

## POULSBO CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 9, 2019

### MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Mayor Erickson; Councilmembers Garland, Lord, McGinty, Musgrove, Nystul, Stern, Thomas.

Staff: Finance Director Booher, City Clerk Fernandez, Director of Engineering Kasiniak, City Engineer Lenius, Planning Director Boughton, Public Works Superintendent Lund, Parks & Recreation Director McCluskey, Human Resources Manager Kingery, IT Manager Stenstrom/IT Senior Technician Williamson.

### MAJOR BUSINESS ITEMS

- \* \* \* Payable Disbursements for November 2018
- \* \* \* Authorize Disposal of Surplus Goods
- \* \* \* Accessible Playground Proposal

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

#### 2. AGENDA APPROVAL

**Motion:** Move to approve the agenda as presented.

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

Motion carried.

#### 3. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Steve Calhoun, President of Poulsbo's Lions Club, spoke in support to the accessible playground proposal.

#### 4. MAYOR'S REPORT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Nystul said the Slippery Pig will be featured on King 5 Evening Magazine for their lutefisk tacos.

Councilmember Stern passed out AWC calendars. He will be attending a NLC meeting in Washington DC February 5-7, and will miss the Council meeting and FAC.

Councilmember Lord welcomed everyone to the new year. She said it is going to be full speed with lots of work this year.

Councilmember Thomas said there will be a Youth Advisory Assembly on March 23 at the Poulsbo Council Chambers. They are looking for high school students who are willing to come in for a few hours and share with us their concerns.

Councilmember Musgrove said the youth advisory assembly is a great opportunity to get feedback from our youth. He shared the Parks & Recreation Newsletter and encouraged everyone to sign up to receive it if they don't currently get it.

Councilmember Garland noted there are 160 coast guard employees at Bangor that are affected by the federal shutdown, including her family, who will not be getting paychecks this Friday. She shared that Fishline is a great resource for those who need some assistance, the grocery store has no income requirement. She also asked people to consider donating to Fishline.

Councilmember McGinty wished everyone a happy new year.

Mayor Erickson awarded the following Councilmembers Longevity Awards: Councilmember Nystul, 5 years; Councilmember Musgrove, 5 years; Councilmember Lord, 15 years; Councilmember Stern, 20 years; Councilmember McGinty, 25 years. She thanked them for their years of service to the citizens of Poulsbo.

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion:** Move to approve Consent Agenda items a through b.

The items listed are:

- a.** Payable Disbursements for November 2018
- b.** Authorize Disposal of Surplus Goods

**Action:** Approve, **Moved by** McGinty, **Seconded by** Garland.  
Motion carried.

## **6. BUSINESS AGENDA**

### **a. Accessible Playground Proposal**

Parks & Recreation Director McCluskey presented the agenda summary, noting the City was approached by members of the Poulsbo Rotary Club in late 2018 regarding a fundraising effort for an Accessible Playground in Poulsbo. The sub-committee has

worked with the Parks and Recreation Director and has attended two Community Service Committee meetings to discuss the vision of the project and make a recommendation on a preferred site. They have toured and considered four sites: West Poulsbo Waterfront Park, Betty Iverson Kiwanis Park, Austurbruin Park and Raab Park. The unanimous choice was Raab Park due to its proximity to good parking, paved sidewalks and restrooms. Debra Vaughn of the Poulsbo Rotary Club gave a presentation and asked for concurrence to move forward with the project.

Mayor Erickson asked if they planned on having a swing for a wheelchair. Ms. Vaughn said they did have plans for that.

Councilmember Stern asked for their vision. Denise Vestman said her son is 25 years old and they have been going to parks his whole life. He is blind and hearing impaired. They have had to seek out parks. She has been thinking about this for years. This would be for all ages and all abilities. They came up with a survey and took it to the Kitsap County Parent Coalition, ARC in Bremerton, Gateway/Easter Seals in Bremerton, Island Time Activities, and BI Special Needs Foundation. They got 57 responses to the survey. She shared the survey results.

Councilmember Musgrove commended them for taking initiative to make this great idea become a reality. He also noted the last time he saw a wheelchair swing with the elderly on it having a great time.

Councilmember Garland said she is inspired by their diligent work.

