

October 28, 2013
Morton City Council Public Hearing
Morton City Council Regular Meeting

Mayor James Gerwig
Councilman Richard Vanderlip
Councilman Peppy Elizaga
Councilwoman Salina Smathers
Councilwoman Christina Ladson
Councilwoman Eleanor Worsham

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Gerwig.

Motion was made to amend the agenda adding the following:

1. Keith Cournyer to speak on hiring part time employee.
2. Mayor to present initial proposal from Teamsters Union Local 252.
3. Resignation from Councilwoman Ellie Worsham.

All in favor to amend agenda.

Ellie made a motion to move consent agenda to end of new business. Peppy 2nd and all in favor.

Public comment was offered and there was none.

In New business, Mayor presented a letter from the LCFD #4 to attend a meeting with Mike Strozyk of Lewis County to go over a new agreement he has put together between City of Morton and LCFD #4, regarding fire and aid service.

Council selected committee members and Mayor Pro-Tem. Mayor Pro-Tem is Peppy Elizaga. Finance Committee: chairman, Richard Vanderlip – member, Salina Smathers – alternate Peppy Elizaga. Public Safety Committee: chairman, Christina Ladson – member, Peppy Elizaga – alternate, Richard Vanderlip. Public Works Committee: chairman, Peppy Elizaga – member, Richard Vanderlip – alternate, Christina Ladson. Human Resources/Parks: chairman, Richard Vanderlip – member, Salina Smathers – alternate, Peppy Elizaga. Public Administration/Intergovernmental: chairman, Salina Smathers – member, Peppy Elizaga – alternate, Christina Ladson.

Dan Mortensen asked council to adopt DWLS Impound Ordinance. This would allow officers to have vehicles driven by people with suspended license impounded immediately. As of now the driver can have someone come and get their vehicle. With the new ordinance it would cut down on the repeat offenders being back on the road the next day. Mortensen said this is a huge issue.

Keith Cournyer asked council to adopt the Shared Services Inter Local Agreement between Lewis County, City of Centralia, Chehalis, Mossyrock, Morton, Napavine, Toledo, Vader, Winlock, and Town of Pe Ell. After discussion on how the shared service works all were in favor.

City Clerk asked council to adopt Resolution 485 to accept Lewis County Assessor tax Levy Estimate of \$230,000.00 for the 2014 Budget. All were in favor. This dollar amount comes from the Assessor Office.

Council set Preliminary Budget Public Hearing date for the 2014 Budget to November 25, 2013 at 6:00PM, prior to regular council meeting. The 2nd and Final Public Hearing on the 2014 Budget will be December 12, 2013 at 6:00PM.

Keith Cournyer asked council to approve the hiring of a part-time (under 80 hrs month) Public Works employee. After discussion on all the big projects coming up and Public Works already running 1 full time person short, council approved with all in favor.

Ellie Worsham gave her letter of resignation and tonights meeting will be her last. She will resign effective October 31, 2013.

Mayor presented the initial proposal for negotiations from Teamsters Union Local #252, for the 2014 year. Contract calls for 5% wage raise for Public Works, and City Clerk. Wage adjustments for Police Chief, Police Officer, and Deputy Clerk.

In Old Business council was updated on the 7th street driveway issue with Helen McCullough. This has been turned over to the Risk Management Services for the City.

Council took advisement from City Attorney, Bill Boehm to not accept an offer from Bruce Coburn of wanting to gift a water line to the City. No action needs to be taken.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM

Respectfully,


Tamara Clevenger, City Clerk-Treasurer


James F Gerywig, Mayor