

**CITY OF SEQUIM  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
SEQUIM CIVIC CENTER  
152 WEST CEDAR STREET  
SEQUIM WA  
JUNE 10, 2019**

**WORK SESSION**

1. John Wayne Marina Assessment and Resolution Revisions

David Garlington presented information concerning the assessment that was completed by Reid Middleton. The \$65,000 cost of the study was shared with the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe.

It will be necessary to spend \$30 million in the next 20 years to keep the marina in good shape. Income does not keep up with capital costs. We would need to look at generating additional revenue. Having upland properties to work with would make it more feasible; however, there are no upland properties associated with the marina. There are over 100 acres owned by the Wayne family. If a portion of that property could be split off and developed in a way to generate revenues, that may help make it viable. Another option is to look at opportunities for water-based businesses. The Port building could be repurposed and used to generate additional revenue.

The other idea is to put the marina into some form that could generate income such as a Metropolitan Park District. Partnerships are a potential. The Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe has expressed interest in partnering. The Port could also maintain ownership. The marina will probably not be there a lot longer because the Port is not willing to invest in the property.

The current issue is with the Shoreline Master Plan (SMP) which requires the property staying in public ownership. We could modify the SMP to allow other types of ownership. Any modification to the SMP would go through an extensive review process involving local and state entities.

The Port has issued a Request for Information that is due December 1.

The Council adopted a resolution in 2018 that indicated they would be willing to receive the marina at little or no cost after public input. The Port has rejected that concept. The current county assessment of the property is \$8.3 million.

The potential plan is to meet with the Tribe, Wayne Enterprises, and any other entities in July through September to try to figure out possible solutions. City staff would meet with council late September with an update and then talk with the public. The Tribe has agreed to be a direct partner. We would need to meet the Port's December 1 deadline. If there are any changes to the SMP, an update is due June 2020. We would want certainty from the Port before we consider any changes to the SMP.

Public input has shown that the marina and its public ownership and access are important to this area. Pratt is in favor of proceeding. Miller asked if we are wanting to maintain the marina as a marina or as a public access park.

Bush indicated the city would not move forward without a clear plan.

States suggested moving forward with caution. September will be another go/no-go decision time. Maintaining public access is critical.

Lake supports moving forward. Public control does not have to be the same as public ownership. He would consider public access/control different from public ownership.

Smith is in favor of moving forward. He is not sure where the county is in this process. This has been discussed with Commissioner Ozias.

Pratt indicated the yacht club should be included in discussions.

Smith added there is a park there that is used by a lot of people.

Bush stated that staff recommend meeting with potential partners and the yacht club in the fall to see if we can come up with potential solutions. Four percent slip cost increases are factored in over the next few years.

We will continue to operate under the current resolution, leave all options open, and protect public access to the waterfront and future decision-making processes.

Miller suggested that we may want to bifurcate the marina and the public park at the marina.

Mayor Smith called for a break at 5:45 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Dennis Smith, Bob Lake, Ted Miller, Candace Pratt, Jennifer States, William Armacost, Brandon Janisse

## **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

### **CEREMONIAL**

2. Certificate of Recognition – Lindsey Anderson
3. Certificate of Recognition – Lorallynn Chrisinger

Mayor Smith read and presented Certificates of Recognition to Lindsey Anderson and Lorlynn Chrisinger.

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

Judy Stipe, Executive Director of the Sequim Museum, stated that Sequim is getting their first museum and asked that people join them on July 6 for its opening. She distributed a packet to each council member.

Karlie Viada stated she was selected as a student ambassador to the Shiso Sister City. She explained her plans for visiting Japan. She outlined her accomplishments and asked for help with funding her trip.

Tony Corrado suggests reopening or revisiting smart meters. These are a subset of 5G and are being shown to be dangerous experiments being conducted on citizens. The health risks are severe. 5G has risks not understood by 99.9% of the people. He spent 30 years in the weapons business and 5G was his toy. There are legal ways to attempt to get the subjects known.

