

City Council Minutes – January 9, 2017

Mayor Laurie Gere called to order the regular Anacortes City Council meeting of January 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers Eric Johnson, Erica Pickett, Brad Adams, Liz Lovelett, John Archibald and Matt Miller were present. Councilmember Ryan Walters was absent. Mr. Adams moved, seconded by Ms. Lovelett, to excuse the absence of Mr. Walters due to illness. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The assembly joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements and Committee Reports

Mr. Adams reported that the Planning Committee meeting scheduled for earlier in the evening had been cancelled. Mr. Johnson reported that the Housing Affordability & Community Services Committee meeting scheduled for January 5, 2017 had been postponed to January 18, 2017.

Public Comment

No one present wished to address the Council on any topic not already on the agenda.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Ms. Lovelett, to approve the following Consent Agenda items. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- a. Minutes of January 3, 2017
- b. Approval of Claims in the amount of: \$306,571.96

The following vouchers/checks were approved for payment:
Check numbers: 83352 through 83396, total \$250,663.65
EFT numbers: 83325 through 83351, total \$32,273.02
Wire transfer numbers: 211277 through 211806, total \$15,878.16

OTHER BUSINESS

Resolution 1982: Establishing Fees for the Water Utility

Finance Director Steve Hoglund presented Resolution 1982 to adopt revised water rates for 2017 as per the 2015 water rate study prepared by FCS Group. Mr. Hoglund recapped the findings of the study presented in 2015 and recalled that Council had at that time supported implementation of Option B which called for a front-loaded five-year series of increases between 2016 and 2021 to fund capital projects including waterline replacement and rehabilitation of the 3MG tank. He responded to councilmember questions regarding the annual CPI increase for all utility rates and the interplay of CPI increase with the separate, planned rate increases to fund capital projects.

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Adams, to approve **Resolution 1982** increasing the water rates to the levels used to create the 2017/2018 budget as well as per the FCS Study. Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Ms. Lovelett, to amend the motion to remove Section 1.2 from the resolution. City Attorney Darcy Swetnam concurred and suggested that Section 1.2 could be moved to the recitals of the resolution. Vote on motion to amend: Ayes – Pickett, Adams, Lovelett, Archibald, Miller and Johnson. Motion carried. Vote on amended motion: Ayes – Adams, Lovelett, Archibald, Miller, Johnson and Pickett. Motion carried.

There being no further business, at approximately 6:20 p.m. the Anacortes City Council meeting of January 9, 2017 was adjourned.