

**CITY OF CENTRALIA**  
**RECORD OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**Tuesday - January 11, 2022 - 7:00 pm**

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City Clerk Deena Bilodeau called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Ms. Bilodeau led the flag salute.

**Attendance**

Present: Councilor Vogt, Councilor McGee, Councilor Smith Johnston, Councilor Cameron, Councilor Westley, Councilor Daarud and Councilor Althausen.

Absent: None.

1. Approval of Agenda

**MAYOR PRO-TEM MCGEE MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAMERON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION OF ITEM #9A RATIFICATION OF A RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY...motion PASSED...7-0.**

2. Swearing in of new City Council Members

Ms. Bilodeau swore in Max Vogt, Cameron McGee, Mark Westley, Leah Daarud and Sarah Althausen.

3. Election of Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem

Ms. Bilodeau called for nominations for the office of Mayor. Councilor Cameron nominated Max Vogt. Councilor McGee nominated Kelly Smith Johnston. There were no further nominations. Both nominees addressed the Council and spoke on why they felt they should be elected as Mayor. Ms. Bilodeau called for those in favor of Max Vogt for Mayor...he received 3 votes (Councilor's Cameron, Daarud and Vogt). Ms. Bilodeau called for those in favor of Kelly Smith Johnston for Mayor...she received 4 votes (Councilor's Westley, Althausen, Cameron and Smith Johnston) and was elected Mayor.

Ms Bilodeau called for nominations for the office of Mayor Pro-Tem. Mayor Smith Johnston nominated Cameron McGee. There being no further nominations, Cameron McGee was elected Mayor Pro-Tem.

4. Comments by the Public on Non Agenda Items

**Commissioner Swope**, Centralia, thanked the Council, employees and citizens for their response with the flooding event.

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**Rebecca Staebler**, Centralia, thanked City staff and residents for their hard work over the past few weeks. She added the need for a sandbag drop off event soon.

**Steve Potuin**, Centralia, spoke with the Council regarding growth and the lack of parking in Centralia. He noted the United Learning Center specifically regarding the lack of parking.

**Brian Dow**, Centralia, read a statement which spoke on the lack of parking available for the United Learning Center.

**Julia Lance**, Centralia, spoke on the Borst Park Dog Park closure and requested it be re-opened.

**Edna Fund**, Centralia, spoke on flooding and thanked all of the volunteers that helped.

**Mitchell Shook**, spoke on a new internet provider coming to the area and grants available.

Mayor Smith Johnston announced that Lucy Nowicki was selected as the City's nominee for the Center for Quality Communities Scholarship through AWC and presented her with a certificate. Ms. Nowicki addressed the Council, briefly spoke about her application and thanked them for their nomination.

5. Reports

**Councilor Cameron** - congratulated Mayor Smith Johnston and Mayor Pro-Tem McGee, thanked staff, KELA, Salvation Army, Red Cross and Harrison Square Church for their work with the flooding event. She reported she attended the CDA meeting.

**Councilor Althaus** - thanked the citizens for electing her and thanked everyone for their hard work with the flood event.

**Councilor Westley** - reported he attended a Centralia College Sports Complex Committee meeting and noted how proud he was of Centralia and how the flood event was handled.

**Councilor Daarud** - spoke on the Youth Advocacy Center and thanked the community and staff for their response with the flood event.

**Councilor Vogt** - spoke on flooding and the China Creek project.

**Mayor Pro-Tem McGee** - thanked the Council, staff and community for their response with the flooding event.

**Mayor Smith Johnston** - noted that January 9<sup>th</sup> was Law Enforcement Appreciation Day and thanked the Chief and Police Department for their service. She added that

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Commissioner Swope was working with Centralia on a clean up event on January 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to noon.

6. Consent Agenda
- a. Voucher Approval - December 28, 2021 #233313-233476 \$1,415,155.22 and January 11, 2022 #233500 - 233637 \$1,053,154.55
  - b. Payroll Approval -December 14 (special) & 20 (draw), 2021 #137649-137684 and direct deposits #46500-46577 \$260,010.62 and January 5, 2022 #137688-137727 and direct deposits #46578-46743 \$1,490,888.17
  - c. Consideration of meeting minutes for December 14, 2021
  - d. Consideration of a Prof. Services Agreement-Completing Required Materials Testing for Public Works Projects Constructed in 2022 \$40,000
  - e. Consideration of Amendment #1 to Consultant Services Agreement Outfall Evaluation and Receiving Water Study QAPP
  - f. Consideration of Cost Reimbursement Agreement with DOE-Assistance with the City of Centralia's Water Right Application \$11,475.00
  - g. Consideration of an agreement for Financial Advisory Services