Steve Schneider stated he attended a meeting at the PUD in February. He submitted a Public Records Act request to the PUD and read the PUD response. He asked the city to do an environmental impact statement that the PUD would not do.

Dr. Crystal Tack spoke in honor of Eloise Kailin. Before Eloise retired she was famous for putting chemical sensitivity issues on the chart. She has protected us from many issues. Her last stance was against 5G. Tack is watching our youth in meltdown.

Therese Stokal reported on Clallam Against Smart Meters and she has learned a lot from this group. The medical community at large is not informed about this issue. Your phone is looking for the internet anytime it is on. People should put their phone in airplane mode to turn off the EMF. Alternative health providers have more of an awareness.

John Dach stated 5G is being pushed on communities around the world. Communities are finding a way to stop it.

Alex Fane read the Eloise Kailin article in the PDN. He didn't know about magnetic fields. He has attended several meetings. The Planning Commission has their concerns and feels they can't do anything. The 5G was sold under false pretenses. He encouraged everyone to get in touch with Derek Kilmer. There are 55 sponsors of the bill HR530 to rescind the FCC's ability to enforce issues in communities.

Harvey Kailin said that Dr. Martin Paul, WSU Professor, did a study on the health effects of electromagnetic radiation. Compare the report with the material from the county health department. He provided a copy of the study by Dr. Paul.

Diane Hood reminded council that in 2015 and 2016 they did a 6-month moratorium on Wi-Fi cell towers in the city. Please do something like that again.

Charlie Bush stated that the City had received an application in 2015 to be processed. The FCC regulations gave the city little options on what they could do. The city has expressed their concern to the FCC asking that more power be given to local governments. The council can request and do additional advocacy. We will look at how much we can do under the FCC. He encouraged everyone to continue conversations with Kilmer and senators about giving local discretion for these types of regulations.

Nelson-Gross added that the City does not have the authority to stop the PUD from doing anything on their property. The FCC pre-empts this very heavily. In 2016 we had the FCC local government worksheet which the FCC has not amended since 2000. She suggested people contact the FCC and ask them when they last did an EMF study. The FCC is fairly lax in enforcement. The 2018 FCC rule that came down restricted and limited local government even further. There is action pending in the 9th and 10th Circuit Courts but only surrounding whether a city must allow things in the public right-of-way for a certain fee. This would be an appropriate item for a federal agenda.

Bush stated the City has looked at smart meters in the past for the utility system.

Garlington added that water meters are not attached to houses; they are at sidewalks. His understanding is the meter reader has a wand. They go to the meter with a Bluetooth unit. The wand can send a signal asking to send information electronically. It is not giving out continuous radiation or bursts. The city has talked about smart meters and is not pursuing at this point.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approve/Acknowledge

4. City Council Meeting Minutes – May 28, 2019
5. Claim Voucher Recap Dated 6/10/19 Total Payments \$811,366.97

Pratt asked that the student liaison report sentence on page 1 of the Council minutes say that several “athletes” just returned.

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

## **OTHER**

6. Solid Waste Recycling, Collection and Disposal Contract

Garlington stated that the City is under contract with Waste Connections until September 2019. He outlined the options that are available. Rather than doing a Request for Proposals, staff recommends negotiating with the current provider. Based on regulations, staff feels it is unlikely anyone would respond other than Waste Connections, which is authorized to operate in Clallam and Jefferson Counties. The City is receiving decent rates.

Garlington reviewed the pros/cons of the RFP process versus negotiating with the current provider. Staff will negotiate to have more options for City customers. Staff recommends extending the current contract through the end of the year to allow time to negotiate.

States suggested looking at ways to reduce contamination in recycling. We should acknowledge that we want to work together on education options.

There was Council consensus to negotiate with the current provider.

Garlington stated that the other issue is that the current code requires compulsory solid waste service. He explained the pros and cons of compulsory service.

Miller said that every other week we would end up with overflowing dumpsters. He feels solid waste service should be compulsory, with a minimum size bin available for those who don't have control over their service, such as Sherwood Village.

