

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Paul Helenberg called the July 23, 2018, 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: Art Lee, Lee Kessler, Earl Queen, Paul Simonsen and Ellen Rose.

Also present: Librarian Vicki Selander, Chief Scott Neves, Public Works Director Dave Vorse, Clerk-Treasurer Carie Cuttonaro. City Attorney Nicole Tideman arrived at 7:38 p.m.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

John Jokela, Balcer St NE, asked if the City if they plan on putting a public restroom that could be used during the hours that the Visitor Center is closed. He explained that during the weekend, people will relieve themselves in the far south east corner next to the fence. Councilmember Kessler asked at what time of day he sees this happening. Jokela explained it even happens during the day while hi hosting barbecues mid-afternoon/evening at his residence, where children who are attending can see this happen. Mayor Helenberg stated we would look into how much it would cost to rent a porta potty.

John Jokela then asked about the sewer rates during the summer when a lot of the water is used for watering gardens. Mayor Helenberg explained he could have a second "irrigation meter" installed that would only charge for water service. Helenberg answered the question regarding a "sand point", in which a backflow prevention device would have to be installed on the house to prevent any water from entering the City's system, should the sand point connection be connected to the house plumbing in the future. Public Works Director Dave Vorse further explained that the area where Jokela resides has wells typically running about 110-120 feet deep. A sand point connection would have to be tested every year. He also explained that the sewer plant still has a cost to operate and if we didn't charge by the 100 cubic feet of water consumption, the base rate would have to be increased to make up the difference. Costs to install a second meter may vary.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Chief Scott Neves –

-reported that the police department has had a busy couple weeks. Several calls came from the motorcycle event took place July 14th, 2018. One call was a pursuit that led into the motorcycle event. A lot of issues have been identified coming from that event. Requested Mayor Helenberg appoint a committee to look at a legislative fix to the committee process for large gatherings.

-hit and run at Four Corners (Intersection of P.H. #10 and West Side Hwy). Subject traveling north on West Side Hwy in excess of 80 MPH and failed to stop at the stop sign. Collided with the front end of a pickup truck that was headed south on West Side Hwy. Resulted in two injuries. Subject was arrested for DUI and vehicular assault.

-Parade went well; no issues. Fun was had by all.

-Finishing replacement of office furniture through surplus. Initially, we were trying to redo the furniture for the Police Clerk, but were able to finish the most of the entire office. Neves credited his staff for finding the surplus sale and putting it together as well as Councilmember Kessler for multiple trips made to Olympia to get the furniture.

-Lindsay Worley has been announced as the new CARE Coalition Coordinator. She is leaving her position as Drug and Alcohol Counselor for the Castle Rock Schools.

Public Works Director Dave Vorse –

-Had been preparing for the parade and America In Bloom judges arrival this Wednesday. An invitation for the community potluck and volunteer appreciation at Lion's Pride Park between 6-8 p.m. this Friday has been dispersed.

Clerk-Treasurer Carie Cuttonaro –

-Provided the Cash & Investment Activity; included part of July to show corrections that had been made. One employee's payroll costs were being charged to incorrect funds.

-Mayor Helenberg shared his appreciation Councilmember Kessler and Chief Neves for helping retrieve furniture from surplus for the Finance Office.

Librarian Vicki Selander –

-Enjoyed the parade traveling by the Library.

Council and Ad Hoc Committees

Mayor Helenberg –

-Attended the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) meeting and saw the news article had quoted Commissioner Arne Mortensen calling the testimony that he heard "emotional drivel". Every city except Woodland was represented at that meeting and stated they are against going with Republic Services, along with every member on the SWAC board. Requests all councilmember attend the next Commissioners meeting on August 7th to help show solidarity for Castle Rock. The north end of the county is taking the brunt of the landfill and it's a good thing for Cowlitz County, but hates to see King County that dictates law here get a good rate hauling trash to our landfill, using it up.

-In response to Chief Neves' request for a committee to address larger event planning. We do need to start a committee. Privately hired security seems to be an issue. Neves stated our officers believe that the single security officer at the motorcycle event for close to 1,000 people was intoxicated while he was performing security duties. Helenberg stated things reportedly got seriously out of control. There is limited force even with the County that if a mini riot took place we'd have a hard time taking care of it. It seems like this is the only event we've had any problems. Neves stated other events have taken place without any issues at all, so a future ordinance would need to ramp up security. Currently, it's costing the City by responding to calls, along with other agencies assistance, when there these events should be providing their own private security. Helenberg stated that North County Recreation Association donates to the Police Reserves to have them at their events for security. Committee members are: Councilmembers Lee Kessler, Paul Simonsen, Mayor Helenberg and Chief Scott Neves.

Councilmember Art Lee –

-Curious what we would need to do to have a tree planted in memory for Ken Davis in the walk of fame along the dike. Mayor Helenberg stated donations could be collected. One of the longest running businesses in the City of Castle Rock and had always donated to every group throughout the years. Several councilmembers stated they would donate for a tree and a plaque. Mayor Helenberg stated he would talk to the Bloom Team.

Councilmember Lee Kessler –

-Have made a few trips to surplus and commented on the huge cost savings and the teamwork involved. It's good to have so many people who can work together well and get things accomplished. Mayor Helenberg stated that August 9th we will close the Finance Office and Public Works will change their

schedule to come in and move all of the current furniture out. They will sheetrock the office and get the new furniture in. The office will only be closed on the 9th. Clerk-Treasurer Carie Cuttonaro also thanked everyone for all their hard work. Chief Neves explained the budgetary impact will be very minor.

Nancy Chennault, Castle Rock Community Development Alliance –

-Mayor Helenberg stated Chennault is busy watering plants as the judges will be here Wednesday through Friday. All are invited to the potluck at Lion's Pride Park Friday evening. Hot dogs, burgers and chicken will be prepared. A ribbon cutting dedication ceremony for the new Huntington Heritage Monument will take place. Public Works Director Dave Vorse invited Perry Watkins to come cut the ribbon. His grandfather was the first postmaster in Castle Rock and he was also the postmaster for 17 years. There is a dinner scheduled for Thursday evening at Parker's Steakhouse with the judges, Bloom Team Volunteers, Council and CRCDA.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Kessler to approve the minutes to the July 9, 2018 Regular Council Meeting. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Councilmember Rose made a motion, seconded by Kessler to approve Resolution No. 2018-08, a resolution designating Proven Winners® Guara Stratosphere White as the official city flower, on second reading. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.
2. Councilmember Kessler made a motion, seconded by Rose to approve Resolution No. 2018-09, a resolution asking qualified voters of the City of Castle Rock to fund by Special Excess levy the furnishing of public library services to the citizens and will submit the following question for the General Election: whether or not a Special Excess Levy on real property shall be had for the purpose of funding library services during the year 2019, on second reading, on second reading. By roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Helenberg informed city council that consideration for acceptance of Proven Winners® Signature City designation has been tabled until the next meeting.
2. Councilmember Queen stated the Castle Rock Eagles would like to install an awning where they park the cars in front of their building. Mayor Helenberg stated they need to complete an application that would be submitted through the City Planner.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Helenberg adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Paul Helenberg

Clerk-Treasurer Carie Cuttonaro