

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Paul Helenberg called the June 24, 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 Frank Randolph, City Engineer Tom Gower, and Clerk-Treasurer Carie Cuttonaro.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Added request for funding LOCAL Loan Program 2019 payment and purchase up to two used vehicles for Police Department, funded by reimbursement for the Police Academy from 2018. Funding to be received during 2019. No other changes made. Approval by consensus.

PRESENTATION

1. Police Chief Scott Neves presented the newest member to the Police Department, Reserve Officer Tiffany Williamson and proceeded with the swearing-in ceremony. Reserve Officer Williamson spent over 250 hours being mentally, physically and emotionally challenged, and successfully overcame those challenges.

Police Chief Scott Neves administered the Oath of Office to Reserve Officer Williamson. The badge was pinned by her family.

Reserve Officer Tiffany Williamson was congratulated by all. The meeting was suspended at 7:38 for cake.

Mayor Helenberg reconvened the regular session at 7:45.

2. Mark Taylor, Assistant Resources Land Planner, Cowlitz County Building & Planning presented information on the Cowlitz County Volunteer Stewardship Program. The stewardship is designed to help protect & enhance critical areas while maintaining & improving agricultural viability throughout Cowlitz County. This program is funded by the Washington State Conservation Commission and provides technical assistants to participating farmers. All farmers are welcome to contact Mark Taylor for more information.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Attorney Frank Randolph

-Small Claims was completed and the team did a great job. The City was awarded the judgement.

Police Chief Scott Neves

-has been working on the prosecuting attorney and jail contracts.

-during armor replacement process, recently purchased rifle plates. The old and new plates were passed around for weight comparison. The old plates weigh an abundance more than the new plates and will stop hunting caliber bullets, as well as side protection. The older plates also hindered an officer's mobility. An upgraded helmet system was also introduced. Officer Gann's helmet was passed around. The new helmets are ballistic rated and include integrated hearing protection, as well as the ability to add night vision.

Clerk-Treasurer Carie Cuttonaro

-reported the Small Claims resulted in a judgement for the City in the amount of \$1,095.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Helenberg closed regular session at 8:09 to convene a Public Hearing to take public testimony on the City's Six Year Transportation Plan for fiscal 2020-2025. City Engineer Tom Gower explained there are 12 projects listed on the Six Year Plan. He provided a summary and status of each project.

There being no public input, Mayor Helenberg closed the Public Hearing at 8:16 and reconvened regular session.

Council and Ad Hoc Committees

Mayor Helenberg

-went with Gibbs & Olson to the Longview/Kelso Chamber of Commerce Luncheon last Friday and listened to the representatives.

Councilmember Paul Simonsen

-thanked City Attorney Frank Randolph for his support for the small claims and the hard work Karlene provided.

CRCDA Representative Nancy Chennault via Mayor Helenberg

-Nancy was going to see Carolyn Kennington tonight, who finally has returned home after her stroke.

-AIB Judges will be here around the 20th of July and Nancy is preparing for their arrival.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve the minutes of the June 10, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.

Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Lee to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by roll call vote. Councilmembers Lee, Queen and Simonsen voted 'Aye'. Councilmembers Kessler and Rose abstained.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Councilmember Kessler made a motion, seconded by Queen to approve Ordinance No. 2019-04, an ordinance amending the budgetary appropriations for fiscal year ending December 31, 2019 for the City of Castle Rock, Washington within the Water/Sewer Operating Fund and Municipal Water Capital Improvement Fund, on second reading. Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.
2. Councilmember Kessler requested this item is tabled until the next regular meeting allowing time for further research.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Councilmember Kessler made a motion, seconded by Queen to approve Resolution No. 2019-03, a resolution adopting the City's Six Year Transportation Plan, on first reading. Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.
2. Councilmember Kessler made a motion, seconded by Rose to approve Resolution No. 2019-04, a resolution asking qualified voters of the City of Castle Rock to fund by Special Excess Levy the furnishing of public library services to the citizens and will submit the following questions for the General Election: 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'.

3. Councilmember Kessler made a motion, seconded by Queen, to approve Red Canoe Credit Union's request to use City right-of-way to place signage for their annual 'Fill the Canoe' school supply drive scheduled for July 29 – August 16, 2019. Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.
4. *Added Item* Police Chief Scott Neves noted the State has allowed cities to request reimbursement for time an Officer is in the Police Academy. The reimbursement was not captured in the revenue for 2019. It was expected to be received in 2018, however it didn't come through in 2018, but is supposed to be received in 2019. The request is to allow us to use the reimbursement funds (total around \$26,000) to fund the 2019 LOCAL Loan Program payment, including principal and interest (around \$13,000) that was also not captured during the budget process, and to use the remaining to purchase one or two used police vehicles to update our aging fleet. The replaced vehicles would potentially be the 2007 Crown Vic, 2009 Expedition and the 2011 Crown Vic. The 2009 Expedition is currently in need of repair and the estimated cost is \$3,000.

Councilmember Kessler made a motion, seconded by Simonsen to approve the \$13,000 from the academy reimbursement funds to pay for the 2019 LOCAL Loan Program payment and to approve the possible purchase of one or two used vehicles with the remaining \$13,000. Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

5. *Added Item* Jana Gann asked for additional garbage cans placed in the business district. This would help alleviate the cleanup of garbage left after the Farmers' Market. Mayor Helenberg stated he would speak with the Public Works Department.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Helenberg adjourned the meeting at 8:32 PM.



Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Cuttonaro



Mayor Paul Helenberg