

August 26, 2013  
Morton City Council Regular Meeting

Mayor James Gerwig  
Councilman Richard Vanderlip  
Councilman Peppy Elizaga  
Councilwoman Paulette Redick  
Councilwoman Eleanor Worsham

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Gerwig.

Motion was made by Peppy to accept consent agenda and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richard. All were in favor.

Harrison Christian spoke on the value of having the city participating in VisitRainier website. Although his Morton Motel reservations have declined since 2008 and he can't really say how much business he gets from the website, he still feels VisitRainier is a good program and would like the Council to continue to support it. He feels the economy plays the biggest role in his Motel reservation decline.

Mary Kay Nelson of VisitRainier gave a power point presentation to explain the services and what you get for the \$2,500 a year charge to partner with the website.

Conrad Amos, owner of the Bucksnot Tavern was back with a list of supporter's signatures for him to put a permanent beer garden, eating area in front of his business. After further discussion with Council members, Paulette wanted to have a Public Hearing to get opinions from the Public. All agreed and a Public Hearing will be at 6:00pm before the regular city council meeting on September 23, 2013.

City Clerk put in a request to have part time Deputy Clerk to return to full time status. Council discussed the sewer budget status, the percent that comes from that to pay utility work, and decided with 3 yes and Paulette abstaining.

Mayor Gerwig updated the Council with a property issue on 7<sup>th</sup> Street, to consider renting the covered shelter area at the Jubilee Park, the new TIB projects offered to us at 100% funding by TIB, and the Mossyrock/Morton Police agreement.

Mayor Gerwig and the Council discussed the Mossyrock/Morton Police agreement and Ellie felt that the Agreement is an actual contract and needs to go through Council for approval. Attorney Boehm agreed with Ellie that the agreement is an actual contract. A special meeting was set for August 29, 2013 to address the matter.

In Old Business, council updated on Jubilee request for reader board sign, HB 1632 ATVs, for street use, Jubilee Park playground equipment, and rates for Backstrom Park.

Ellie and Richard met with Park Managers and they came up with new rates for Gust Backstrom Park. Peppy motioned to accept with Paulette 2<sup>nd</sup> and all in favor.

Motion to adjourn by Richard with Peppy 2<sup>nd</sup> and all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32PM

Respectfully,

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Tamara Clevenger, City Clerk-Treasurer

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James F Gerwig, Mayor