

CITY OF CARNATION

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 20, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Carnation City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Jim Berger in the Council Chambers at Carnation City Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Berger.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Jim Berger, Deputy Mayor Fred Bereswill, Councilmember Dustin Green, Councilmember Lee Grumman, City Manager Phil Messina, City Planner Tim Woolett, City Clerk Mary Madole, and citizens present. Councilmember Kim Lisk was absent and excused.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: MOTION BY DEPUTY MAYOR BERESWILL AND SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GREEN TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. Mayor Berger said that he would like to discuss two items under Other Business: a request to proclaim October 2016 as Domestic Violence Action Month; and a potential SCA PIC Action Item. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0).

CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GRUMMAN AND SECOND BY DEPUTY MAYOR BERESWILL TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0), THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE APPROVED:

- Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting – September 6, 2016.
- Claims Check Vouchers numbered 32824 – 32850 in the amount of \$116,565.38.

REPORTS & REQUESTS: Deputy Mayor Bereswill reported that he attended the American Legion meeting on September 7.

Councilmember Green reported that the 18th Annual Riverview Education Foundation (REF) Golf Classic will be held on October 1 at the Blue Heron Golf Course.

Mayor Berger reported that he attended the SCA meeting on September 14. He will be attending the King Conservation District meeting on September 21. A meeting is scheduled on September 28 before the Growth Management Hearings Board regarding growth targets and the conditional approval of comprehensive plans by PSRC.

STAFF REPORTS: City Manager Messina reported that staff met with King County Assessor John Wilson on September 19 and learned that property tax discounts are available for senior citizens with limited income, and there may be some seniors in Carnation who are eligible but not enrolled. Construction on the East Rutherford Street Improvement Project is progressing. CERT will be conducting an earthquake preparedness drill on September 24.

CITIZEN COMMENTS & REQUESTS: Benjamin Gay, 32175 East Bird Street, is opposed to the proposed animal code amendments. He believes it is an over-reaching trend since there is a noise ordinance. He is in favor of enforcing the existing regulations and increasing penalties.

Jim Ribail, 4207 334th Avenue NE, agrees with Mr. Gay that it is a ridiculous ordinance. He finds it difficult to obtain information about what the Council is talking about. He moved to Carnation for less regulation. He prefers that the existing rules and noise control ordinance be enforced.

Sara Clark, 4695 Stewart Avenue, agrees with the previous comments and is concerned about how the proposed changes to the animal code will affect her. The town has a rural agricultural heritage.

Dan Hearing, 32303 East Reitze Street, opposes the proposed change to the animal code. He currently has 7 chickens and chose to live in Carnation due to its farming

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heritage.

Kathleen Allen, 415 West Griffin Creek Road – Carnation, is a Carnation business owner, a physician, a Planning Boardmember, and an animal owner outside of city limits. As a business owner in-town, she said that the marketing for local businesses revolves around the town’s agricultural base. She thinks people should be able to grow their own food on their own property. As a physician, she thinks that animals can be well managed for health purposes. She objects to the removal of ducks from the types of allowed fowl, since they are quieter than chickens and can produce meat and eggs.

Joshua Allen, 415 West Griffin Creek Road – Carnation, served on the Sustainable Carnation Committee which encouraged more fruit trees and sustainable food sources. The animal ordinance needs to be in-line with the community supported vision.

Lisa Yeager, 5728 Tolt Highlands Road NE – Carnation, is the Executive Director for the Sno-Valley Senior Center and invited the Councilmembers to attend an auction on October 15th which will raise funds for a new 12-passenger van. The Senior Center’s current van is 10-passenger and is not in good condition.

Greg Clark, 4695 Stewart Avenue, owns 5 acres in the HC zone and intends to get a dairy cow. He is concerned about how the proposed animal code amendments will affect him.

Julia, Ames Lake Road, said chickens are a way for people to have access to organic food.

**ADDITIONAL
BUSINESS &
DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Proposed amendments to Title 6 CMC Animals: City Manager Messina reviewed his memo dated 09/16/2016 outlining the proposed revisions to Chapter 6.08 CMC Livestock and Fowl, and Chapter 6.10 CMC Household Pets and Small Domestic Animals. Discussion took place. Councilmember Grumman would like to review the noise ordinance at a future date. Deputy Mayor Bereswill pointed out that the current code has internal conflicts between Chapters 6.08 and 6.10, and that the proposed revisions pertaining to chickens are no more restrictive than what’s currently allowed. Councilmember Green was surprised to see ducks as being proposed for prohibition. Mayor Berger said that it is a difficult issue, because people have rights to freedom until their freedom negatively impacts others. Chickens can be good unless they are not well taken care of. Councilmember Grumman supports prohibiting roosters, but doesn’t want to impose restrictions on residents and wants the town to keep its agricultural identity.

Potential annexation, methods and process: City Manager Messina reviewed his memo dated 09/16/2016 outlining the preliminary annexation proposal and the most commonly used process for annexation into code cities. Discussion took place about annexation and the Sixty Percent Petition Method. Majority agreement was reached that the Council would consider a petition for annexation if the resident property owners want to be annexed, and appropriate infrastructure agreements would be negotiated.

The Councilmembers briefly reviewed and discussed the items on the upcoming business list. Agreement was reached to assign the proposed animal code amendments to the Community Development Committee for further review and recommendation.

Other: Mayor Berger requested Council permission to issue a proclamation designating October 2016 as Domestic Violence Action Month, and read the complete text of the proposed proclamation aloud. Council consent was given for Mayor Berger to issue the proclamation. Next, Mayor Berger described an SCA PIC

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Potential Action Item pertaining to affordable housing and low-income tax credits. Mayor Berger was directed to vote in support of the Action Item.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the City Council, the meeting adjourned by common consent at 8:18 PM.

SIGNATURES: Approved at the regular meeting of the Carnation City Council on October 4, 2016.

MAYOR, JIM BERGER

CITY CLERK, MARY MADOLE