Paul Vaughn said when they were at Bremerton, he talked to a woman with her children. They come from Seattle. The woman's father can play with her children. It is a wonderful project. They know there is a lot of work to do, but now they can do the fun part and start designing it.

Councilmember Lord said she has enjoyed having them at the Community Services Committee meetings. She has a disabled granddaughter. It is exciting to have the elderly who are disabled to be able to use it now. She is grateful for the foresight of the City to acquire properties with acreage to accommodate these types of projects. She thanked them for their will and energy to get this going. She also thanked Rotary and the Poulsbo Noon Lions.

Councilmember Nystul said the park in Bremerton is the Bremerton Rotary Park, and they have done many things in this community.

Councilmember Musgrove asked what a future request would mean. Mary McCluskey said once they have the design, she may have a request in the 2020-2021 budget.

**Motion:** Move to approve the concept of an Accessible Playground at Raab Park, and support the fundraising efforts of the Poulsbo Rotary Club and others for this project.

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

Motion carried.

## 7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works Committee: Councilmember Musgrove reported they discussed PMC 13.6 and 13.7 and the need to fix some weird anomalies in the water meter rates. They received a quick review on the Asset Management Software; discussed the cost index change for impact fees; striping for parking on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue; and reviewed the 2019 Engineering Department Work Plan.

Community Services Committee: Councilmember Garland reported they received an update on the Poulsbo Events and Recreation Center project; reviewed banners that will go on SR-305 featuring Olympic College, Western Washington University, and the City of Poulsbo as a College Town; and received a parks update (the American Legion Park memorial is underway and targeted to be completed on Veterans Day 2019, the Tree Board applied for a grant through DNR for 20 trees in Centennial Park, Nelson Park had an eagle scout complete his project, and a pergola is in the works at Fish Park for another Eagle Scout project).

Economic Development/Tourism Committee: Councilmember Lord reported they discussed the need for an events coordinator and when we get the new hotel built at College Market Place, there will be additional hotel/motel funds to support that position. They reviewed the SR-305 banner design. Councilmember Musgrove added the Port of Poulsbo was in attendance and they support the events coordinator position. They also shared their upcoming projects and developments. Their primary goal is economic development.

## 8. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

None.

## 9. BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS

Councilmember Stern said the AWC City Legislative Action Days is February 12-14 in Olympia at the Red Lion. There will be a Kitsap Summit on February 13.

Mayor Erickson attended the Kitsap Transit board meeting (requested \$700K for a float in Seattle for fast ferries, which is not in budget and they have already borrowed \$3.4MM from bus funds). At KRCC they had an ad-hoc task force to establish policies for affordable housing in the County. They will have a series of meetings to come up with true action steps and to rewrite an ILA with the County regarding funding streams coming from the State. At the Health District board meeting they discussed changing the needle exchange program. She gave her State of the City report at the Chamber today and will give it at Rotary on Friday and also at next week's Council meeting.

Councilmember Musgrove attended a two-hour webinar on the Washington Family Medical Leave Act. It was passed late last year, and implementation is required to start on January 1. The State has not been able to get the information out to everyone in order to comply.

#### **10. CONTINUED COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

Mayor Erickson asked for citizen comments; no comments were received.

#### **11. MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Councilmember Lord will be the liaison to the Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council Planning Policy Committee. February 21 is the first meeting. She thanked the Mayor for the recognition award.

Councilmember Thomas said when they were discussing the ADA proposal, he thought Poulsbo has established a fine network of parks. Each park has its own character. We are so fortunate that past councils, mayors, and staffs put together a great network of parks. He also shared in our country on a higher nationwide level, people forget why they are elected. They are elected to solve problems. Poulsbo elected officials serve the people well, and he is proud of all of his colleagues. They can look at a problem and come up with a level-headed solution. He wishes the rest of the country could do that.

Councilmember Musgrove said the banners on SR-305 are very important, because very few people know there are higher education opportunities in our City. He asked everyone to spread the word.

Councilmember McGinty said 10-20 years ago, they knew it was important to acquire the parks lands at that time, and not worry about developing them. It is great to see the ideas coming forward now to develop these lands.

#### **12. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Move to adjourn at 8:07 p.m.,

**Action:** Approve, **Moved by** McGinty, **Seconded by** Stern.  
Motion carried unanimously.

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Rebecca Erickson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rhiannon Fernandez, CMC, City Clerk