

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Paul Helenberg called the April 22, 2019 regular meeting of the Castle Rock City Council to order at 7:31 PM, 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, Police Chief Scott Neves, City Attorney Nicole Tideman, Public Works Director Dave Vorse, City Engineer Tom Gower, Student Representative Maddie Neves, and Clerk-Treasurer Carie Cuttonaro.

Mayor Helenberg led a moment of silence in honor of Cowlitz County Sheriff Deputy Justin DeRosier.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Simonsen added an item to discuss the Police Department. No other changes made. Approval by consensus.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works Director Dave Vorse

- reported the water main project on Dougherty Dr went exceedingly well last week. The crew was successful installing 1,600 feet of main line in five days. The crew worked exceptionally hard and Mayor Helenberg donated over 40 hours helping. This week we will finish installing the hydrants and getting the project ready to go out to bid. We took care of a drainage issue that we found that was coming down from the state highway and ran alongside Dougherty Dr, as well as a broken sewer line.
- will be TVing all the sewer and storm drain laterals located underneath Dougherty Dr, so that the information can go to the engineers to make sure when the reconstruction is being done, they can address any concerns.
- part-time help worked during the water main installation so that the restrooms and garbage collection could be maintained.

Police Chief Scott Neves

- fairly busy last few weeks
- had sent an initial report on their involvement in the death of Deputy DeRosier.
- had an unlawful imprisonment and assault II on Cherry St.
- Officer Gann responded with County on a domestic violence where a subject was armed with a shotgun.
- we had two felony arrests
- had a barricaded domestic violence incident on 2nd Ave
- Officer Zimmerman was involved in a use of force incident at the trailer park at Exit 52. The subject tried to attack Officer Zimmerman with a 20 lb. propane tank. Officer Zimmerman took the subject to the ground with the assistance of several of the tenants at the park.
- provided shift coverage to assist the County on the north end and will continue to do so through this week.
- Officer Gann is heading to Colorado for in-custody death prevention instructor training. This is part of our department's participation in the county-wide team with the connection to the I-940 passage, where we must have independent investigations. The County is heading up an investigative team to end the use of force for different agencies.

-myself, Officer Kessler and Officer Gann attended range safety officer training. We're working with the gun range at Exit 52 to provide a place for our department to have firearms training. Hope to have a contract for the City Attorney to review soon.

-Reserve Academy is going well. We have one Reserve Officer remaining in training and just finished EVOC training. We expect in the next two months the new Reserve Officer will be attending a council meeting to meet the Council, and will begin her field training process.

Clerk-Treasurer Carie Cuttonaro

-provided the 2019 Expenditure, Revenue and Cash & Investment Activity reports.

Council and Ad Hoc Committees

Councilmember Paul Simonsen

-reported the decking on the SR 411 bridge is riddled with potholes. Called the bridge superintendent at WSDOT in Vancouver and they knew nothing about the bridge's current state. They are the ones responsible for patching the bridge deck. The bridge will be patched soon. The bridge deck will be replaced, down to the girders, in 2021, however the bridge superintendent stated the entire bridge will be replaced.

CRCDA Representative Nancy Chennault

-Arbor Day is coming up on Friday – we will be planting 7 fruit trees, one with every class (grade) in the elementary, from Pre-K all the way through 5th grade.

-Clean-Up Day is Saturday – we have close to 100 high school students who have pre-registered. The students will be assigned to different projects. Registration starts at 8:00 AM, right here in the Senior Center.

Student Representative Maddie Neves

-school year is $\frac{3}{4}$ over; it's almost done.

-student assembly on social media was held March 4th by a fast-paced presenter. A parent meeting was held with a dinner and discussion the night before. Research was quoted and tips were given for safety uses of social media and monitoring time online.

-select high school students are spending time at the elementary school during lunch, to encourage positive relationships – called the "Lunch Buddies".

-Seniors are practicing their 'high school and beyond' presentations to be held May 18th, but an additional date could be planned.

-There is a push for high school students to keep up the tradition of turning out for community service with the annual Clean-Up Day.

-Our softball team is definitely one to watch – hoping for another state tournament at the end of May.

-FBLA sent four members to the state competition yesterday. Katie Garr placed 5th in her prepared speech about patriotism.

-FFA floral team traveled to two competitions – one in Bellingham and a state competition in Ridgefield. This team is a feeder: experience for future Castle Rock residents who might be interested in helping bloom the team.

-Honor Society has blood drive coming up in May as well as a yearly introduction for new members.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve the minutes of the April 8, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.

Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Kessler to approve the Consent Agenda.
Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

OLD BUSINESS

none

NEW BUSINESS

1. Matt Morris, one of the two developers for Fatpup, requested formal authorization to extend the water line from Green Acres Way, north to their 44 ½ acre lot subdivision on Gassman Rd. The plan has already gone through the County's planning commission and has been approved by the County Commissioners. They are now seeking approval to tie into the City of Castle Rock's water system. This is one of the conditions they must meet in order to move forward with their project. If approved, they will move forward with developing the plans and working with Public Works and Engineering with the City to meet all requirements for the subdivision.

Public Works Director Dave Vorse stated the assumption is that if the connection is allowed, typically, the developer will fund and build the water main, and install it within the subdivision, and then it is turned over to the entity to maintain it as part of their system. A point to consider is if this is approved, provided that its build to meet our standards and meets the recommendations of the engineer, are also willing to accept an approximate ½ mile in length of water main, along with an additional ½ mile of water main within the subdivision as well as the addition of 44 customers. Several options are available: 1) Allow the connection, but have the services maintained by the County. 2) Allow the connection and absorb the responsibility into our system, allowing the 44 customers as "Outside City Limits Rate (1.5 times the regular rate)", as established by Ordinance (2010-15).

Residences along the main would have the opportunity to connect to the system. Connection fees, plus a latecomer fee, (subject to a contract created under RCW 35.91.020 that would be reimbursed to the developer up to 20 years, with possible extensions) would apply.

There is adequate water supply and today's pipes last 50+ years.

Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Kessler, to allow subdivision to connect to City water and for the City to maintain services. Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

2. Councilmembers reviewed a leak adjustment request submitted by Patty McVay, Front Ave SW, in the amount of \$941.05 for the October/November and November/December billing periods. Public Works Director Dave Vorse stated the 311 program we use for work orders proved to be a good tool and shows the history of the work orders at the residence. There was confusion along the way, but in the end there was a break in the pipe in the yard, which was fixed by a plumber. McVay asked if Vorse could go back and see if there was any work done near the area that may have caused the break. The work order history shows the City did not do any work to cause the break, did not move the meter, and did not change anything within the meter box. Recommendation is for a leak adjustment.

Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Rose to approve the leak adjustment. Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

3. Public Works Director Dave Vorse stated part of the Six Rivers Regional Trail, we were awarded money from the Transportation Alternative Program in the amount of \$299,852 and \$68,000 through Cowlitz County Commissioners - that's fully funded - and that has two phases. Phase I is to look at every mile of the proposed trail route and see what can be done to make safety

improvements and Phase II is the construction, which will be in two phases. The first phase of construction will be to tie the east side of Exit 49 to the west side of Exit 49. This will include improvements on the overpass that will allow sufficient room for bicyclists and pedestrians. Part of the funding will be used for a celebration in each of the cities the trail is running through. Since Castle Rock is connecting at Old 99, they want to start in Castle Rock. The celebration will be used to educate what the Six Rivers Trail is all about and also to recognize the effort and keep building momentum. They are asking if we could have the celebration on May 18th. The request includes closing a section of Front Ave NW between Cowlitz St W and the north end of the Vault Books & Brew and Greener Futures buildings. The closure would allow for surrounding businesses to maintain customer access. There would be a speech or two, have a short ½ mile walk, then cake.

Councilmember Kessler made a motion, seconded by Queen to approve the request to close Front Ave NW between Cowlitz St W and the north end the Vault Books & Brew and Greener Futures buildings on May 18th for the Six Rivers Regional Trail Celebration. Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

4. Public Works Director Dave Vorse stated Authorization No. 2019-001 is for the design stage of the Al Helenberg Memorial Boat Launch Safety Improvements. This is fully funded from two grants, one from the County and RCO. We just found out today that we are within the funding to receive the construction funds also. In response to Councilmember Kessler question, Vorse stated the design stage is completely funded, and we have secured \$840,000 for the construction phase through the RCO, but we still need to secure the match through the Port of Longview or the County. City Engineer Tom Gower stated this authorization is for the design phase, and is for geotechnical investigation, hydraulic modeling, reporting to FEMA and extensive environmental permitting, as well as structural engineering for the wall itself. The result of an evaluation done two years ago, the recommendation is there are three sections of wall placed in the river to aid in slowing down the current at the boat launch.

Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Kessler, to approve Authorization No. 2019-001. Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

5. City Engineer Tom Gower stated there are additional requirements in terms of contract documents and other coordination that is associated with the project. This was all part of the additional funding that was obtained through TIB.