Nelson-Gross explained that our current code considers failing to have garbage service a crime, but the City has not been enforcing this and she will not take the issue to a prosecutor. We need to change the code.

Lake suggested treating garbage service like a utility with the City billing the customer after receiving a bill from the provider.

Following discussion, there was council consensus to proceed with compulsory service. Issues would be dealt with under our nuisance ordinance.

Items for negotiation in a new contract will include mandatory service; can size and pickup frequency; snowbird/vacation-hold account status; low income rates; yard waste pickup frequency; statistical reporting frequency; and contract length. The carrier would like to see a longer contract.

There was discussion as to whether Waste Connections should have exclusive rights to handle demolition accounts. Debris might be hauled off independently. Should mandatory service extend to all types of waste including construction debris?

States indicated there needs to be an option to evaluate whether items are recyclable. Janisse expressed concern that a local business would be put out of business if Waste Connections is given exclusive rights.

Garlington indicated they will start negotiations and may come back with a contract extension.

#### 7. Interlocal Agreement with Clallam County PUD for Electric Vehicle Charger Installation and Operation

Ann Soule reported that the PUD approved the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) today. They are also breaking ground on the solar installation at their Govan property. They are pursuing a microgrid which would store solar in a microgrid fashion for the chargers. There will be one base with 2 chargers. She reviewed pricing options.

Nelson-Gross explained the justification for no fees due to people using the chargers and then going to other areas of the city and potentially spending money. Staff recommends no fees for a couple of hours and then charge a fee.

States suggests after 3 hours charging a fee. Having no fee is a good recruitment tool. It forces people to visit the community. We need to consider more EV chargers for the city.

Garlington suggests a motion to allow adding up to 2 more charging stations if we come to an agreement with the PUD at that same site. We will want to geographically spread out in the future.

Smith stated Clallam Transit has identified spots near the Civic Center but there are no units.

MOTION to approve the subject Interlocal Agreement with Clallam PUD for installation and operation of public Electric Vehicle charging stations on PUD property at the corner of Washington Street and Govan Avenue made by Lake; second by Miller. Carried Unanimously.

## **INFORMATION**

### **Committee, Board and Liaison Summary Reports**

Pratt attended the OMC roundtable. There was an annual review of priorities. A hospital in Sequim is now on the radar in the next 10-15 years. Building a hospital in Sequim eliminates the CMS restrictions.

### **Student Liaison Report**

#### **Presiding Officer**

#### **City Manager**

##### **8. Council Goals Update**

Jason Loihle provided a recap of council goals. WCIA audit recommended revisions for temporary activities.

States listened to a webinar regarding climate solutions. There was a lot about solar incentives. We need to get that new presentation to the intern.

Bush stated the Port is working on a collaborative grant for broadband. Based on conversations it is expected to be successful. We have completed an analysis on those providers who are in our right-of-way. A template is in process. We will need to sit down with all of those providers.

##### **9. Joint City Arts Advisory Commission/Park, Arbor and Recreation Board Meeting**

Deschenes reported there was a joint meeting with the Park Board and Arts Commission. The Park Master Plan update is due in 2021. She provided information on an exercise on the level of commitment they felt Council should establish for the Arts Commission and the Park Board. The boards will work together and create more of an arts presence in the Park Master Plan.

## 10. Police Human Services Fund Update

This fund was created in 2016 at Chief Dickinson's request. There were a number of faith-based organizations providing money to individuals, some of whom would go from organization to organization to obtain funds from each.

Sgt. Madison indicated that faith-based organizations donate to the Police Department throughout the year. There was a good use of this fund through 2018. They spent a little more than came in. The fund remains in the \$6,000 range. Safeway cards were popular. Historically this is something the officers were doing out of their pocket.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

States provided information on the various grant opportunities that were approved by the legislature.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT** 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Karen Kuznek-Reese, MMC  
City Clerk



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Dennis Smith  
Mayor

Minutes approved at a regular Council meeting held on June 24, 2019.