

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Paul Helenberg called the February 13, 2017, regular meeting of the Castle Rock City Council to order at 7:30 pm., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following councilmembers were present: Art Lee, Lee Keesler, Earl Queen, Paul Simonsen and Ellen Rose.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Jeremiah Cameron, Representing Mount Saint Helens Motorcycle Club requested council approval to use city property adjacent to the club's property for a dirt track race scheduled for February 25th. This property is owned by State of Washington Department of Natural Resources and leased to the city. Councilmembers were provided with a Facility Use Insurance and Indemnification Agreement submitted by Mr. Cameron. Covington stated the agreement does not include required proof of insurance, however Cameron had denoted that proof of insurance will be mailed directly to the city. Councilmember Kessler made a motion, seconded by Queen to approve the use of city property for the dirt track race, pending receipt of required proof of insurance. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

Cameron provided the mayor with a copy of the Northwest Flat Track Schedule, which includes several locations, including Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Canada. Cameron stated three of those races will be held at the Mount Saint Helens Motorcycle Club track, bringing in motorcycle participants and enthusiasts to our city.

Public Works Director Dave Vorse stated if the on February 25th dirt track race bisects the gravel access road on city property; that measures are taken to monitor the safety of those using the gravel road to access the river. Cameron stated they will have people and signage at that access road.

DEPARTMENT REPORTSFrank Randolph, City Attorney

- presented the 2016 statistical report from Debra Burchett, the city's contracted Indigent Defense attorney. There are an estimated five cases per month.

Sergeant Scott Neves

- reported Chief Heuer is on sick leave. His preliminary return date is March 20th.
- advised Castle Rock Police Department have two reserves attending the Cowlitz County Reserve Academy. Both are doing well in the program. Neves stated Officer Gann is also working with the academy staff and providing instruction in defensive tactics and use of force.
- his department has completed the background investigation on a lateral transfer for reserve officer. Mr. Gorley served with the Kelso Police Department.
- Sgt Neves attended the Little Rocket Academy awards ceremony.
- coordinating efforts with the CARE Coalition and Cowlitz County Health Department for the annual Middle School leadership seminar scheduled for May 12th. This seminar serves all middle schools in Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties.
- Neves and Public Works Director Dave Vorse attended the county-wide Has-Mat training on bulk and crude oil trains. The group will be working through agency response plans; and later a mock 'table top' exercise.
- in response to a concern over vehicles exceeding the speed limit in the vicinity of Lions Pride Park, the police department worked in conjunction with Public Works to deploy a traffic counter and the reader board. The department also conducted a speed zone emphasis patrol and issued warnings.

David Vorse, Public Works Director

- summarized the city's response to recent heavy rain issues. Sandbags and sand were provided to residents. Public Works also worked with Cowlitz PUD with issues of some downed trees.
- working with Cowlitz County Pathways 2020 on the annual Cowlitz County Report Card. This report is scheduled to be released May 25th.

Councilmember Ellen Rose

- attended the Cowlitz-Lewis Economic Development meeting (CLAD). This year their main focus is on improving transportation routes. She felt that in comparison with other communities, Castle Rock is in good shape.

Mayor Paul Helenberg

- spoke with Nancy Chennault, Castle Rock Community Development Alliance representative. She has returned from the economic conference and will be doing a presentation for city council and for Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments in the near future.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Kessler to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2017 regular city council meeting. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.
2. Councilmember Lee reviewed the proposed January 2017 expenditures prior to this meeting. Queen made a motion, seconded by Rose to approve the January 2017 expenditures in the amount of \$501,352 as described on the Fund Transaction Summary and further described as adjustment number EFT 480-1/17 and check numbers 47899 through 47994 for general expenditures and adjustment number EFT Payroll 1/31/17, NACHA January Pay Batch#1818531 and check numbers 24913 through 24955 for payroll expenditures. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

OLD BUSINESS - NoneNEW BUSINESS

1. Councilmember Art Lee proposed that city council consider future development of a fenced, off-leash dog park. He proposed a suggested location; on city-owned property adjacent to the riverfront trail; between B Street SW and C Street SW. Public Works Director Dave Vorse stated the Park Board had initially considered this for parking for those using the Riverfront Trail; however this may be a better use of this area. Vorse recommended council refer this to the Castle Rock Park Board. They will then post the area and obtain public input and cost estimates. Vorse noted last year city council established an off-lease area on the west side of the river; which is not fenced. Mayor Helenberg also suggested the Park Board look at the city owned area off of Michener Street. Vorse stated access would need to be developed for the Michner property. By consensus, city councilmembers agreed to direct the Castle Rock Park Board to evaluate the feasibility of locating a fenced, off-leash dog park and to include the site proposed by Councilmember Lee in the study.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Helenberg adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Paul Helenberg, Mayor

Ryana Covington, Clerk-Treasurer