



CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON

City Council MEETING MINUTES

June 14, 2018

Regular Meeting - 6:30 PM

GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM - [6:39 PM](#)

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Ron Onslow	Councilor	Absent	
David Taylor	Councilor	Present	
Lee Wells	Councilor	Present	
Don Stose	Mayor	Present	
Darren Wertz	Councilor	Present	
John Main	Councilor	Absent	
Sandra Day	Councilor	Present	

MOTION: Council Member Darren Wertz moved to excuse Council Member Ron Onslow and John Main from the meeting.

SECOND: Council Member Lee Wells

Vote - Yes: Council Member Wertz, Day, Wells and Mayor Stose.

Vote - No: None.

Passed.

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Move proclamation under IV. PRESENTATION.

Council member Taylor arrived to the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None received.

CONSENT AGENDA - MOTION TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sandra Day, Councilor
SECONDER:	Darren Wertz, Councilor
AYES:	Taylor, Wells, Stose, Wertz, Day
ABSENT:	Onslow, Main

1. Approval of Claims And/Or Payroll
2. Approval of Minutes from May 24, 2018 Meeting

PRESENTATION

Proclamation - Elder Abuse Awareness Month - [6:39 PM](#)

Mayor Stose read Proclamation - Elder Abuse Awareness month into the record. Clark County Councilor Julie Olson accepted the Proclamation.

1. Salary Commission Update - [6:42 PM](#)

Commission Chair David Kelly presented an update on Salary Commission.

PUBLIC HEARING/BUSINESS

1. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance No. 1264 – Ridgefield Municipal Code 9.04.030, Fireworks - Lee Knottnerus, Deputy City Manager

In November 2017, City Council adopted a ban on fireworks within Ridgefield city limits for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. This ban will take effect in 2018. At about the same time, Ridgefield began work with Clark County and other local municipalities to discuss a more coordinated approach to the sales and use of fireworks. Since that time, Washougal, Battleground and Clark County have modified fireworks restrictions. Consistency among local jurisdictions reduces confusion among residents and makes the requirements easy to follow for everyone. The City of Battleground sales and discharge restrictions were adopted on May 21, 2018 and will be effective in June/July 2019. The restrictions reduce the number of days for sale of fireworks from June 28 thru July 5 to July 1 thru July 5; and reduce the number of days for discharge of fireworks from June 28 thru July 5 to July 3-4 only. Clark County adopted its restrictions on June 12, 2018, which will be effective in June/July 2109. The restrictions reduce the number of days for discharge of fireworks from June 28 thru July 5 to July 4 only. Each year the City receives complaints from residents regarding the noise, litter and pollution associated with fireworks during the Fourth of July holiday. Complaints include concerns that neighborhoods are "turned into war zones," fireworks are discharged beyond the days/times allowed;" "the noise creates distress for elderly, veterans, babies, pets and wildlife;" "large amounts of debris is left in streets and yards;" and "fireworks cause a fire hazard." In recent years, the number of complaints has increased. Council may consider the following options regarding fireworks in Ridgefield city limits:

1. Take no action and retain the current restrictions in the Ridgefield Municipal Code.
2. Adopt additional restrictions for the dates and times permitted for the sale and/or use of fireworks.
3. Provide authority to the City Manager, in consultation with the Fire Marshal, to prohibit the use of fireworks during periods of extreme fire danger.
4. Prohibit use of fireworks in any park within the City or within 300 feet of a forest.
5. Adopt a "safe and sane" rule to restrict the type of consumer fireworks that may be purchased and used.
6. Impose a complete ban on the sale, possession and use of consumer fireworks.

Mayor Opened Public Hearing: 6:58PM

Jan Robinson - Resident
Fireworks safety concerns
Noise - shakes the house and neighbors houses
Health concerns for elderly
Pets suffer during discharge of fireworks
Fireworks discharge effects veterans that suffer from PTSD

Rob Aichele - Resident
Stressful period for pets happens well before 4th of July
Tighten restrictions needed

David Plunkett - Resident
Read the proposed Ordinance
It's time for change - people in Ridgefield are fed up
Consider changing the hours that fireworks are allowed to be discharged
Types of fireworks allowed also need to be addressed

Charisa Martin - Resident
Watched a house burned down due to fireworks
We have pets that are also in distressed
Unable to leave neighborhood and participate in City events when fireworks are being discharged
Would like to see fireworks banned

Mike Mccamish - Resident
Experienced first 4th of July event last year
Commercial grade fireworks discharged in our neighborhood - over our house
Limit the type of fireworks and days of sale

Jeff Vigue - Resident
I don't participate in the purchase of fireworks or the discharge
Sale of fireworks from the Ridgefield fireworks stand goes towards the grad night party for Ridgefield seniors
Limiting the days of sale may affect their budget for the grad party

Carol Brozman - Resident
Worked at a school district and will always support the schools and students however helping student by selling dangerous fireworks is inappropriate

Sharol Mitchell - Resident
In agreement with everyone that spoke this evening
Used to own horses and fireworks also effected them
Noticed that with every year it gets much nosier then before

Mayor Closed Public Hearing 7:17PM

First reading conducted.