Councilmember Kessler made a motion, seconded by Queen to approve the Gibbs & Olson, Inc. Consultant Agreement for additional design engineering for Dougherty Dr NE; total engineering cost is \$20,000 (\$16,400 for Phase I and \$3,600 for Phase II. Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

6. Councilmember Kessler made a motion, seconded by Queen to approve Special Event Permit #2019-003; Boy Scouts T313 for Sand & Misery 5K Challenge on 5/14/19. Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.
7. Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Rose to approve Special Event Permit #2019-004; Dachshund Fanciers of SW WA use of High Banks on 5/18/19 & 5/19/19, contingent upon receiving insurance. Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

8. Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Kessler to approve Special Event Permit #2019-006; Castle Rock Farmers Market to close 1st Ave SW between A St SW and Cowlitz St W, every Sunday from 5/5/19 to 10/20/19, contingent upon receiving insurance. Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

9. In response to Councilmember Kessler's question, Police Chief Scott Neves stated that there is no alcohol being served and they expect less than 50 attendees, so no additional security is being required. Councilmember Queen made a motion, seconded by Kessler to approve Special Event Permit #2019-007; Mt St Helens Motorcycle Club to host first race of regular summer series on 5/18/19.

Councilmember Simonsen asked if this permit is for the entire summer series. Police Chief Scott Neves responded that the permitting process is event by event so we can monitor the size of the event and whether alcohol will be served.

Vote on the motion above: Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

10. Councilmember Kessler made a motion, seconded by Rose to approve Special Event Permit #2019-008; Studio 117 & Castle Rock PTO to host "I Topped the Rock" Color Run on 5/19/19 at Lions Pride Park, Riverfront Trail and Rock Trail.

In response to Councilmember Lee's request, Clerk-Treasurer Cuttonaro confirmed there will not be any paint on the trails, only cornstarch and food coloring.

Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimous 'Aye'.

11. *Item Added* Councilmember Simonsen stated with recent events, Rainier Police Chief Ralph Painter and Cowlitz County Sheriff Deputy Justin DeRosier both shot and then find out that the shooters are brothers. Those brothers had stayed in Toutle. Police Chief Scott Neves stated he is unable to discuss an ongoing investigation, but has had multiple contacts with the brothers and even recent contact with associates and individuals. Councilmember Simonsen further stated that this could just as easily happened here in Castle Rock to one of our own officers. We have I-5 running through and 3 out of 5 drivers are impaired. He also stated that when he was first elected, he questioned the police wages, but now he states these events are too close to home. He proposed a committee to figure out ways to provide additional coverage to the Police Department for safety, and additionally create a three-year and five-year plan.

Councilmember Kessler stated that the Chief and Sergeant have worked very hard on bolstering the Reserve Unit. Our Reserves really put in a lot of hours and are our second car to respond or a second officer in the car. The Reserves really need to be a piece of it, as a way to enhance the department. Getting volunteers is tough.

Councilmember Simonsen referred to the department report Chief Neves gave earlier this evening. Times have changed. He also stated the suggested number of officers is 3.5 for every 1,000 population.

Mayor Helenberg suggested visiting the Legislature to get funding for the Police Departments.

Chief Neves appreciated the Mayor and Council's support the department has had. Truly this has been an eye-opening event for Cowlitz County and I pray that we never have to experience this again, I pray that never have to deliver that message to any of my staff's loved ones, and I agree Councilmember Simonsen about looking at three-, five- and ten-year plans. The Mayor and I have

talked about this several times, about not only focusing on the Police Department, but also City-wide. We discussed issues regarding City Hall and developing long-term planning for the City.

Mayor Helenberg added that one of the worst things that could happen would be to lose any one of our extended family that works for the City of Castle Rock.

Councilmember Simonsen added that there was a recent murder in Ryderwood.

Patty McVey added she feels anything we could add for additional training for the Officers and Reserves is important. She feels involving the citizens to get ideas would help. It would also allow for the Officers to be more informed and aware of things.

Mayor Helenberg appointed a committee to review, plan and propose ideas for the Police Department. Committee includes Mayor Helenberg, Councilmembers Simonsen and Kessler and Police Chief Scott Neves.

12. *Added Item* Mayor Helenberg noted the updated plan for the funeral procession tomorrow for Deputy DeRosier, as provided by Sheriff Thurman. Police Chief Scott Neves stated that the Police Department will have four patrol vehicles participating in the procession and twenty officers and family members attending the funeral, representing Castle Rock.
13. *Added Item* Mayor Helenberg stated those who are going to run in the election this year can file online starting April 29th, in-person between May 13th and May 17th. Last day to withdraw is May 20th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Helenberg adjourned the meeting at 8:18 PM.


Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Cuttonaro


Mayor Paul Helenberg