

POULSBO CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 10, 2013

MINUTES

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

Staff: Boltz, Booher, Loveless, Stephens

Also present: School Board members Dan Weedon, Bill Webb, Ken Ames, Tom Anderson, Scott Henden and Superintendent Patty Page

MAJOR BUSINESS ITEMS

- * * * Minutes of May 8, 2013 City Council Meeting
- * * * Minutes of May 15, 2013 City Council Meeting
- * * * Minutes of June 5, 2013 City Council Meeting
- * * * Minutes of June 12, 2013 City Council Meeting
- * * * Public Hearing: Stormwater Rates
- * * * Joint Meeting with the North Kitsap School District
- * * * Set Public Hearing: 3rd Avenue Street Vacation

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. Janetmarie Valiga thanked Windermere Real Estate for the new Sound Works sign and urged the City to help find a new location for Sound Works.
- b. Bill Austin commented on the staircase built to the 3rd floor at the Marine Science Center, and his plan to finish the 3rd floor for SeaAlaska, who has outgrown their current space on the 2nd floor. Austin apologized for beginning the work with asking the City for their permission, since this is a City building.
- c. Ann Alexander, President of the Board of Directors of Fishline, announced they have applied for a USDA Rural Development loan, in hopes to relocate to a larger facility. They will keep the City and community apprised of developments as they come about.
- d. Rita Hagwell commented on the path that goes through her property, and stated she will be going through another venue to challenge the path published in the Urban Paths of Poulsbo.
- e. Stacy Schmechel, representing North Kitsap Education, commented on her hope to work with the City, to help save money for the school district.

3. MAYOR'S REPORT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

- a. Mayor Erickson asked the School Board members to introduce themselves to the audience.
- b. Councilmember McGinty spoke to the passing of former Councilmember Dale Rudolph and his many year of service.
- c. Councilmember Musgrove offered his condolences to the family of Dale Rudolph and encouraged citizens to get involved with the Poulsbo Historical Society, as Rudolph had. Musgrove his attendance at the AWC Annual Conference and the City received a Loss Prevention Grant, which he was presented.
- d. Councilmember Lord requested the Mayor and Council find a way to memorialize Dale Rudolph. Lord also commended the organizers of the 3rd of July, on another successful event.
- e. Councilmember Nystul commended the staff on work that went into preparing the City for the 3rd of July event.
- f. Mayor Erickson announced an Executive Session will be held at the end of the Council meeting, for the purpose of discussing real estate. Mayor Erickson also stated Dale Rudolph will be greatly missed.
- g. Councilmember Stern spoke to the passing of Dale Rudolph and the work the City Council, including Rudolph, does for the common good of the community.
- h. Councilmember Berry-Maraist commented on the loss of Dale Rudolph, and his 17 years on Council and the great of amount of work he did in the community.
- i. Councilmember Henry stated Dale Rudolph was a wonderful person to know, and he will be missed.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Move to approve Consent Agenda items a through d.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

The items listed are:

- a. Minutes of May 8, 2013 City Council Meeting
- b. Minutes of May 15, 2013 City Council Meeting
- c. Minutes of June 5, 2013 City Council Meeting
- d. Minutes of June 12, 2013 City Council Meeting

5. BUSINESS AGENDA

a. Public Hearing: Stormwater Rates

Public Works Director Loveless reported the Stormwater rate revenue has been insufficient to fully fund all program requirements over the past 5 years. The Stormwater rate is proposed to be increased starting August 1st to move the utility toward break-even funding in 2014. Loveless outlined the mandated 2007 NPDES permit components; catch basin cleaning process; runoff control from new development, redevelopment and construction permits; the new 2013 NPDES permit requirements and Capital Improvement Program – retrofit projects.

The new 2013 NPDES permit requirements include:

- Increases program administration and maintenance costs
- More frequent catch basin maintenance
- Increased oversight of private maintenance
- Increased sampling and Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) enforcement
- Liberty Bay TMDL (Hard numeric pollution reduction targets, sampling costs and increased maintenance/IDDE activities)

Loveless also outlined the labor analysis, rate history and why the current rate is insufficient to cover the operations and maintenance cost of the Stormwater program.

