

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Paul Helenberg called the March 25, 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.

AGENDA APPROVAL

No changes made. Approval by consensus.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Chief Scott Neves

-Police Officer Zimmerman responded on February 16, 2019, along with Medic 61 from Cowlitz County District #6, to a 911 call where a subject was down, not breathing and in cardiac arrest. Officer Zimmerman arrived on scene prior to the ambulance's arrival, along with an off-duty Sheriff's Deputy and began CPR on the subject. Based on the actions of Officer Zimmerman and the off-duty Sheriff's Deputy, they were able to revive the subject and he is alive today. Officer Zimmerman will receive a Life Saving Award at our upcoming Awards Banquet.

-Police Officer Gann was dispatched on February 6, 2019 for an attempt to locate a suicidal subject. The subject's wife had returned home in the southwest area of Castle Rock and her husband was depressed and left on foot into the area. He had walked to the Bike Park and stabbed himself numerous times into the stomach and chest. One stab wound actually pierced the pericardium, which is the sack around the heart, and it began to fill with blood, ultimately to the point of cardiac arrest. The victim was located by passersby walking along the bike path and Officer Gann responded and located him. He was able to apply direct pressure to the wounds and summoned aid to locate him. The victim was later transported via Life Flight to a Vancouver area hospital. He went into cardiac arrest in the emergency room in Vancouver and he suffered cardiac tamponade. Because of Officer Gann's immediate aid to the victim on scene, he survived the cardiac tamponade event and was revived. The victim and his wife are extremely happy with Officer Gann's actions and without his immediate response and aid that he provided, the victim would not be alive today. The wife could not say enough good things about how Officer Gann responded to the family, assured them, and took care of her husband. Officer Gann will receive a Life Saving Award at our upcoming Awards Banquet.

-thanked Public Works for their excellent assistance to the Police Department during the recent SWAT activity. They kept the surrounding streets shutdown, helping to keep people out of the area. Public Works Director Dave Vorse and his crew were excellent – just one phone call and streets were shut down and they were willing to help in any way possible.

-7 DUI's for the month of March; high total and unsure of cause for high numbers.

-Sergeant Worley and I completed a personnel file reorganization, which has been an approximately year-long process.

-new Reserve Officer Tiffany Williamson is currently in the Reserve Academy and they just finished up Range Day. She has done extremely well and we are excited to have her as a member of our department. She is very active for us.

-attended multiple meetings over the past couple weeks.

- Officers Gann and Yeager have completed FTO (Field Training Officers) School. We anticipate an influx of reserves coming in, so we need to staff up our field training program.
- Officer Yeager completed Property Room School to transition this from Sergeant Worley.
- the Murder-for-Hire trial will start next month and will involve several members of our staff. This was a case we investigated last year where a female roommate of her boyfriend hired a subject to kill her boyfriend.
- Awards Ceremony will be held April 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM at Parker's Restaurant. Council is invited to attend.
- Officer Kessler and I will be attending Deputy Thompson's funeral in Kittitas County on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### Public Works Director Dave Vorse

- reported completion of the High Banks land swap with DNR after 15 long years. The deed has been recorded. When they are able, we will bring in Representative Orcutt and Senator Braun to thank them in front of Council, because without them, the swap never would have happened.
- the completion of the land swap allows us to move forward with lining out contractors to start selling the dredge spoils.

#### Clerk-Treasurer Carie Cuttonaro

- reported that there were corrections to 2018 expenditures that had previously been miscoded, and provided the corrected 2018 Expenditure report.
- provided the 2019 Expenditure, Revenue and Cash & Investment Activity reports. Cuttonaro noted that three funds, Street, DOT Spoil Site, and Boat Launch Facility, are currently running in the negative. Street Fund is awaiting a transfer from General Fund, as approved in the 2019 budget. DOT Spoil Site fund is awaiting the sale of dredge spoils that can now begin. Public Works Director Dave Vorse noted the number of annual parking permits is down this year, due to a slow fishing season. The Port of Longview is not charging for the parking permits at the Willow Grove Boat Launch this year. The permits are the sole source of revenue for this fund. Councilmember Kessler stated he has spoken to several guides who said they have already, or are going to quit guiding out of the Castle Rock. This is bad not just for the launch, but for our hotels, restaurants, stores. He stated it's ghastly what has happened to our fish in this river.

#### Council and Ad Hoc Committees

##### Mayor Helenberg

- attended the legislative briefing this morning. Sounds like the state has 554 million more than they had anticipated in revenues for this year. Businesses pay 58% of all collected taxes in the State of Washington. In Oregon, businesses pay 47%. It is possible the amount the businesses pay will increase from 58% to 62.5%. This makes it difficult for business growth in Washington State.
- there is a proposed 26¢ gas tax increase, which doesn't include the federal gas tax that is also supposed to increase this year.
- they predict a downturn in the economy in 2021, so they are talking about saving money for the downturn.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

1. Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Rose to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

#### OLD BUSINESS

none

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Helenberg stated that North County Recreation Association (NCRA) has been maintaining the Boat Launch facility, which includes lawn maintenance, costs of supplying water to irrigate, fertilizer, fuel, equipment and more. They have been doing this since the facility opened and the time has come that the non-profit organization can no longer keep up with those expenses. This request is transfer \$3,000 from the sale of the exhibit hall from the Visitor Center Fund to the Boat Launch Fund which would be used to pay NCRA for the maintenance of the facility for the 2019 budget year in order to promote tourism. Councilmember Rose asked what the balance remaining from the sale of the exhibit hall is. Currently, there is \$11,927.60 remaining. If this motion passes, it would be reduced to \$8,927.60. In response to Councilmember Kessler’s question, Cuttonaro stated we have sold approximately 20 annual permits so far this year. Vorse stated there is normally around 80 sold annually. In response to Councilmember Simonsen’s question, Cuttonaro stated the cost per permit is \$60.00. Mayor Helenberg stated if Council doesn’t approve this request, the city will need to begin maintaining the facility. Vorse stated that the city doesn’t have a mower that could even do this, and this is the best option for the city.

Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Kessler to transfer \$3,000 from the sale of the exhibit hall to the Boat Launch Fund to be paid to NCRA for the purpose of maintaining the Boat Launch Facility in 2019 in order to promote tourism. Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

2. Councilmember Kessler made a motion, seconded by Rose to approve Resolution No. 2019-02, a resolution asking qualified voters of the City of Castle Rock to fund by special excess levy the furnishing of public library services and will submit the question of whether or not a special excess levy on real property shall be had for the purpose of funding library services during the year 2020, on first reading. Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Helenberg adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.

  
 Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Cuttonaro

  
 Mayor Paul Helenberg