



**CITY OF ROSLYN  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

**May 12, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.**

Roslyn Council Chambers, 201 S. 1<sup>st</sup>, Roslyn, Washington

**CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL, AGENDA UPDATE:**

Mayor Scherer called the meeting to order at 7:00PM, and led the Council in the flag salute.

Present: Councilmember Weis, Councilmember Long, Councilmember Januszkiewicz,

Councilmember Hansen, Councilmember Osiadacz, Mayor Scherer, Treasurer/Planner Graham

Absent: Councilmember Gruber, Councilmember Gray

Councilmember Januszkiewicz **MOVED** to excuse the absences, Councilmember Weis **SECONDED** the motion, and the motion was **APPROVED** unanimously. 5-0

Mayor Scherer moved #8, AB15-030 Runje Field Renovation Design, to Citizen's Comments for discussion.

Councilmember Hansen **MOVED** to approve the agenda update, Councilmember Long **SECONDED** the motion, and the motion was **APPROVED** unanimously. 5-0

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1.) **Checks #13119 – #13150 & Electronic Funds Transfers (EFT) as follows:**
  - a. Accounts Payable in the amount of **\$58,519.46**
  - b. Payroll of May 5, 2015, in the amount of **\$10,207.29**
- 2.) Minutes of Regular City Council meeting of:
  - a. Regular Meeting April 28, 2015

Councilmember Weis **MOVED** to approve the consent agenda, Councilmember Hansen **SECONDED**, the motion was **APPROVED**. 5-0

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**

Emily Miltko, 201 W Nevada Ave, expressed the dismay of both herself and her husband, Glenn Burkhart, with the spraying of herbicide on Runje Field. She would like to know what process the decision followed, whether or not it was necessary, and would like to see it handled differently in the future.

Janine Brodine, R-Town Board, presented the City Council with the 2015 Roslyn Farmer's Market poster.

Kathleen Michael, local business owner, was present to discuss the moving of the KBHR radio station. She has a petition with a number of signatures of citizens and business owners that do not want to see the KBHR station moved.

Terry Grogan, 210 W Idaho Ave, wanted to echo Ms. Miltko's statements, and expressed dismay that although he made an effort to contact all members of the Council, he only received a call back from one.

Annie Pressler, 307 W Arizona Ave, shared the risks and side effects of the chemicals used with the City Council. Ms. Pressler also showed the City Council the signs that were posted on site, which she believes were inadequate. Ms. Pressler asked the City Council to consider a different philosophy that would value plants such as dandelions. Ms. Pressler also asked the City Council to share the plans for the park's future with the citizens.

Audrey Liberty, 203 N 3<sup>rd</sup> St, experienced the side-effects from the treatment as well. She encouraged people to evacuate the park after the treatment, including children, animals, and picnics. Ms. Liberty feels like she should have been notified, and had to evacuate their home.

Karen Fader, 408 W Alaska Ave, stated a desire to move forward. The spraying has been done, and she would like to see the City come to a consensus on what will be done with pests in the future. Ms. Fader stated an understanding that sometimes these measures are necessary, but that all alternatives should be explored first, and that dandelions are not a good enough reason to spray.

Millie Radonovich, 408 W Alaska Ave, stated that she would like to see the City of Roslyn institute a no-pesticide policy in Roslyn. Ms. Radonovich also stated that she would like to see the City listen to the biologist, Annie Pressler, rather than the salesman for the chemical treatment.

Susie Grogan, 210 W Idaho Ave, was very upset to see her neighbors fall ill to the situation, and was very concerned about the schools that use that field.

Michelle Hansen, 200 S 3<sup>rd</sup> St, shared her concern that the only person on-site during the spraying was a volunteer who stated that he was representing the City. Ms. Hansen believes that the City should have had an official representative at the site.

Ms. Liberty presented the City with the petition, and urged the City Council to consider the number of children, adults, and animals that have been affected.

Frank Fernandez, a non-Roslyn resident, shared that he had chosen to move to the area because the air quality was beneficial to his health as a COPD patient. Mr. Fernandez's elderly dog was also effected with a bloody nose. Mr. Fernandez is concerned that the labels on the products such as this misrepresent the health risks they pose. Mr. Fernandez would like the City Council to ban chemicals in the City of Roslyn. Mr. Fernandez believes that the City Council should be protecting its citizens

Amanda Heins, 107 W Utah Ave, expressed concern that the schools were notified late in the evening before the spraying. Ms. Heins is concerned that this event seemed to occur intentionally without letting people know.

Alesha Schmedeke, ARRF representative, is concerned about the possible continued use of these chemicals, and the impacts of the proposed soccer field.

Ms. Schmedeke, also wanted to express to the City Council that there are people who are paying others to bludgeon and kill a bunch of domesticated rabbits that were let loose in town. Ms. Schmedeke asked that people please help trap and rehome these animals instead of killing them.

Kathleen Michael asked that the citizens think about the long term effects of asking children to kill animals such as rabbits.

Ms. Pressler shared that both her home and Ms. Liberty's have been swabbed and that there is an ongoing investigation into the chemical that was used.

Amanda Heins, explained that she has spoken to the KBHR Station's owner, and as long as the Roslyn Downtown Association is okay with it, she is willing to move the Station into the Hope Gallery. Ms. Heins would also like to know how the Roslyn Downtown Association ended up being a official Downtown Association for the city of Roslyn.

Janine Brodine, reminded the City Council that the concepts are from the Storefront Studio and has been going on for a while. Ms. Brodine suggested that the Council hold another open house for the Citizens to give feedback on where to go from now.

