

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Paul Helenberg called the May 22, 2017, regular meeting of the Castle Rock City Council to order at 7:32 pm., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following councilmembers were present: Art Lee, Lee Kessler, Earl Queen, and Ellen Rose. Councilmember Paul Simonsen was absent.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR – None**DEPARTMENT REPORTS****Acting Police Chief ; Sergeant Scott Neves, Castle Rock Police Department**

- reported Officer Yeager, Sgt. Neves and eight others provided presentations to over 300 Cowlitz County middle school students at the Youth Summit.
- reported the suspect in the SWAT incident a few week ago is now in custody. Castle Rock Police Department, with the assistance of United State Marshalls effected the arrest.
- Neves assisted City of Kalama by participating on the oral board for perspective Chief of Police applicants.
- announced the city received a \$5,000 risk management grant from AWC RMSA insurance company for the purchase of a portable video recording system.
- June 25th, Castle Rock Police Department will be holding their annual awards ceremony from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Castle Rock Christian Church. Neves invited councilmembers to attend.

City Attorney – no report**Public Works Director Dave Vorse**

- announced that Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) have decided against building a new power line system through the north end of the county. Vorse stated this is good news for the city, since the proposed BPA route would cut through two portions of the city's Urban Growth Boundary; resulting in BPA development restrictions for properties located adjacent to those lines.

Clerk-Treasurer Ryana Covington

- provided the Cash Activity Report for April, 2017.
- County Elections advised there are several contested races; therefore, a primary election will be held. This will help disseminate election costs; so the city did not pull the library excess levy from the ballot.

Librarian Vicki Selander – no report**Council And Ad Hoc Committee report**

- Mayor Helenberg announced that he would be joining Castle Rock School District Superintendent Jim Mabbott on June 4th as featured speakers at the Methodist Church.
- June 5th, the mayor will be addressing Castle Rock High School senior class and thanking them for their volunteer contribution during Castle Rock Clean-Up Day.
- Street flower baskets will be installed May 31st.
- reminded councilmembers of the June 8th Chamber of Commerce annual awards presentation. The event begins at noon and is located at Parker's Restaurant. Mayor Helenberg encouraged council support of this event.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Rose to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2017 regular city council meeting. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Councilmember Kessler made a motion, seconded by Queen to adopt Resolution No. 2017-05, a resolution providing for disposal of certain inventory item (Bobcat Skid steer) deemed to be surplus to the reasonably foreseeable needs of the city, on second reading. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.
2. Councilmembers reviewed documentation from Public Works Director Dave Vorse outlining the Castle Rock Park Board's efforts to evaluate possible locations and concerns over development of an off-leash dog park. Vorse noted the Park Board Commissioners did not have a quorum at their last meeting; so they were unable to provide a formal recommendation for councilmembers. Park Board Commissioners focused their evaluation on two city-owned sites located along the Riverfront Trail system. After considering access, the Park Board Commissions narrowed their focus to a site located east of Fifth Avenue; between B Street SW and C Street SW (Parcel 30389).

Vorse stated the Park Board's evaluation included issues such as liability, capital cost (\$11,000 to \$16,000 for material only), availability of parking and maintenance. They also contacted the City of Longview for input on the dog park located in their city.

Park Board Commissioners posted meeting notices at the proposed site to notify the public of their opportunity to provide input at the April 12th park board meeting. City Councilmember Art Lee distributed additional notices to Cascade Select, Alpine Veterinary Clinic, the post office and Facebook. Following the April 12th meeting, the Park Board sent a letter to all property owners or renters of property abutting the proposed site. Vorse provided councilmembers with a summary of public comments received in addition to copies of written letters.

Vorse stated recommendations received from the City of Longview included consideration to design the park to have the ability to create a section for large dogs and another for small dogs. Longview noted issues that have developed were more between owners, and not with dogs. Well-designed dog parks with good signage have been beneficial for communities and are not a high liability exposure. Restroom facilities and benches would also add benefits to a dog park. Longview budgets \$20,000 to \$25,000/year for operation costs.

Mr. Vorse discussed parking alternatives for the city's proposed site. There is available on-street parking and alternative parking at the Bike Park. Dog owner would need to walk their dogs to the site.

Vorse noted maintenance for the proposed dog park appears not to be burdensome; with some fence repair, and weed eating.

Mr. Vorse advised that Councilmember Lee is working on a grant to help fund the project. Due date for the grant is in June.

Cathi Scheetz, resident on Fourth Avenue SW spoke in favor of developing a dog park. She felt the community needs a dog park. She did not think that it would create issues with noise or parking. Scheetz noted many people already walk their dogs on the Riverfront Trail.

Kyle Dykstra, resident on Warren Street SW stated that people who care about their dogs make sure they are well trained, pick up after their dogs and walk them regularly. He supports a dog park in the city.

Councilmember Lee made a motion, seconded by Rose to designate the property along the Riverfront Trail, between B Street SW and C Street SW for development of a dog park. By roll call vote; unanimous 'Aye'.

Mayor Helenberg thanked Councilmember Lee for this work on this issue. Councilmember Lee stated he appreciated the support of those who attended meetings to discuss a proposed dog park.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Myron Nelson, President of Castle Rock Senior Center requested council approval to close the south parking lot at City Hall on June 13th; from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the Castle Rock Jazz Band 'Concert in the Park(ing) Lot'. Councilmember Lee made a motion, seconded by Rose to approve the request to close the south parking lot at City Hall for the Jazz band concert. By roll call vote; unanimous 'Aye'.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Helenberg adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Paul Helenberg, Mayor

Ryana Covington, Clerk-Treasurer