

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Paul Helenberg called the August 12, 2019 regular meeting of the Castle Rock City Council to order at 7:30 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following councilmembers were present: Art Lee, Lee Kessler, Earl Queen and Paul Simonsen. Councilmember Ellen Rose arrived at 7:31.

Also present: Librarian Vicki Selander, Police Chief Scott Neves, City Attorney Nicole Tideman, Public Works Director Dave Vorse, City Engineer Tom Gower, and Clerk-Treasurer Carie Cuttonaro.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Added one item to the agenda. 1) Request to surplus a police vehicle, specifically the 2011 Crown Vic. Approval by consensus.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

-Mr. Horsely would like the City to see if the Eagles would allow people to wait inside their building while waiting for the food bank to open. Police Chief Neves cautioned this is a private issue between a service organization and a private club and recommends refer back to the Eagles. Councilmember Queen will take the request back to the Eagles.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Chief Scott Neves

-motorcycle pursuit partially went through Castle Rock. Started south of Vancouver and ended here. Our officers were able to make the stop and arrest the subject. Prior to the stop, the subject had dropped a backpack containing items for methamphetamine. Arrested for possession with intent to deliver.

-multiple burglaries on West Side Highway. Suspect in custody, thanks to Officers Gann & Zimmerman, along with Reserve Officers.

-motorcycle races went well this weekend. Only issue was that the band ran late – this was addressed and was resolved quickly. One DUI arrest was made.

-National Night Out was on the first Tuesday. Event was well attended – about 350 people. Chief Neves, Sheriff Thurman and Cowlitz County Commissioner Joe Gardner all participated in the dunk tank.

-the two 2014 vehicles procured from the Washington State Patrol are in service. Markings are on one of the vehicles with hopes for the second soon.

-the new 2020 vehicle ordered is here, however was damaged during transit and is currently at the body shop. Hoping to have it in service the second week of September. Due to the new body style, one issue we have run into is some parts have not been made or produced yet. The vehicle will be placed in service and pulled from service when the parts have arrived.

-surplussed the 2009 Ford Expedition to Cowlitz County Fire District #7 in the amount of \$2,500.

-ORV is now in service.

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-Library Excess Levy – failed in the Primary Election. Will proceed with the General Election.

-State Auditor's Office will be onsite approximately three weeks beginning September 16th

-2020 budget has rolled out and is currently being entered.

Librarian Vicki Selander

-checkouts have been busier this summer than in past years.

Council and Ad Hoc Committees

Mayor Helenberg

- National Night Out – fun to watch Chief Neves, Sheriff Thurman and Commissioner Joe Gardner get drenched in the dunk tank. The Police Department and Cowlitz County Fire District 6 did a great job.
- Great turnout for the Community Potluck.
- received a letter from the Cowlitz County Commissioners regarding the Big Idea Fund. The plan is changing to accept applications for payouts every other year. Awards will be made on the way the plans rate
- The Visitor Center will receive \$15,000 from the County's hotel/motel tax in 2020.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve the minutes of the July 22, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approve the July 2019 invoices as described in the Fund Transaction Summary, in the amount of \$382,677.04.

Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Kessler to approve the Consent Agenda.
Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Kessler to approve Resolution No. 2019-05, a resolution authorizing investment of City of Castle Rock, Washington monies in the Local Government Investment Pool and superseding Resolution No. 2006-15, on second reading. Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.
2. Powell Rd Water Main repair funding options: the project was not funded by the Public Works Trust Fund. The State Revolving Drinking Water stated it's a safety concern, but not a health concern and therefore will not rate well in their program. That leaves us with USDA Rural Development, Rural Communities Assistance Corporation and Cowlitz County. This item is tabled to the next meeting.
3. Prior approval from July 8th meeting not to exceed \$20,000 for a rollback was not utilized. Public Works Director Dave Vorse stated the rollback would not haul more than 12,000 lbs. Updating the request to purchase a different rollback not to exceed \$33,000 plus tax. This vehicle is a 2007 and is located in Sacramento and is considered a 'mid-range' hauler and will haul everything we have. Councilmember Kessler asked what the advantages would be to have the rollback versus a trailer. Vorse stated a Class A CDL would be required to haul a trailer. All of our employees, except one, have a Class B CDL. The rollback would allow us to haul a piece of equipment, avoiding hauling fees. This item was included in the 2019 budget. Another advantage would be to take equipment in for certifications, such as on the manlift.

Councilmember Kessler made a motion, seconded by Queen to approve the purchase of a rollback (vehicle/equipment hauler), not to exceed \$33,000 plus tax. Councilmember Simonsen requested clarification on the source of funds for this purchase. Vorse stated the Public Works Vehicle Replacement Fund is a dedicated fund supported by the Water, Sewer, Streets, and Stormwater Funds. Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

4. Police Chief Scott Neves stated the current prosecutorial contract wants to greatly increase the costs. The City of Kelso has hired a full-time prosecutor and is providing this agreement to the Cities of Woodland, Kalama and Castle Rock to help keep costs low. This is the best option we have.

Councilmember Kessler made a motion, seconded by Rose to approve the interlocal agreement with the City of Kelso for prosecuting services. Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Councilmember Lee donated his council laptop to be used by the Building & Planning Department and Finance Office for the Reader Board. Request to purchase software, not to exceed \$350 plus tax.

Councilmember Rose made a motion, seconded by Lee to purchase software for the laptop, not to exceed \$350 plus tax.

2. Mayor Helenberg stated the new stormwater pump would replace an existing stormwater pump, allowing that pump to be rebuilt and kept as a spare. Public Works Director Dave Vorse stated the purchase has been budgeted. This is a specifically made pump to fit the brackets.

Councilmember Kessler made a motion, seconded by Queen to approve the purchase of a 20 HP pump for stormwater, not to exceed \$27,173 plus freight and tax.

3. Mayor Helenberg stated that Cowlitz County has received approval from the Army Corps of Engineers to conduct a study to determine flood capabilities on the Cowlitz River. The County is requesting assistance from several entities including diking districts and the City of Castle Rock. The City's share would be \$15,714. Public Works Director Dave Vorse stated it is unfortunate the Army Corps of Engineers won't do this. The amount could be funded by the Stormwater Capital Fund. In response to Councilmember Rose's question, Vorse stated there is enough funding in the Stormwater Capital Fund to pay this. Discussion regarding the future of the Army Corps of Engineers involvement ensued. It was noted how important this issue is.

Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Lee to approve payment in the amount of \$15,714 to Cowlitz County for the flood protection analysis. Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.


4. *Added Item* Police Chief Neves requested to surplus the 2011 Crown Vic.

Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Kessler to surplus the 2011 Crown Vic. Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Helenberg adjourned the meeting at 8:06 PM.


Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Cuttonaro


Mayor Paul Helenberg