Rita Hagwell commented on the street sign for Marelaine Lane that was removed from her property and how the lane is connected to the trails included in the Urban Trails of Poulsbo.
- b. Wayne Redfern spoke to Fishline having access/egress to Liberty Road NW; and his concern with the increased volume in traffic on the road and access to emergency vehicles once Fishline has moved in.
- c. Len Toyne recited a letter from a neighbor expressing concern with allowing Fishline to use Liberty Road NW, and suggested that only use Viking Way to access the business.
- d. Tom Wenning spoke to his complaint submitted to the City, noting the school bus stop located near Liberty Road NW and the safety concern.
- e. Shannon Stepan expressed concern with the bus stop at Liberty Road and Viking Way, with children walking up Liberty Rd, which has no sidewalks.
- f. Jim Rutledge reported on the Port of Poulsbo's progress on the purchase of the old City Hall property; and invited the public to a Town Hall meeting on the proposed Port annexation and dock expansion, to be held at the Poulsbo City Council Chambers on January 24th.
- g. Robert Merlot expressed concern with the access to Liberty Road by Fishline, and suggested a "no outlet" sign be installed on Liberty Rd.

- h. Eugene Swenson spoke to emergency vehicle access to Liberty Road, and concern with access once Fishline moves.

3. MAYOR'S REPORT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

- a. Mayor Erickson responded to the citizen concerns on Liberty Road stating traffic counters will be put on Liberty Road to determine traffic counts and monitor the traffic. Fishline purchased the property which had existing access to Liberty Road, and can chose to continue using this access, or not.

Councilmember Stern spoke to the previous use of the property by Poulsbo RV and whether the Public Works Committee reviewed the citizen concerns. Councilmember Lord also expressed concerned with the safe access and safety concerns with the children.

- b. Councilmember Musgrove stated the downtown holiday lights will be taken down this weekend, and the public is welcome to volunteer.
- c. Mayor Erickson asked Police Chief Townsend to provide an update on the City's plan to combat the drug issue. Townsend stated progress is being made with the Mayor's plan, with the hiring of a new officer, participation in the county wide drug task force and the amount of needles that have been found has declined.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Move to approve Consent Agenda items a and b.

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Berry-Maraist, **Seconded by** McGinty.

Motion passed unanimously.

The items listed are:

- a. 6th Avenue Contract Acceptance
- b. Public Trail Easement

5. BUSINESS AGENDA

None.

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Public Safety/Legal Committee: Councilmember McGinty reported on the review of the Kitsap County Jail contract, update on the drug issues in the city, donations received for the K9 program and update on the Electronic Home Monitoring program, partnering with the City of Port Orchard.

- b. Finance/Administration Committee: Councilmember Musgrove reported he was selected as the committee chair; the next committee meeting will be noticed for a council quorum for the purpose of discussing a proposed Transportation Benefit District; review of the Council Rules of Procedure that will take place on February 19th; City Clerk Purves will be monitoring the potential impacts to the city when the population exceeds 10,000; and the disposition and future of the CIP committee.
- c. Councilmember Stern reported the Economic Development committee will be given an update on the Poulsbo Farmers Market and possible relocation options, at their next committee meeting.

7. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- a. Police Chief Townsend announced the next Law and Justice meeting will take place on January 21st in the Poulsbo City Council Chambers.

8. CONTINUED COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

- a. Rita Hagwell spoke to Marelaine Lane and the alleged development planned near her property and Marelaine Lane is not owned by any of those developers.

9. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS/BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS

- a. Councilmember Berry-Maraist commented on the number of teen suicides in North Kitsap and the opportunity to request funding for suicide prevention.
- b. Mayor Erickson announced the Regional Planners Board will hold an all-day meeting in the City Council Chambers tomorrow.
- c. Councilmember Stern stated he will be attending the Economic Forecast Summit in Seattle.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:53 PM Mayor Erickson recessed the meeting into a 15-minute executive session, for the purpose of discussing potential litigation, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(i).

The meeting was reconvened at 8:15 PM.

Motion: Move to authorize the Mayor to enter into a settlement agreement for the NPDES Phase II Permit Appeal as discussed in Executive Session.

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Lord, **Seconded by** McGinty.

Discussion: Councilmember Nystul explained the City has had to expend \$16,000, plus staff time, to challenge the Department of Ecology who are trying to impose unreasonable rules and requirements for stormwater. Unfortunately, all parties of the coalition do not have additional money to pursue the appeal to get a better settlement. The City has no choice but to settle at this point.

Motion passed unanimously.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Move to adjourn at 8:20 PM.

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Nystul, **Seconded by** Stern.

Motion passed unanimously.

Rebecca Erickson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nicole Stephens, Deputy City Clerk, CMC