

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Paul Helenberg called the August 26, 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 Ellen Rose. Councilmember Paul Simonsen was excused.

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

Added one item to the agenda. 1) All Top Roofing proposal to repair roof at water treatment plant. Approval by consensus.

PRESENTATION

1. Castle Rock Police Reserve Association, led by Officer Justin Stennick, presented information regarding the Volunteer Firefighters and Reserve Officer Pension Act. Ordinance 2018-07 was enacted November 26th, 2018 (effective December 1st, 2018) to approve participation in the program. There is a buy-back option that would allow the City to purchase all previous years of service for the five eligible members as follows (amount includes 2019 payment):

Reserve Officer	Years of Service	Amount of Buy-Back
Officer Queen	19	\$ 2,612
Officer Kessler	16	\$ 3,677
Officer Musso	9	\$ 3,247
Officer Stennick	7	\$ 1,387
Officer Cartner	3	\$ 379

In addition to the countless hours they have volunteered, these reserve officers also have accumulated the following awards for service ‘above and beyond’ their regular duties.

Award	Count
Meritorious Unit Citations	10
Meritorious Service Awards	5
Distinguished Unit Medal	2
Life Saving Awards	4+

Mayor Helenberg stated this is something the City should do and at this time it appears the General Fund has funding available. Mayor Helenberg asked for clarification on the death or disability benefit. Stennick stated this benefit is approximately \$245 per person and is actually cheaper than L&I, to which you could then opt out of. The benefit is also greater than L&I, at \$150,000 versus \$100,000.

Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Lee to approve the buy-back option at a total cost of \$11,302.

Councilmember Rose requested this item is tabled until next meeting when all councilmembers are in attendance.

Police Chief Scott Neves stated that we as a city has greatly enhanced our police response because of our reserves. We have a dedicated group of people who put themselves in harms way every single time they respond, because there is no difference between a reserve uniform and a full-time uniform. This would give our reserves a benefit to receive something at retirement.

Councilmember Rose made a motion to defer until the next meeting. No second was made.

Vote on the original motion: Councilmembers Lee & Queen voted 'Aye'. Councilmembers Kessler and Rose abstained. Due to less than a majority of the council, the motion doesn't pass.

Councilmember Rose made a motion, seconded by Lee to defer until the next meeting. Councilmembers Lee, Queen and Rose voted 'Aye'. Councilmember Kessler abstained.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Engineer Tom Gower

-Huntington Ave S Overlay project update; Public Works Director Dave Vorse coordinated with Cowlitz PUD and CenturyLink to have their pole and pedestal removed at the bottom of Buland Dr. Coordinating with the contractor to schedule the final overlay work and expect it to be completed in the next month.

Librarian Vicki Selander

-Excess Levy will be in the General Election since it failed in the Primary Election.

-received a gift of seven new public access computers, including monitors, keyboards and mouse devices from the State Library. They came in last week and installed them all. There was some funding remaining that would expire at the end of the fiscal year, therefore they approached several small libraries and replaced public access computers.

Council and Ad Hoc Committees

Mayor Helenberg

-Cornhole Tournament turned out really well. Had a good turnout and local businesses were steady throughout the day.

-Public Works Director Dave Vorse and I attended a meeting regarding trash cans in the alley between Focus Art & Frame/Wine Down Dog, and Crosscut Taproom. There are approximately nine trash cans. There is a need to come up with a solution to alleviate the odor. Waste Control was also present at the meeting, along with several local businesses.

CRCDA Representative Nancy Chennault, via Mayor Helenberg

-received a letter from a visitor that took the time to compliment the City, City Leaders and volunteers, "...was completely overwhelmed by the hanging flower baskets I saw everywhere. In a world that only hears complaints anymore, I just wanted to take the time to commend this town for the pure joy you give others that see all your amazing beautiful flowers. And so many! I've never seen flowers like this at a nursery! Whoever is in charge...well done!!!"

Councilmember Rose added that she had a guest from Arkadelphia, Arkansas, and they wanted all of the contact information for the America in Bloom and how we got this started. She wants to go back to her town and do the same.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve the minutes of the August 12, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.

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

OLD BUSINESS

none

NEW BUSINESS

1. Councilmember Lee made a motion, seconded by Rose to approve Crosscut Taproom & Wine Down Dog's request to host the 'Castle Rock Firefighters' Tap Takeover' on October 12, 2019, contingent upon receiving insurance.
2. Mayor Helenberg explained that during the budget period for 2019, we didn't budget for the America in Bloom Symposium, due to budget constraints. Public Works Director Dave Vorse has managed to come up with almost \$1,500 on his own and CRCDA for plane tickets and partial registration.

Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Rose to approve Public Works Director Dave Vorse to attend the America in Bloom Symposium in October at St. Charles, Illinois, not to exceed \$1,500. Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

Due to police activity, Police Chief Scott Neves left the meeting at 7:58 PM.


3. Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Rose to approve the acceptance of the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) 2019 Traffic Safety Emergency Equipment Grant, a federal pass-through. Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.
4. *Added Item* A leak in the water treatment plant roof has been found. Public Works Director Dave Vorse contacted All Top Roofing and obtained a proposal for the repair. The bid for two leaks in the main roof is \$997.50 not including tax. The lower roof has flashing that needs to be re-done at a cost of \$2,310 not including tax. An additional bid of \$7,035 not including tax would provide cleaning all three roof sections, inspecting and patching where needed and install aluminum coating. Total cost would be \$11,169.90 including tax. There is funding available and was budgeted.

Councilmember Rose made a motion, seconded by Queen to approve the repairs at the water treatment plant in the amount of \$11,169.90 including tax. Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Helenberg adjourned the meeting at 8:01 PM.


Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Cuttonaro


Mayor Paul Helenberg