BUSINESS

1. Motion - Approval of Clark County Fire and Rescue Interlocal Agreement - [7:17 PM](#)

Clark County Fire and Rescue (CCFR) has been providing plan review services for subdivisions and attending pre-application conferences for some time. Fire Marshal services, including building plan

review, have been provided by the Clark County Fire Marshal. There has been confusion among applicants regarding which agency has responsibility for which tasks. CCFR approached the city in early 2018 with a concept to provide the city with a single organization that will be responsible for all fire related reviews within the city boundaries. In order to streamline the permitting process and reduce confusion among applicants the city and CCFR began to work on an interlocal agreement that would allow CCFR to provide a “one stop shop” for all fire related reviews. Enhancing the partnership between the City of Ridgefield and Clark Fire and Rescue will provide enhanced service, closer cooperation between the two agencies, and a process that is easier to navigate for our customers.

Chief Mike Johnson presented an overview of the agreement to City Council via powerpoint.

MOTION: COUNCIL MEMBER DAVID TAYLOR MOVED TO APPROVE CLARK COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AS PRESENTED.

SECOND: COUNCIL MEMBER SANDRA DAY.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEE WELLS MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION BY STRIKING AS PRESENTED AND ADDING THAT INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WOULD BE REVIEWED BY CITY COUNCIL EVERY 2 YEARS.

SECOND: COUNCIL MEMBER SANDRA DAY.

Vote - Yes: Council Member Wertz, Day, Wells, Taylor and Mayor Stose.

Vote - No: None.

Passed.

AMENDED MOTION:

Vote - Yes: Council Member Wertz, Day, Wells, Taylor and Mayor Stose.

Vote - No: None.

Passed.

2. Motion - Approval of Long Term Use of Parks Agreement - [7:41 PM](#)

In September 2018, the Ridgefield Outdoor Recreation Complex (“RORC”) - a partnership project with the Ridgefield School District - will complete construction and open to the public. Field 1 of RORC is designed to accommodate Ridgefield High School varsity baseball, as well as providing seating capacity for up to 2,500 people in order to host regional baseball teams and tournaments as agreed upon by the City and School District. The first such agreement for Council to consider is a long-term use agreement for a Southwest Washington expansion franchise with an established summer collegiate wood bat baseball league. City Staff received proposals from two different summer collegiate wood bat baseball leagues, who were both seeking to establish a Clark County franchise in Ridgefield. Negotiations for a potential use agreement included staff-level discussions, stakeholder interviews and evaluation by City Council at the April 12, 2018 Council Meeting. The two proposals were evaluated on criteria including league history, number of teams in the league, team locations, number of games, average league attendance, ownership, potential owners’ resumes, and commitment to local area. At its April 12, 2018 City Council Meeting, City Council directed Staff to finalize negotiations for a Use Agreement with a single league. The substance of that Use Agreement is attached, with highlights including: Exclusive league rights in Clark County for a collegiate wood bat baseball team; Use period of June 1 - August 31, with approximately 30 home games each summer; 10-year Term, starting in 2019, with 2 possible 5-year extensions; and Revenues to include \$100,000 capital contribution, \$6,000 annual user fee, and 10 GA tickets to every home game for City and School District to distribute.

Tony Bonacci with West Coast League excited for this opportunity and working with the City.

MOTION: MOVED TO APPROVE LONG TERM USE OF PARKS AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY MANAGER HAVING APPROVAL OF ANY AMENDMENTS PROPOSED FROM THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sandra Day, Councilor
SECONDER:	David Taylor, Councilor
AYES:	Taylor, Wells, Stose, Wertz, Day
ABSENT:	Onslow, Main

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marie Stephenson - Resident

Thanked Ridgefield Police Department for dealing with unwanted individual that was hanging around for few days. They took care of the situation and stopped by my house to inform me of that.

Doug Boff - La Center City Council

Impressed with the display of flags when coming into town.

Mike Bomar - Resident

Excited for the vision of the RORC and opportunity with the league.

COUNCIL/PRESIDING OFFICER/STAFF REPORTS

Council

Council Member Day - Attended 15 meeting, friends of the refuge update, chamber of commerce launch party, groundbreaking for Vancouver Clinic, CREDC event.

Council Member Wells - Attended Port of Ridgefield meeting.

Council Member Wertz - Attended groundbreaking for Vancouver Clinic, ribbon cutting at mini storage.

Council Member Taylor - Attended briefing with City Manager.

Mayor

Attended chamber of commerce launch party.

City Manager

City Manager Steve Stuart - Dredging of Lake River update provided.

Community Development Jeff Niten - Provided an update on Rosauers store.

Public Works Director Bryan Kast - Ridgefield Outdoor Recreation Complex construction update provided.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - CITY MANAGER PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PURSUANT TO RCW 42.30.110(1)(G) -

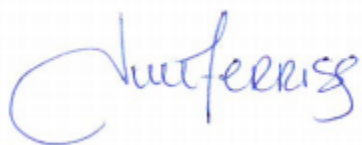
8:20 PM

Mayor Stose announced that City Council will enter into Executive Session to discuss City Manager performance evaluation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) for approximately 45 minutes and no action to be taken.

Attendance: City Council and Paul Lewis, City Consultant.

Executive Session adjourned at 9:11PM.

ADJOURN - 9:11 PM



Julie Ferriss, City Clerk

Don Stose, Mayor