

**CITY OF CENTRALIA  
RECORD OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
Tuesday – March 14, 2023 - 7:00 pm**

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Mayor Smith Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilor Althausler led the flag salute.

**Attendance**

Present: Mayor Smith Johnston, Mayor Pro-Tem McGee, Councilor Vogt, Councilor Westley, Councilor Cameron, Councilor Althausler and Councilor Daarud.

Absent: None.

1. Approval of Agenda

**MAYOR PRO-TEM MCGEE MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAMERON, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA...motion PASSED...7-0.**

2. Comments by the Public on Non Agenda Items

**Dale Pullin**, Centralia, spoke in support of turfing the fields at Borst Park and the benefits it would bring to the City by doing so.

**Karen St. Clair**, Centralia, spoke in support of using ARPA funds for the police drones. She spoke about how useful drones can be and how it can help our officers stay safe by assessing areas before entering.

**Lisa Striedenger**, spoke about the Friends without Homes non-profit organization and the upcoming Forum April 8<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at the Centralia Timberland Library.

3. Presentations –

a. Swearing in of Caleb Parsons and Colton Pruitt – Chief Stacy Denham

Chief Stacy Denham spoke about the new officers. Chief Stacy Denham swore in Officer Caleb Parson and Officer Colton Pruitt.

b. Gold Street Dog Park – Emil Pierson

Community Development Director, Emil Pierson, explained the idea of the Gold Street Dog Park. Council discussion followed. Emil said will get an estimate for this project and bring this back before Council at that point.

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4. Consent Agenda
- a. Voucher Approval-March 14, 2023 #238889-239071 \$610,063.85
  - b. Payroll Approval-March 3, 2023 #138616-138657 and direct deposits #49903-50064 \$1,103,608.16
  - c. Consideration of meeting minutes for February 28, 2023
  - d. Consideration of Consultant Services Agreement with Parametrix, LLC for the Phase 1 Upper Seminary Hill Reservoir and Water System Improvement Design Project \$607,568.10
  - e. Consideration of Change Order #1 to the Goods and Services Agreement with ATS Automation for the HVAC Controls Upgrade –final amount \$68,021.80
  - f. Consideration of Consultant Services Agreement with BHC Consultants for the Preliminary Design of the Screw Press Installation Project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant \$54,300
  - g. Consideration of Small Works bid award - Ron's Stump Removal & Tree Service LLC for the 2023 Tree Removal Project \$47,608
  - h. Consideration on Change Order #1 and Final Acceptance of the Public Works Agreement with JET Construction NW LLC for the Centralia Streetscape and Pedestrian Improvements Project – final amount \$997,534.80
  - i. Consideration of purchase to replace Hypochlorite Generation System from TMG Services for the Fords Prairie Wellfield \$73,435.34(p 79)
  - j. Consideration of purchase to upgrade Cues Software and Licenses to allow the Wastewater Department to upgrade the maps for the camera truck and provide access to the software to all collections system staff \$53,646.67
  - k. Consideration of Goods and Services Agreement with Technology for Energy Corporation for purchase of Electric Meter Test Equipment \$59,934.77
  - l. Consideration on purchase of Underground Cable from the Okonite Company through Sourcewell to provide underground electrical power to a mixed commercial-industrial site under construction \$367,401.76(p104)
  - m. Consideration on special market conditions to waive bidding requirements to purchase a used 2008 5-yard dump truck for Yelm from Motor Trucks in Everett, Washington \$79,000

**MAYOR PRO-TEM MCGEE MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAMERON, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH REMOVAL OF ITEM #4M TO BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY AS ITEM #8, ...motion PASSED... 7-0.**

Item #4m (Item #8)

Consideration on a resolution declaring special market condition to purchase a used 2008 5-yard dump truck.

City Light General Manager, ML Norton, explained the need for the purchase of the used dump truck.

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MAYOR PRO-TEM MCGEE MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAMERON, TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION DECLARING SPECIAL MARKET CONDITION TO PURCHASE A USED 2008 5-YARD DUMP TRUCK...motion PASSED...7-0.

5. Consideration of a Resolution supporting the Centralia School District Levy

City Manager, Rob Hill, presented the information to Council. Council Discussion.

Public Comment:

Kyle Markstrom, Centralia, spoke on being a part of a group heading up the initiative to support the school levy. Spoke on the importance of having high quality schools in our community.

Brooklyn Lowe, Centralia, she is a teacher and has kids in the Centralia School District. She spoke on the importance of having good schools in our communities and the benefit it brings to the community.

MacKenzie McGee, Centralia, spoke on relaunching the campaign and that importance of the levy passing for our community. There will be phone banks and doorbelling if anyone wants to volunteer.

MAYOR PRO-TEM MCGEE MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAMERON, TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION SUPPORT THE CENTERLIA SCHOOL DISTRICT'S 2023 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS LEVY...motion PASSED...7-0.

6. Consideration on a second reading of an ordinance accepting and approving the 108.96 acre W. Reynolds Annexation.

Community Development Director, Emil Pierson, stated there have been no changes since the first reading. He met with the potential buyer of the Wagner property though it was brought up about running a trail down to the river and they are not adverse to it at all. They would be happy to work with us. They have concerns about who could be going down there and there could be some issues along the river and who would clean that up.

MAYOR PRO-TEM MCGEE MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAMERON, TO APPROVE ON SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE 108.96 ACRE W. REYNOLDS ANNEXATION...motion PASSED...7-0.

7. City Council Reports

**Councilor Althaus** – gave a shout out to the teachers at Washington Elementary School. They do an amazing job. Please vote for our schools there are some really amazing things happening. I hope to keep hearing about the positive things that are happening in our schools.

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**Councilor Cameron** – spoke about being disappointed and embarrassed by the recent social media post about a business in our community. She believes this community to be very inclusive. We celebrate our founders of this community and welcome everyone.

**Councilor Daarud** – spoke on elected officials and the role they play. She asked the Council restrain from action when the position includes a violation of freedom or any civil right.

**Councilor Westley** – spoke about attending his first Centralia Downtown Association meeting. They are taking donations for the flower baskets. You can do this by visiting the website and donating.

**Councilor Vogt** – spoke about attending the SWW Clean Air Agency meeting via zoom and they addressed housekeeping items.

**Mayor Pro-Tem McGee** – asked that we vote for the schools, we need that. He thanked the Mayor for being a strong leader in our community and said he is proud to serve on this Council.

**Mayor Smith Johnston** – attended the Mayor’s meeting a couple weeks ago and the .09 meeting and we should have a report on that soon. She said she will address the other things on a personal level not during a City Council meeting, but always appreciates hearing from her fellow Councilors.

**Adjournment**

**MAYOR PRO-TEM MCGEE MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAMERON, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:18 PM ...motion PASSED...7-0.**

Submitted by:

  
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Kristan McConnell, City Clerk

Approved by:

  
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Kelly Smith Johnston, Mayor