Mayor Erickson opened the public hearing at 7:49pm

- i. Melody Sky-Eisler, acknowledged that she is running for Council position #7, but is speaking as a citizen. Sky-Eisler thanked the City for their work on Anderson Parkway and has been a leader in handling stormwater in a “green way”. During these difficult economic times, the rate increase will impact citizens. Sky-Eisler encouraged the City to continue exploring stormwater grants to off-set costs of this increase and/or future increases.
- ii. Stacy Schmechel questioned what retrofitting the North Kitsap School District (NKSD) will need to do and where the funding for the retrofits will come from? Department of Ecology or are other grants available? Schmechel also questioned what affect the retrofits would have on the rates.
- iii. Mike Regis stated he is a senior citizen, on a fixed income, and fully supports the rate increase. Looking to the future, Regis wants Liberty Bay to be cleaner then it is now, and this is the pathway to do it. The citizens need to make an investment for the betterment of Liberty Bay and streams.

At 7:56 PM Mayor Erickson closed the public hearing.

Discussion included:

- The affect on commercial properties and the NKSD
- The need to move forward with the increase to bring the budget even with the expenditure.
- The unknown TMDL requirements and regulations
- The need for matching funds to be eligible for federal grants; without the increase in rates, the City would not be eligible to apply for grants
- Utility Excise tax impact on the stormwater fund
- Recommendation to re-examine other options

Motion: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-08, an ordinance for the City of Poulsbo, Washington amending Poulsbo Municipal Code Section 3.12, increasing the Stormwater Rate to \$10.92 per Impervious Surface Unit (ISU) beginning August 1, 2013.

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

Vote: Motion failed (summary: Yes = 3, No = 4).

Yes: Berry-Maraist, McGinty, Nystul.

No: Henry, Lord, Musgrove, Stern.

b. Joint Meeting with North Kitsap School District

Discussion included:

- Stormwater – increase in fees and a discussion of the grant from the Public Facilities District; importance of LID and retrofitting; the NKSD grant received for stormwater retrofit; options to lower costs to the school district (rain gardens or retrofits).
- Future sewer hookup for Vinland Elementary and the costs.
- Street lamps for public safety – installation along Noll Road and the need at other elementary schools
- Report on where development is going and how big the developments are.

The joint meeting concluded and school board members left the meeting at 9:09 PM.

c. Set Public Hearing: 3rd Avenue Street Vacation - Julian

Public Works Director Loveless clarified the location of the street vacation request is near the little league ball field, near North Viking; not behind City Hall.

Motion: Move to set the public hearing for the Julian 3rd Avenue Street Vacation on August 7, 2013.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Public Works Committee: Councilmember Berry-Maraist reported she was selected as the new committee chair; and reviewed neighborhood connectivity; Water System Plan update; acquisition of a new garbage truck; County trails plan; and the Klinge property uses and development potential.
- b. Community Services Committee: Councilmember Henry reported he was selected as the new committee chair; and review of Special Event for the Poulsbo Music Festival and changes to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC), due to changes in the Revised Code of Washington (RCW), that will be brought forward to Council at next week's meeting.

7. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

None.

8. CONTINUED COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

- a. Shane Skelley commented on the heavy traffic and access getting onto Highway 305 from Hostmark; with the increased future development, Skelley encouraged some extra thought to improved traffic flow, especially with additional homes going in.
- b. David Jones, Kitsap Public Utility District, stated with the discussion of additional street lights from Puget Sound Energy, those would be great places to put antennas for mesh networks.

9. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS/BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS

- a. Councilmember McGinty commented on his attendance at the AWC Conference, and stated Poulsbo is good condition compared to other jurisdictions in many different areas.
- b. Councilmember Musgrove spoke to the discussion this evening on the Stormwater Rate increase and with the School Board, everyone seems to be in agreement on the issue, it is more about how the City is going to come out of the stormwater deficit and improve stormwater.
- c. Councilmember Lord thanked Mayor Erickson for coordinating the joint meeting with School District and these types of partnerships are the keys to be successful and encouraging.

Motion: Move to adjourn the meeting from executive session.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At the 9:19 PM Mayor Erickson recessed the meeting into a 15-minute executive session for the purpose of discussing real estate, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(c).

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Rebecca Erickson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jill A. Boltz, City Clerk, CMC