



CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON

City Council MEETING MINUTES

February 9, 2017

Regular Meeting - 6:30 PM

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

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

3. Late changes to the agenda - [6:32 PM](#)

Approval of Claims And/Or Payroll - Reduced an item by \$1500, joint obligation between the city and tenant at the fire station on 10th Street. Tenant paid directly to the appraiser. Approve as-is with the email that was sent out today.

Business - Remove Item #1, Resolution # 520. The necessary signature from the land owner was not obtained as of this evening.

PUBLIC COMMENT - [6:33 PM](#)

Kathy Winters. Ridgefield, WA. Speaking on behalf of the Garden Club. Already on agenda, will address under Business.

CONSENT AGENDA - [6:34 PM](#)

Council Member Don Stose moved to approve the consent agenda as presented with the amendment stated in email from today.

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

1. Approval of Claims And/Or Payroll - [6:34 PM](#)

2. Approval of Minutes from January 26, 2017 Meeting - [6:34 PM](#)

PRESENTATION - [6:40 PM](#)

1. Presentation on Kalama Methanol Plant Proposal - [6:40 PM](#)

City Manager Steve Stuart conducted a presentation on the proposed Methanol Plant Proposal. The purpose of the presentation is to provide factual information, background, process and next steps but not get into the pros and cons raised by project opponents or proponents. The project timeline started in 2014 and permitting continued into 2016. The process timeline shows steps for SEPA, the necessary shoreline permits, etc. The final EIS has been issued and is on the Port of Kalama's website. The hearings examiners held hearings on January 23rd and 24th on the two shorelines permits and a decision is expected within two to three weeks after those hearings. Their ruling will be reviewed by the Washington Department of Ecology who will issue the final decision. Once it's granted, they can begin their work. Council Member Taylor composed a letter reflecting his thoughts, experience and ideas about the plant and potential impacts. He will be submitting it to the Reflector and city. A copy of the letter is provided to council.

Board discussion: City Council asked about the position of other local governments and agencies, production and transportation of this product, water sources, production process and water treatment. There were also questions about the cooling towers, their functions and safety concerns in the event of a spill or plant failure.

Joe Melroy, Ridgefield Resident - shared some additional comments about the Kalama Plant.

BUSINESS - [6:58 PM](#)

1. Motion - Approval of Authorization for Purchase of Property and Manufactured Homes at 211 N Main Ave - [7:00 PM](#)

Finance Director Kirk Johnson reviewed the selection and negotiation process for property at N Main and Mill Street identified as the prime location for a public library. Staff recommends Council move forward with the purchase.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Don Stose, Councilor
SECONDER:	John Main, Councilor
AYES:	Onslow, Taylor, Wells, Stose, Wertz, Main, Day

2. Motion - Approval of Parks Donation for Garden Club Plaque - [7:03 PM](#)

Public Works Director, Bryan Kast introduced Kathy Winters, a Ridgefield resident and Garden Club Member. The Garden Club wants to donate a stone and plaque in recognition of their founding members. Kathy presented an example of the memorial and the location for installation; Davis Park near the park sign facing Main Street.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT - [7:10 PM](#)

Tevis Laspa - Resident

Appreciates Council's support of an expanded library. Would like to know what the total acreage entails.

Enjoyed the State of the City Address and recognition of people/projects. Suggested starting on time and acknowledging the city's growing pains. As part of Art in the City, he would like to donate a golden retriever. This will be his final request, please let him know what he needs to do.

Kathy Winters - Resident

Attended the Parks Board meeting and this Council meeting. Suggested reformatting the agenda to fit on one page instead of two. Also notice we're using plastic cups which are non-degradable.

Staff Response: We print double sided to minimize paper. It's a good reminder and we will push to do better.

The property acquisition of the library is about .14 acres, approximately 40,000 square feet. The total anticipated need by the library district is 12,000-15,000 square feet for the facility and equal square feet for parking.

COUNCIL/PRESIDING OFFICER/STAFF REPORTS - [7:16 PM](#)

Council - [7:16 PM](#)

Council Member Wertz - Attended State of the City Address and Future Housing Summit in Vancouver.

Council Member Day - Attended two meetings on the CREDC Board, First Saturday Tailgate Party, State of the City Address and City Manager Briefing.

Council Member Wells - Attended City Manager Briefings, State of the City Address, Port of Ridgefield meeting and City Council tonight.

Council Member Stose - Attended the same meetings as Council Member Wells.

Council Member Taylor - Attended the City Manager Briefings, State of the City Address and Future Housing Summit in Vancouver.

Council Member Main - Attended C-Tran meeting. Will meet with the Cowlitz Tribe Chairman, Bill Iyall, about public transportation. Attended the Ridgefield Youth Art. Tomorrow at 7:00 morning and Monday, there will be sign waving for the bond.

Mayor - [7:25 PM](#)

Mayor Onslow - Attended the Emergency Medical Service District #2 board meeting, did Facebook live with Nathan McCann for the school and spent a lot of time on the State of the City Address. He received a ton of help from Jessica Kipp on photo selection and arrangement. The Tailgate party was fun. Lee Knottnerus will start planning the Big Paddle event. Every project takes time.

Proclamation - Heart Health Month - [7:27 PM](#)

Mayor Onslow read a proclamation about heart disease to the Council and declared Feb 2017 as Heart Health Month. He encouraged all citizen to help raise awareness of the risk and ways to prevent heart disease.

City Manager - [7:29 PM](#)

City Manager, Steve Stuart - The City Council will be attending Association of Washington Cities, City Action Days, in Olympia next week. Kudos to staff for their work on State of the City event and Tailgate party.

City Attorney, Janean Parker - Attended hearing on the merits before the Growth Management Hearings Board on the appeal of the Clark County Comprehensive Plan related to expanding Ridgefield's urban growth area to include the Brown Parcel.

Finance Director, Kirk Johnson - no updates.

Public Works Director, Bryan Kast - Crew's are working hard to address flooding issues and are also working on numerous projects.

Community Developer Director, Jeff Niten - Provided an update on permits issued in January.

Deputy City Manager, Lee Knottnerus - First Saturday in February was a delicious event, we have the Youth Arts event coming up the First Saturday in March. We just put up a Facebook page about the Big Paddle event and already have 2100 people who have viewed it. A total of 2700 people viewed the State of the City Facebook Live page.

Mayor Onslow - Expressed appreciation to Lee Knottnerus and Steve Stuart for their help with the State of the City Address event.

Chief of Police, John Brooks - We are in the process of filling a vacancy in the Police Department but it takes several months to do backgrounds, the vetting process, etc. We're looking to fill the position by Christmas of this year from the academy.

FROM THE COUNCIL

ADJOURN - [7:40 PM](#)

Lisa Blake

Lisa Blake, PW Admin Assistant

Ron Onslow

Ron Onslow, Mayor