

**CITY OF TOLEDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 1, 2019**

MAYOR STEVE DOBOSH CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER. THE FLAG SALUTE WAS LED BY GUY SPRATT.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Emily Morgan, Carol Hill via phone, Ron Neumann and Guy Spratt. Glenda Forga was absent

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Michelle Whitten, City Clerk; and John Brockmueller, Police Chief.

GUESTS: Cindy Samco, Gary Reboin, Joe Notch, Jaimie Cummings, Eric Hayes, Daniel Kane, and Andy Caldwell from Lewis County Emergency Management.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVING CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF JUNE 17, 2019 AND PAYROLL AND CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$96,211.06. Guy motioned to approve the consent agenda; Emily seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for the recent passing of Jeanne Spratt, Councilman Spratt's wife.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

6:02 p.m. – Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan. Michelle explained this is the proposed transportation plans the City will work towards over the next six years. As there were no questions or comments this public hearing was closed at 6:04.

6:04 p.m. Timber Surplus. Michelle explained that this is a requirement to surplus the timber prior to logging. The timber to be harvested is based off the report from Cascade Forest Management. As there were no questions or comments the public hearing was closed at 6:06 p.m. and Council went back into regular session.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Steve Dobosh – Mayor: The water feature in city park is almost complete. Steamboat Alley looks great and he thanked Jaimie Cummings for her work on the project.

Jon Cravens – Public Works: Jon Cravens report was in packets.

John Brockmueller – Police Department: John commented that everything is normal and he is gearing up for Cheese Days. He will have help from the Sheriff's Department, City of Morton, and Cowlitz Tribe. The Reserve Academy will be done on July 25th with a graduation ceremony.

He was watching the foot traffic at the Thursday Farmers Market and decided it was a good idea to close down Front Street for foot traffic only. He felt that with all the activity of the vendors and patrons it was unsafe for vehicle traffic. There was discussion of closing before the boat ramp, but this makes for an unsafe situation with trying to turn around. It is better to close

the street at First Street and Augustus. The effected homeowner can move the barricade to get out. Council discussed having signs for the alternative boat launches on the Cowlitz River nearby. Jaimie Cummings commented that there was no boat launch use this last Thursday and one floater the previous Thursday. Announcements can be made in the TownCrier.

Guy asked for more patrol as people are driving too fast and running stop signs. John said they are doing what they can. He will let other officers know his concerns.

Michelle Whitten– City Clerk: Michelle informed the Council that the Planning Commission has been working extra hard with additional meetings in working on updates to the Comprehensive Plan. Cindy Samco has been a tremendous help working with the Commissioners with revamping the document layout.

The City received donation of additional life vests. AWC insurance is now requiring the cities to have a “Bouncy House” document for anyone using this type of apparatus on city properties.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 246A – Six Year TIP 2020-2025. Emily motioned to adopt; Ron seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Dobosh read by title only.

Resolution 247A – Timber Surplus. Mayor read by title only. Ron motioned to approve Resolution 247A, Emily seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Property Complaints – Carolyn Maggard. This is a little unusual as the Maggard’s are complaining about the neighbors’ complaints of their property being a nuisance. Chief Brockmueller explained that the Maggard’s like to accumulate things which overflow into the front yard, which becomes a violation of City Ordinance. They get a letter of the nuisance, they fix the problem, then the cycle starts all over again. The frustration of the neighbors is with the cycle. Council discussed changing the Ordinance that if there are any violations within a year they will be fined. Michelle wanted Council to be cautious as there are many nuisances such as tall grass. We could also get into a situation where a neighbor may not like someone’s unruly landscaping, or color of their house and complain of a nuisance. Ron asked to see what other communities are dealing with and how they handle it. Michelle said other cities contact us and adopt Ordinances similar to ours. The Council will research and come up with other ideas.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Front Street Farmers Market. Carol motioned on the advice of the Chief and Mayor for safety and protection of citizens to close the street and post closed for warning of Farmers Market, Emily seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC. Jaimie Cummings said that Steamboat Alley is coming along great and hoping to get pavers in by Cheese Days.

Andy Caldwell had lots of informational packets for the public for Emergency Management, water conservation and fire dangers.

Joe Notch asked a couple questions about clearance of fire hydrant and adding a planter box on city right of way at his new business on Cowlitz Street. Both questions were for public works department which we will have contact him.

ADJOURNMENT: Guy made a motion to adjourn, Emily seconded. Motion carried.

These minutes are not verbatim. If so desired, a recording of this meeting is on file and can be heard.

Steve Dobosh – Mayor

Michelle Whitten – City Clerk