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Warrenton City Commission
Regular Meeting – October 24, 2017
6:00 p.m.
Warrenton City Hall - Commission Chambers
225 S. Main
Warrenton, OR 97146

Mayor Balensifer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Henry Balensifer, Tom Dyer, Mark Baldwin and Rick Newton
Absent: Pam Ackley

Staff Present: City Manager Linda Engbretson, Finance Director April Clark, Fire Chief Tim Demers, Police Chief Mathew Workman, Interim Public Works Director Collin Stelzig, Public Works Operations Manager Kyle Sharpsteen, Harbormaster Jane Sweet, and Deputy City Recorder Dawne Shaw

Other Staff Present: Members from the Police Department and Public Works

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Newton stated last Wednesday he represented the City Commission when the Warrenton second graders took their field trip to learn about the City and City government. He noted it was an honor to meet with them. He also noted the Warrenton Warming Center hopes to open November 15th, depending on temperature conditions; and he noted they are short on volunteers. He stated he and Mayor Balensifer met with Congressional Representative Bonamici in Cannon Beach, and had an interesting conversation on housing and other problems. He noted an article in the newspaper about the needle exchange program, and stated Alaska has declared an opioid emergency. He briefly explained what Alaska is doing in regards to the crisis, noting we could learn from them. Commissioner Newton noted he sits on the Clatsop County Rental Owner's Association and on November 20th Tom Horning will have a class and will talk about what's left after a Cascadian event.

Commissioners Dyer and Baldwin thanked everyone for coming.

Mayor Balensifer stated it was great meeting with Congresswoman Bonamici, where they discussed a lot of different things elected officials are worried about – conveyance, dredging, levee certification, and the rising flood insurance costs which will cause the cost of housing to go up. He noted tsunami readiness was discussed at Mayor's Coffee, and discussed CERT. Mayor Balensifer stated he will be kicking off something new to make city government more accessible, noting that a majority of people are not able to attend the Monday morning coffees. He stated there will be a Town Hall meeting on November 1st at 7:00 p.m., in City Hall, and the first topics will be the library and parks. He noted the Town Hall meetings will slowly replace some of the Mayor's Coffee meetings.

City Manager Engbretson asked Commissioner Newton for clarification on volunteering for the Warming Center and Mr. Newton stated to contact him for information. Ms. Engbretson noted Fire Chief Demers is working with Cannon Beach on a grant for placement of the sirens. She asked Public Works Operations Manager Kyle Sharpsteen to give a report on the recent storms.

Mr. Sharpsteen noted the volume of water coming into the treatment plant from the weekend's storms and stated the pump stations had a hard time keeping up but recovered quickly. He noted the Public Works department did a good job, and there was a team out on call all night and all weekend. Brief discussion followed on the need for another pump station downtown and Mr. Sharpsteen noted it would help and will look at it more closely.

City Manager Engbretson gave a brief update on dredging, noting the City has hired a firm to do gather data and feasibility and will do an assessment. Brief discussion followed, and Ms. Engbretson noted she will keep the Commission updated as it moves along.

Mayor Balensifer requested to move agenda item 7A, the Police Officers' Oath of Office before Public Comment, and all were in consensus.

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to approve the consent calendar as presented. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Newton – aye; Dyer – aye; Baldwin – aye; Balensifer - aye

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Police Chief Workman spoke briefly about the lengthy hiring process for the new Police Officers Christopher Beem and Sheridan Crutcher. He introduced them and gave a brief bio on each, and their wives pinned on their badges. Mayor Balensifer conducted the Oaths of Office.

PUBLIC COMMENT (agenda items) - NONE

Interim Public Works Director Collin Stelzig explained the change order from contractor Gray & Osborne for the Water Meter Replacement Project. He noted the change order is necessary for services to obtain right-of-way permits, and is in the amount of \$4,424.00. Brief discussion followed on the timeline for the project.

Commissioner Dyer made the motion to approve Change Order No. 1, in the amount of \$4,424.00 for Gray & Osborne's administration of the Water Meter Replacement Project. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Newton – aye; Dyer – aye; Baldwin – aye; Balensifer – aye

Interim Public Works Director Collin Stelzig presented a proposal to purchase an F-150 SuperCrew Cab 4x4 pickup for \$33,436.66, from Northside Ford Truck Sales. The new truck will replace a 2004 F250 Super Duty, which will remain in the fleet to be used as an auxiliary vehicle. Mr. Stelzig noted the purchase of this new truck was part of the approved budget.

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Discussion followed on the differences between an F-150 and an F-250, and the Commission noted they would prefer an F-250 if the budget allowed.

Commissioner Newton made the motion to approve the purchase a new Ford pickup, not to exceed the budgeted amount, provided they do research on an F-250. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Newton – aye; Dyer – aye; Baldwin – aye; Balensifer – aye

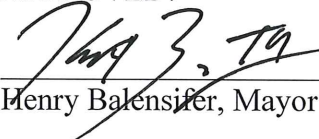
PUBLIC COMMENT – Debra Miles stated she has two concerns, noting on September 28th she was walking her dogs on leash and her dog was attacked by 2 dogs. She stated she did file a police report, however is concerned that if the ticket is paid, nothing else happens. She requested that research is done to see what other communities are doing. She also noted she lives on Juniper and witnessed the tsunami drill from the grade school and is concerned the assembly area is not large enough for the school and the community. Commissioner Newton stated he would address the issue with Tom Horning and will get back to her. Mayor Balensifer noted the tsunami maps are done by Dogami, and the evacuation routes are set up by the state. Brief discussion followed on the evacuation routes.

Tim Bish stated he is a city employee and union steward of the AFSCME Local 2746, representing the city of Warrenton employees. Mr. Bish noted the fellow employees and union members in the audience and outlined their responsibilities/duties. He stated the purpose of them being here is twofold – to show continued devotion to serve the Commissioners, management and the citizens of Warrenton, but noted their duties have increased; he also stated they have been working hard on a new union contract, and asked for the Commission's thoughtful deliberation and a yes vote.

Debbie Booth Schmidt, president of AFSCME Local 2746, stated she was here in support of the Warrenton employees, and noted they are hardworking, dedicated members of the community. She asked for Commission support of the City employees.

There being no further business Mayor Balensifer adjourned the regular meeting at 6:46 p.m. and announced an executive session under the authority of ORS 192.660 (2)(d) *to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations*. He stated the Commission is not expected to return to regular session to take action on any item considered in the executive session.

APPROVED:


Henry Balensifer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dawne Shaw, Deputy City Recorder

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