Ms. Michaels asked that the Council make sure the citizens are allowed to participate in these discussions.

Ms. Hansen explained that the Planning and Historic Preservation Commission had a discussion with the Mayor about the proposed changes to Runje Field, and that a soccer field was not discussed. Ms. Hansen was concerned about one "volunteer" directing City staff what to do, which has not necessarily been part of the plan.

Ms. Pressler inquired about the cost impacts of a new irrigation system in the park.

John, MacIsaac, 304 E Arizona Ave., was not aware of the spraying, but would like to know if the Council had a say in the event.

AB15-030 Runje Field Renovation Design – Mayor Scherer explained that he made the decision to spray herbicide in the park, and takes responsibility. Mayor Scherer explained that he and the Public Health and Safety Council Committee will be working on coming up with an official notification policy for use in situations such as these.

Councilmember Weis stated that the committee is looking into policies of other jurisdictions.

Councilmember Osiadacz reminded the citizens that they always have opportunity for public comment, and will have the opportunity as the City Council moves forward with this process. Ms. Osiadacz expressed appreciation that people have come forward, and recognized the public outcry against pesticides. Ms. Osiadacz expressed dismay with the personal attacks on individuals during the course of this meeting, and would like to see the citizens come forward and be more proactive, rather than reactive.

Councilmember Long, stated that he has heard an outcry for communication, especially as visions change. Councilmember Long explained that he believes the Council should work on communication with the citizens, especially as the City moves forward with projects.

Councilmember Weis would like to see the City of Roslyn open its own Facebook page to allow for more communication and allow more convenient feedback from the citizens.

Councilmember Hansen would like to find a way to encourage citizens to come into the office and receive the current documents and discussions.

Councilmember Long thought that during the Comprehensive Plan Update, there should be a lot of opportunity to discuss issues such as these.

Mayor Scherer explained that the flags in the park are to repair a broken irrigation line, and that he will not move forward with any other plans until there has been public comment on the plans. Mayor Scherer explained that there will be no more spraying in the City of Roslyn until a policy has been put in place.

Councilmember Weis stated that the next Public Health and Safety Council Committee meeting will be announced via e-alert.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS:**

##### **3.) AB15-031 Appoint Citizen Advisory Committee member**

- a. Mayor Scherer read the summary statement for AB15-031 and asked the Council to confirm his appointment of Jeff Newman to the Roslyn Urban Forest Citizen's Advisory Committee.
- b. Councilmember Weis **MOVED** to approve AB15-031 confirming the appointment, Councilmember Hansen **SECONDED** the motion, and the motion was **DENIED**. 0-5
- c. There was a discussion about the residency of the chosen candidate, who lives in the County on Horvatt Rd, and the other candidate which is from Ronald.
- d. Mayor Scherer will get clarification on the residency rules for the CAC, and come back with another recommendation to the next City Council meeting.

##### **4.) AB15-032 Appoint Planning Commissioner**

- a. Mayor Scherer read the summary statement for AB15-031 and asked the Council to confirm his appointment of Emily Miltko to the Roslyn Planning and Historic Preservation Commission.
- b. Councilmember Long **MOVED** to confirm the appointment, Councilmember Weis **SECONDED** the motion, and the motion was **APPROVED**. 5-0

#### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

##### **5.) AB15-028a Transmission Main Bridge Crossing Replacement**

- a. Mayor Scherer opened the Public Hearing on the Transmission Main Bridge Crossing Replacement Project at 8:18PM.
- b. Mayor Scherer closed the Public Hearing on the Transmission Main Bridge Crossing Replacement Project at 8:19PM.

#### **FINAL READING:**

##### **6.) AB15-028a Transmission Main Bridge Crossing Replacement Bid Award**

- a. Mayor Scherer gave a brief summary of the proposed project and the process it has followed.
- b. Councilmember Januskiewicz **MOVED** to approve AB15-028a, accepting the bids, and authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Titan Earthwork, LLC for the Transmission Main Bridge Crossing Replacement Project, Councilmember Hansen **SECONDED** the motion.
- c. Councilmember Januskiewicz explained that this project has been in the works for a while, and that Titan came in significantly lower than the other bids, and has worked with the City of Roslyn in the past.
- d. The Mayor called for a vote and the motion was **APPROVED**. 5-0

- 7.) AB15-029 Older Americans Month
- a. Mayor Scherer gave a brief history of the request from Kittitas County Action Council to declare May "Older Americans" month.
  - b. Councilmember Weis **MOVED** to approve AB15-029, proclaiming May "Older Americans" month, Councilmember Hansen **SECONDED** the motion, and the motion was **APPROVED**. 5-0

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:**

Councilmember Weis would like to help capture the rabbits and wants to know what should be done with them once their captured.

Councilmember Long announced that the Coal Mine Trail Commission is working with Jones & Jones to update the Coal Mines Trail Master plan.

Councilmember Januskiewicz met with the Cemetery Commission and will be meeting with the CAC on May 20, 2015, and will bring a presentation back to Council on May 26, 2015.

Councilmember Weis stated that the Public Health and Safety Committee has received a grant for v-ditch replacement, a sewer camera, and sidewalk repairs in front of Harpers.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Weis **MOTIONED** to adjourn the meeting, Councilmember Januskiewicz **SECONDED** the motion. The motion was **APPROVED 5-0**.

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:32pm**

  
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Geoff Scherer, Mayor

Attest:   
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Shawna Graham, Planner/Treasurer

