

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Paul Helenberg called the January 28, 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, Paul Simonsen and Ellen Rose.

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.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

PRESENTATION

On behalf of the American Legion and Toutle Valley VFW, Tom Lawson presented information regarding etiquette for the American Flag. As requested, they are happy to present the Color Guard at parades, etc. However, in recent parades, a police vehicle has led the parade. Proper etiquette states the flag should lead the parade. We request this be corrected in all future events.

Mayor Helenberg apologized for this oversight. He thanked them and stated we will disseminate the information to the parties in charge of the parades.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Chief Scott Neves

-distributed operational briefing for period of January 14-28th.

Public Works Director Dave Vorse

-discussed the completed projects for 2018 and proposed projects for 2019. There were 81 completed projects in 2018, with 34 remaining in progress. There were three grants completed in the amount of \$1,185,100 with three more in progress for a total \$1,774,750. There are 134 projects proposed for 2019.

Council and Ad Hoc Committees

Mayor Helenberg

-attended the CWCOG meeting, and the legislative briefing, though not much is happening right now. Also attended the CRCDA meeting.

Councilmember Paul Simonsen

-City Engineer Tom Gower responded the question that the buttons placed on Huntington Ave S during the overlay project met the visibility requirements. He stated they do.

Councilmember Ellen Rose

-attended the Humane Society auction. An auction item Councilmember Rose put together included a helicopter ride, overnight stay and dinner at Parker's. The item sold for \$1,800. The auction had a good turnout.

Mayor Helenberg for CRCDA Representative Nancy Chennault

-Chennault has been busy planting all around town.

-AmeriCorps will be onsite March 16th with 35-50 people to re-do all the planters at the boat launch. All are welcome to help volunteer.

-Pansies will be planted tomorrow.

Student Representative Maddie Neves

- First semester is officially over.
- Generous donation from the community is providing an assembly through the company Dynamic Influence the first week in March. It will explore the effects of social media. Parents are encouraged to come to an evening presentation the night before.
- Winter Ball was held January 26th at the elementary school. Everyone had a blast.
- The class of 2020 has chosen the Silver Lake Grange as the prom venue. It will be held the first Saturday in May.
- The drama club is auditioning members for a performance titled *The Bullying Collection*.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve the minutes of the January 14, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Approve the additional December 2018 invoices as described in the Fund Transaction Summary Report, in the amount of \$26,773.59, further described as check numbers 49994 through 50002 for general expenditures.

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

No changes made. Approval by consensus.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Councilmember Kessler made a motion, seconded by Rose to approve Ordinance No. 2019-01, an ordinance of the City of Castle Rock, Washington, amending the Castle Rock Municipal Code Title 5 Business Taxes, Licenses and Regulations and Section 17.48.130 Home Occupations – Required Criteria of Title 17 Zoning, on second reading. Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous ‘Aye’.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Councilmember Kessler made a motion, seconded by Queen to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$8,052.84 for the Powell Road Overpass Washout Repair for additional erosion control measures, per WSDOT requirements. Insurance will reimburse these expenses. Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous ‘Aye’.
2. City Planner Gregg Dohrn explained there is a section of unimproved and unnamed right-of-way west of parcel #30490 in the vicinity of McCoy St and the I-5 corridor in east Castle Rock. This section of right-of-way was part of a subdivision that was approved shortly after Washington became a state. When the I-5 corridor passed through, it left this segment that now dead ends and doesn’t go anywhere. WSDOT is not interested in the property and has no objections. The property owner of parcel #30490 would like to own the section right-of-way vacated by the city. The city would retain a portion of the right-of-way. There are no utilities currently located in this right-of-way. The law states the adjoining property would pay the city ½ the assessed value for the right to acquire the property, however there is a provision that states if the city has owned the property for more than 25 years, you may require 100% of the assessed value. In this particular case, it would require time, energy and expense on everyone involved to figure out the correct method. The recommendation is to follow the basic principal of the law, which is not to exceed ½ of the assessed value. This resolution also sets a public hearing for February 25th.

Councilmember Kessler asked what would be the cheapest option for the city. Dohrn responded that the path we are currently on is the cheapest.

In response to Councilmember Simonsen's question, Dohrn stated the portion of right-of-way that would transfer ownership is approximately 4,800 square feet, or 1/10th of an acre. The total valuation is \$2.33 per square foot, or approximately \$11,000. The cost of the legal advertisements can be passed on to the new owner. The city would not bear any cost for this process. With this process, the property would be placed back on the tax rolls and generate revenue for the city.

Public Works Director Dave Vorse stated there are no plans or anticipations to use this right-of-way.

Councilmember Kessler made a motion, seconded by Queen to approve Resolution No. 2019-01, a resolution of the Castle Rock City Council initiating a process to vacate a portion of an unnamed and currently unimproved right-of-way west of parcel #30490 in the vicinity of McCoy St and the I-5 corridor in east Castle Rock and setting a public hearing date, on first reading. Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

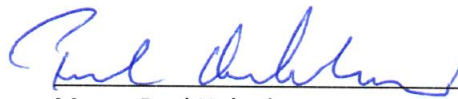
3. Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Rose to approve Public Works' request to remove trees along the west side of Dougherty Dr NE within the right-of-way from Walsh Ave, south to the city limits in preparation of the Dougherty Dr Full Depth Reclamation Improvement Project and water main replacement. Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.
4. Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Kessler to deem the trees removed in item #3 as little or no monetary value and to allow Public Works the ability to remove the trees by any method necessary to minimize the cost of the removal. Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.
5. Mayor Helenberg tabled this item.

Public Works Director Dave Vorse added that the downtown revitalization walkthrough with Becky McCray is February 6th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Helenberg adjourned the meeting at 8:17 PM.


Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Cuttonaro


Mayor Paul Helenberg