

**CITY OF SEQUIM
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SEQUIM CIVIC CENTER
152 WEST CEDAR STREET
SEQUIM, WA
JUNE 11, 2018**

1. [2018 State Legislative Session Recap and Economic Development Opportunities with Steve Tharinger and Mike Chapman](#)

Irvin congratulated Steve Tharinger who received an award for saving the Public Works Trust Fund. Senator Van de Wege also received an award for his efforts in the Hirst matter.

Irvin highlighted the AWC Priorities and Outcomes. The money that was allocated for mental health funding is a step in the right direction. The City Council will discuss City priorities again in August. They will be shared with Tharinger and Chapman when they are available.

US101 Corridor improvements are a high priority for this area. Irvin highlighted the development that is taking place in the City limits. An Economic Opportunity Zone (EOZ) was recently identified in the City of Sequim. A considerable amount has been invested in the EOZ. He provided information on the Economic Opportunity Area (EOA.)

Garlington stated the Simdars interchange is half built. This creates a problem in our EOZ and for light industrial zoning in the city. The interchange needs to be completed so that development can take place. The current situation moves an abnormal amount of traffic through the downtown area. The Sequim and Washington intersection is used significantly and cannot be enlarged.

The City's largest park, Keeler Park, located at Happy Valley and Highway 101, is undeveloped. The City is not anxious to develop this park and have people at the Happy Valley / 101 interchange because of the safety hazards associated with that area. The right of way for Simdars has already been acquired. DOT previously estimated \$7.4 million to complete the interchange. The Board of County Commissioners and Jamestown Tribe have weighed in with support for this project. The PRTPO has also made it a high priority. There has been discussion about the Simdars, Happy Valley, Palo Alto, Whitefeather corridor. DOT will start design on Johnson Creek next year. DOT also looked at a quick fix at Palo Alto. The ultimate fix would connect the 3 roads and have it connect at Simdars. Chapman will work to present this as a member request. This is a safety and rural economic development issue.

Garlington explained the problems associated with the reclaimed water bill that was presented during the last session. If the economic development portion could be separated from the mitigation side, that would be helpful. The new DOE rule is helpful.

Tharinger suggested people reapply for funding for the off channel reservoir.

The TBD renewal cap is something the legislators continue to hear about. This should be on the AWC priorities list.

Hanna explained there are problems associated with the JLARC reporting requirements for lodging tax. It is difficult for some to provide the detailed information that is required.

There was discussion concerning public records laws and associated problems.

Broadband is one of the things that the City is looking at. There are areas of the City that are underserved. Affordable housing and mental health are still issues that are being discussed.

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Smith, Lake, Miller, Pratt, States

MOTION to excuse Brandon Janisse who is on vacation made by Pratt; second by Lake. Carried Unanimously.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

CEREMONIAL

2. Recognize Interns Casandra Bailey and Guy Knapp

Deschenes introduced Guy Knapp and Casandra Bailey, interns working with the City this year. A third intern will start in June and go through September.

3. Habitat for Humanity Care-A-Vanners Introduction and Proclamation

Mayor Smith read and presented a proclamation to the Care A Vanners who have worked on several projects in the City of Sequim during Service Fest.

4. Sister City 25th Anniversary Proclamation

Mayor Smith read a proclamation recognizing the 25th anniversary of the City of Sequim and Shiso City sister city association.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Please limit comments to 3 minutes. Please see "Public Comments" rules attached.

PUBLIC HEARINGS (Legislative)

5. Ordinance No. 2018- Title 18 Zoning Amendments - Continued to June 25, 2018

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Approve/Acknowledge
 - a. City Council Meeting Minutes - May 29, 2018
 - b. Claim Voucher Dated 6/11/18 Total Payments \$1,441,177.35

MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda made by Pratt; second by Miller. Carried Unanimously.

7. Resolution R2018-16 Adopting Guiding Principles Associated with Human Services Funding

Bush stated a joint meeting is scheduled with the Board of County Commissioners on June 25. It would be helpful to have these guiding principles in place for that meeting.

Nelson-Gross reviewed the homeless categories that were identified by the homelessness and human services funding committee. She provided background on the development of the guiding principles. She indicated that Janisse had submitted comments that he wanted the funding to focus on City of Sequim residents.

MOTION to approve Resolution R2018-16 with bullet #4 changed to consider prioritizing funding for areas that have been identified as t greatest need for the citizens of the City of Sequim; made by Ted Miller; second by Bob Lake. Carried Unanimously.

8. Resolution R2018-13 Adopting the City's Personnel Policy Manual

Irvin stated this was discussed at the last meeting. Some comments were received from Councilors and some of those changes were made. Retaliation concerns have been addressed. He provided information concerning the accrual rates of vacation time.

MOTION to approve Resolution R2018-13 Adopting the City's Personnel Policy Manual; made by Ted Miller; second by Jennifer States. Carried Unanimously.

INFORMATION

9. Chamber of Commerce 1st Quarter Report

There were questions concerning the number of Washington visitors. Shelli Robb-Kahler indicated she will review the numbers for Washington and send clarification.

Committee, Board and Liaison Summary Reports

Lake reported on the rural broadband meeting that he attended. There is grant money available to municipalities to build broadband infrastructure. We are not competing with Wave but it is cheaper for them to provide because the cities assist with funding. You also have to have a broadband internet access plan to apply for these grants. Something more specific should be brought to Council. Another requirement is to check with every provider to see about their future plans for development. Planning grants are available to identify areas of need. There is a 25% match. The school district and county are interested in this as well.

States attended a special presentation with Governor Inslee. The meeting was to hear about maritime industry training programs. Armstrong Marine has increased staff by 50% since receiving this grant one year ago. Peninsula College has achieved their goals with this grant. This funding is making a difference.

Pratt attended LTAC meeting. Lodging tax has increased 7.5% over last year. They approved grants for events in Sequim.

Presiding Officer

City Manager

Bush presented the Bicycle Friendly Designation plaque. The City of Sequim is one of the smaller entities receiving this designation. He thanked Ann Soule, Charisse Deschenes, Matt Klontz and several community members for their work on this program.

He asked if Council is interested in appointing a Port liaison to work with the staff liaisons. Lake, Miller and States will serve as liaisons. States will attend meetings when she is available. She would like to be part of the discussions and receive updates.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Pratt enjoyed breakfast today provided by Habitat for Humanity.

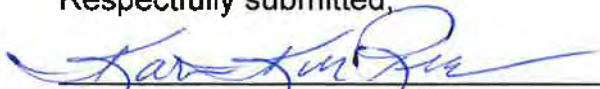
States reported that the kickoff concert for Service Fest was well attended. Black Diamond Junction will perform Friday evening.

Mayor Smith announced that the next meeting is June 25 with the county commissioners.

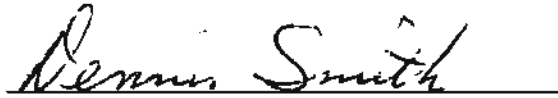
EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Kuznek-Reese, MMC
City Clerk



Dennis Smith
Mayor

Minutes approved at a regular Council meeting held on June 25, 2018.