

**CITY OF TOLEDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 3, 2020**

MAYOR STEVE DOBOSH CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT THE TOLEDO SENIOR CENTER, COUNCIL MEMBERS THAT COULD NOT ATTEND HAD THE OPTION VIA ZOOM. THE MEETING WAS ALSO TELEVISED LIVE ON YOU TUBE. THE FLAG SALUTE WAS LED BY MAYOR STEVE DOBOSH.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Emily Morgan, Carol Hill (via zoom), Guy Spratt and Ron Neumann. Glenda Forga was excused.

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Michelle Whitten, City Clerk and John Brockmueller, Police Chief. Mike Fisher, Public Works Superintendent absent due to sewer emergency.

GUESTS: Sam Patrick (recording and streaming to YouTube), William Flerry, Erica Castro and Judy Crawford.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVING CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF JULY 6, 2020 AND PAYROLL AND CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,792.76. Ron motioned to approve the consent agenda; Emily seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Steve Dobosh – Mayor: Nothing.

Mike Fisher – Public Works: Excused due to emergency at the street project. Contractor hit an unknown clean out and filled it with gravel. Michelle gave City Council the timeline for both the Washington Street sidewalk project and the Maple Street rehab project.

Steve discussed the information in the packets regarding street marking prices for stop bars and parking lines. Mike had a breakdown of costs for the torch down marking of \$9,200 with expected life 6 years an additional \$560 a year for painting curbs. They would spend about \$9,300 on paint in 6 years for curbs, stop bars and parking lines. All the lines have been painted this year already. The funds for the torch down would come from the STIP funds we receive from Lewis County. We are awarded approximately \$5,400 a year. This money has been used in the past for chip sealing roads, new street signs, sweeping, painting, etc.

John Brockmueller – Police Department: Normal operations, stats for July were given out. The bike is finally on the road but is not marked as of yet. On Wednesday morning the department will be involved with the services for the WA State Patrolman Justin Schaffer.

John has a request for a piece of equipment, he would like to purchase a drone. There is many uses for this equipment. Currently Sam has one that has been used, most recently this weekend on a rescue mission. The drone was capable of locating the kayakers and responders were able to assess the situation before deploying boats and manpower. This saved resources, manpower, and time. The cost is currently around \$1,000, and the unit would be stationed at the police department for all to use after trained. Ron said he thought it was a positive thing and would like a proposal at the next meeting along with budget information.

Michelle Whitten– City Clerk: There is a project going on at the historic jail. Common Ground and the City have been cleaning the area up and planting. There is much more to do, and volunteers needed.

A non-profit group named Kindness -911 contacted the City last minute for a surprise visit to Officer Randy Pennington. A celebration to honor all that Randy has given volunteering for the police department for 30 years. Many First Responders came out from various communities, the Patriots Guard and members of the Cowlitz Tribe to celebrate Randy. Mayor Dobosh issued a proclamation naming the day “Randy Pennington Day”. Randy was very surprised and honored for this celebration.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Liquor License Renewal – Toledo Short Stop. Emily motioned to approve the liquor renewal for Short Stop, Guy seconded. Motion carried

CDBG CV-1 Grant – opt in with Lewis County. Michelle explained that this is a small grant for Toledo in the amount of \$3,791 through the CARES Act. It is based on Low to Moderate Income levels. In Toledo a family of 4 would need to meet a household income of less than \$51,450 a year to qualify. By opting in with Lewis County an additional \$1,000 will be given to the overall program. This means that those in Toledo may have the ability to receive more than \$4,791 if qualified. Lewis County would contract with Mason County CAP to administer the funds to those qualified to receive them in Lewis County. It could be used to help with rental or mortgage assistance, utility bills, Food Bank needs, microenterprise assistance, etc. Ron questioned how the information about the program would be distributed or would an individual need to go to Shelton for assistance. The information will be in areas of Lewis County, and possibly at City Hall for individual meetings. We need to get the “word” out through newspapers, media, social media, etc. Ron moved that the City “opt in” with Lewis County, Emily seconded. Motion carried.

COVID-19 Update. To assist with meetings equipment was purchased to help with “social distancing”, live streaming, and the ability for council members to remote in if needed. The City also has spent funds for additional sanitation at the City Park restrooms, playground equipment, water feature, City Hall and boat launch restrooms. This will be paid with our COVID-19 grant.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS. None.

OTHER BUSINESS: Ron wanted to acknowledge the letter from Washington City/County Management Association for the work that Michelle has done through the pandemic and other staff.

PUBLIC. None.

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