

September 23, 2013
Morton City Council Public Hearing
Morton City Council Regular Meeting

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

Public Hearing began at 6:00 PM to take comments and questions on the request from Conrad Amos, owner of Bucksnot Tavern, to put a permanent eating-beer garden area in the front of his business on the sidewalk. Twenty three people attended the meeting voicing concerns and support of the beer garden. Conrad gave a power point presentation on what the dimensions and structure would look like. After no more questions the Public hearing adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Regular City Council meeting began at 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Gerwig.

Motion was made to amend the agenda adding the following:

1. LCPW solid waste , to appoint a council member to attend meetings. Peppy volunteered.
2. AWC self- insured letter to adopt resolution to accept AWC as self-insured and to enter in to their interlocal agreement. Ellie made a motion to accept and Richard 2nd with all in favor.
3. Discuss Public hearing on Bucksnot Tavern beer garden. Council decided to pass giving a one year trial basis. Peppy, Richard, Salina, and Christine aye and Ellie nay.
4. To pass ordinance 2013-05. New rates for Gust Backstrom Park. All were in favor.

Ellie motioned to accept consent agenda with Peppy 2nd and all in favor.

Public comment was offered, but there was none.

Council went into executive session to discuss personnel for 15 minutes and litigation for 5 minutes. Council returned at 7:26PM.

Christine Ladson, position 5 and Salina Smathers, position 1 were appointed and sworn into Council.

Council accepted letter of resignation from Jon Williams as Secretary of the Planning Commission.

Mark Ferguson is seeking permission to park his travel trailer in the Jubilee Park for the Winter. He is a new school teacher at the high school and drives from Yelm. Council decided that him and Keith Cournyer can get together and discuss some options.

Ken Ulery from the Chamber asked permission to have lights in Gust Backstrom Park again this year for Christmas in the Mountains. All were in favor.

Bruce Coburn is wanting to gift the water line of the Coburn Plat to the City. Motion was tabled for further instruction from City Attorney Boehm.

An amended version of the Mossyrock/Morton Police agreement was discussed and passed 4 to 1 by council. Peppy, Richard, Salina, Christine all Aye, Ellie Nay.

Council approved to pay \$2,500.00 to VisitRainier website.

Council decided to turn the litigation issue of Helen McCullough to the City Attorney and to find out more from RMSA. Wanting to find out if RMSA will cover the expenses of the driveway issue.

Motion to adjourn from Ellie, Peppy 2nd and all in favor.