

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Paul Helenberg called the May 26, 2015 regular meeting of the Castle Rock City Council to order at 7:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following councilmembers were present: Lee Kessler, Earl Queen and Ellen Rose. Councilmember Mike Davis was absent. Councilmember Ray Teter arrived at the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

PRESENTATION -

1. Myron Nelson, President of Castle Rock Senior Center invited city councilmembers to a 'Jazz Band Concert in the Parking Lot' event scheduled for June 9th.

Mr. Nelson noted he viewed a televised MSNBC news report about Mount Saint Helens and the City of Castle Rock was mentioned several times pertaining to how the community has thrived.

Mr. Nelson introduced Castle Rock High School students, Jared Belcher, Hannah Whitten, Mason Klingberg and Amanda Snow. These students have been volunteering at the Senior Center and were required to write an essay on 'What working at the Senior Center has meant to me'. Students presented and read their essays for councilmembers. Nelson stated that five scholarships were awarded this year to High School seniors through the Senior Center.

DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE REPORTSDepartment Reports

1. Police Chief Bob Heuer announced that his department received a certificate from Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission for attaining 2014 compliance with In-Service Training Mandates.

Chief Heuer summarized a recent police incident involving an interstate Amber Alert. Castle Rock Police Officer Gann located the vehicle and the children were returned to their mother.

Announced that Officer Gann has recertified as a Master Instructor in defensive tactics.

2. Public Works Director Dave Vorse reported the water main replacement project on Roake Avenue will begin next month. The project is estimated to last two weeks.
3. Mayor Helenberg, Councilmember Ellen Rose, Public Works Director Dave Vorse, and CRCDA members Nancy Chennault and Chris Gould attended the Pathways 2020 annual Community Report Card meeting.

4. Councilmember Kessler reported the committee continues to meet on computer server options to bring the city's technology into compliance. The committee hopes to have a written proposal ready for review by the next council meeting. He stated the city has been fortunate to have people with expertise willing to volunteer their time. One volunteer is a Castle Rock Police reserve officer, experienced at establishing infrastructure network systems.
5. Cowlitz Economic Development Council (CEDC) representative Nancy Chennault showed councilmembers two flag banners that were recently completed for this year's Street Art Program display. The theme for this year is international flags.

Chennault announced that twelve 30" x 80" street banners have been ordered for Huntington Avenue. A committee through Castle Rock Economic Development Alliance will be working to raise funds for additional banners.

Chennault stated that CEDC Board President announced that Soumas Riverside Energy will be developing at the Port of Longview and a cardboard company will develop at the Port of Kalama.

Washington State Department of Commerce will be coming to Cowlitz County in June to see how this area is developing.

Chennault advised that a new Facebook page has been developed to highlight positive aspects of our county. The page is called Be The Good - Cowlitz County

6. Mayor Helenberg reminded councilmembers of the Special Meeting/Public Hearing scheduled for Monday, May 18th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the city's draft Shoreline Master Plan.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Rose to approve the minutes to the May 11, 2015 regular council meeting. By roll call vote, Councilmembers Kessler, Rose and Queen voted 'Aye'. Councilmembers Davis and Teter were absent. Motion passed.
2. Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Rose to approve the minutes to the May 18, 2015 Special Council meeting. By roll call vote, Councilmembers Rose and Queen voted 'Aye'. Councilmember Kessler abstained. Councilmembers Davis and Teter were absent. Mayor Helenberg voted 'Aye'. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS –

1. Discussion for consideration to amend the Police Chief's salary was tabled at the April 13th city council meeting. City Attorney Frank Randolph stated in accordance with

parliamentary procedure, if the issue is not acted upon, it will expire and require a new motion to consider. No council action was taken; therefore the issue expires and will require a new motion for consideration.

2. Councilmember Kessler made a motion, seconded by Queen to approve Resolution No. 2015-06, a resolution authorizing submission of a loan application, the incurring of indebtedness, the execution of a loan agreement and any amendments thereto, a promissory note and any other documents necessary to secure a loan in the amount of \$135,000 from Rural Community Assistance Corporation for improvements to the Water Treatment Plant, on second reading. By roll call vote, Councilmembers Kessler, Queen and Rose voted 'Aye'. Motion carried. Councilmembers Teter and Davis were absent.

NEW BUSINESS-

1. North County Recreation Association President Joseph Godinho, submitted a letter offering to purchase the city's 580 Case Backhoe for \$750. The letter noted this equipment would greatly help with maintenance and projects for improving and developing the North County Complex. Public Works Director Vorse noted this equipment was deemed surplus by the city council. Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Rose to accept North County Recreation Association's offer to purchase the city's 580 Case Backhoe for \$750. By roll call vote, Councilmembers Kessler, Queen and Rose voted 'Aye'. Motion carried. Councilmembers Teter and Davis were absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Helenberg adjourned regular session at 8:00 p.m. for a fifteen-minute Executive Session to discuss potential litigation (RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)) and evaluation of performance of public employee (RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g)). Action will be taken following the Executive Session.

Mayor Helenberg reconvened regular session at 8:15 p.m.

Councilmember Teter arrived at the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Councilmember Kessler made a motion, seconded by Queen to approve Officer Gann's tuition request at 50% and to look at setting up a committee to look at tuition reimbursement.

Discussion: Mayor Helenberg asked if councilmembers intended to approve subsequent education assistance requests at 50%. Councilmember Kessler answered that council will consider those case by case until the committee is able to review the policy. In answer to Clerk-Treasurer Covington's question, Councilmember Kessler stated councilmembers have already approved Officer Gann's initial request for educational assistance. This motion

relates to Officer Gann's second submittal for educational assistance (written request dated April 3, 2015 for Spring Quarter classes at Lower Columbia College; amount of request \$1,308.79).

Vote on the motion: Councilmember Teter abstained. Councilmembers Kessler, Queen and Rose voted 'Aye'. Councilmember Davis was absent. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Helenberg adjourned the regular meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Mayor Paul Helenberg

Clerk-Treasurer Ryana Covington