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

7. Consideration of the Budget Calendar for 2022 and the 2023-2024 Budget Development

**MAYOR PRO-TEM MCGEE MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAMERON, TO APPROVE THE 2022 BUDGET CALENDAR...motion PASSED...7-0.**

8. Consideration of an Intent to annex into the City of Centralia by property owners on Reynolds Avenue

Community Development Director Emil Pierson addressed the Council and reviewed the request.

Steve Potuin addressed the Council and questioned the benefit of this property being annexed.

David Toyer, the petitioner, addressed the Council and stated that they were vested in moving forward with this process and asked if the Council had any questions. There being no questions,

**MAYOR PRO-TEM MCGEE MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR WESTLEY, TO ACCEPT THE APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED REYNOLDS AVENUE ANNEXATION AS PRESENTED...motion PASSED...7-0.**

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9. Consideration of a resolution accepting the 2022 Clean Energy Implementation Plan

**MAYOR PRO-TEM MCGEE MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAMERON, TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2022 CLEAN ENERGY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AS PART OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON 2019 CLEAN ENERGY TRANSFORMATION ACT**

9A. Ratification of a resolution declaring a local emergency

**MAYOR PRO-TEM MCGEE MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAMERON, TO RATIFY A RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING NECESSARY EXPENDITURES TO MEET EMERGENCY NEEDS WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE OR HEARING...motion PASSED...7-0.**

10. Consideration on first reading of an ordinance adopting the WSDOT 2022 Standard Specifications for Road, Bridge and Municipal Construction

City Engineer Patty Page reviewed the process and the requirement to adopt this ordinance with the Council.

**MAYOR PRO-TEM MCGEE MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAMERON, TO APPROVE ON FIRST READING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CMC SECTION 14.24.001 - STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR ROAD, BRIDGE AND MUNICIPAL CONSTRUCTION - DOCUMENT ADOPTED BY REFERENCE AND REPEALING THOSE SECTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH...motion PASSED...7-0.**

11. Consideration on first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 15.04.110 Suspending the annual increase of water rates from 1-1-22 to 12-31-22

Finance Director Bret Brodersen reviewed this ordinance and the next two ordinance with Council.

**MAYOR PRO-TEM MCGEE MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR WESTLEY, TO APPROVE ON FIRST READING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CMC SECTION 15.04.110 - WATER RATES AND REPEALING THOSE SECTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH...motion PASSED...7-0.**

12. Consideration on first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 15.10.350 Suspending the annual increase of sewer rates from 1-1-22 to 12-31-22

**MAYOR PRO-TEM MCGEE MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR WESTLEY, TO APPROVE ON FIRST READING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CMC SECTION 15.10.350 - SEWER**

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**SERVICE RATES AND REPEALING THOSE SECTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH...motion PASSED...7-0.**

13. Consideration on first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 15.40.030 Suspending the annual increase of stormwater rates from 1-1-22 to 12-31-22

**MAYOR PRO-TEM MCGEE MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAMERON, TO APPROVE ON FIRST READING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CMC SECTION 15.40.030 - STORM AND SURFACE WATER RATES AND REPEALING THOSE SECTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH...motion PASSED...7-0.**

14. Consideration of an Executive Session to discuss Real Estate pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b). Expected to last approximately 20 minutes with nothing to report after.

**MAYOR PRO-TEM MCGEE MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAMERON, TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS REAL ESTATE PURSUANT TO RCW 42.30.110(1)(B) – EXPECTED TO LAST APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES WITH NOTHING TO REPORT AFTER...motion PASSED...7-0.**

Mayor Smith Johnston called the Executive Session to order at 9:25 pm. The Executive Session was adjourned at 9:40 pm, with nothing to report after.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Smith Johnston adjourned the meeting at 9:40 pm.

15. Closed Session to discuss Collective Bargaining - not subject to OPMA pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4).

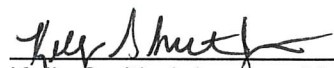
The City Council proceeded into Closed Session.

Submitted By:



Deena Bilodeau, City Clerk

Approved By:



Kelly Smith Johnston, Mayor  
City of Centralia