

# CITY OF VADER

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# CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**LOCATION:** Vader City Hall

**DATE:** March 28, 2019

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Call to order: 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: by Jill Nielson, City Clerk/Treasurer

In Attendance	Absent Excused	Absent Unexcused	Name/Title
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ken Smith, Mayor
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Judy Costello, Position #1- <b>resigned</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jason Dailey, Position #2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Joe Schey, Position #3 & Mayor Pro-Tem
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mike Parsons Position #4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Leona Sander-Hunter Position #5

Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Joe Schey.

Mayor's Report:

1. City of Orting had three used aerators that they sold to Vader for \$1. City employees picked up two of them and has one installed and running and the second one should be installed and working shortly.
2. Department of Commerce has offered the City to participate in an income survey that could enable the city to qualify for Community Development Block Grant funding. This funding will help the city in many areas, but initially it will be applied for and used towards the Wastewater Treatment Facility upgrade project. If the city can secure this grant funding it will save the rate payers money on their monthly sewer rates. The public was encouraged to look for the income survey information to come in their mail in the next few weeks and to make sure and participate in the survey.
3. Mayor Smith announced to the public that Councilor Judy Costello resigned her position on City Council as of March 21, 2019. The public was invited to contact City Hall or an Elected Official if they would like to be considered to fill the position.

Council Reports:

Mike Parsons- Announced that he will not be in town around the 4th of July this year and will not be able to organize the annual event. He said that someone else would need to take over the event in order to make it happen this year.

Agenda:

**Action-----I move to approve the agenda for 3/28/2019 City Council Meeting as written.**

**Motion Submitted by:** Joe Schey  
**2<sup>nd</sup> the motion:** Jason Dailey  
**Vote:** unanimous, 4-0/ Motion carried

Minutes:

**Action-----I move to approve the minutes for City Council Meeting on 3/14/19 as written.**

**Motion Submitted by:** Mike Parsons  
**2<sup>nd</sup> the motion:** Leona Sander-Hunter  
**Vote:** unanimous, 4-0/ Motion carried

Vouchers:

**Action-----I move to approve the vouchers for:**

First half of March, 2019:	\$ <u>28,091.60</u>
<b>End of March, 2019:</b>	<b>\$ <u>1,309.70</u></b>
<b>March 2019 Total:</b>	<b>\$ <u>29,401.30</u></b>

**Motion Submitted by:** Joe Schey  
**2<sup>nd</sup> the motion:** Jason Dailey  
**Vote:** unanimous, 4-0/ Motion carried

Special Reports:

Stephanie Montgomery, Vader Park Board, reported that the Park Board has voted for Kelly Schey to continue as the Board Chair-person, with Ken Joslin as the Vice Chair-person and herself as the new Secretary/Treasurer. She reported that the City Planner, Gary Cooper has been helping them work on their Park Plan and on grant opportunities. The Board continues to discuss ideas for fundraisers and other beautification and clean-up projects.

City Business:

1. Council held the second reading of Ordinance 2019-02:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VADER, WASHINGTON,  
AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF  
VADER, WASHINGTON, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2019  
TO ADOPT JOB CLASSIFICATIONS AND PAY SCHEDULE  
AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO AFFECT THE  
BUDGET AMENDMENT HEREIN PROVIDED.**

The Council then opened the floor for public comments.

Cindy Radcliffe-Asked if there was anything she could say that would change Council's minds on this? (No response was given.)

**Action-----I move to approve Ordinance 2019-02 adopting an amendment to the annual budget for the City of Vader, Washington, for the calendar year 2019, to adopt Job Classifications and Pay Schedule, and directing the City clerk to affect the budget, as written.**

**Motion Submitted by:** Mike Parsons  
**2<sup>nd</sup> the motion:** Jason Dailey  
**Vote:** unanimous, 4-0/ Motion carried

2. Council considered a request made by the Vader Lion's Club to use Werden Park for their annual Easter Egg Hunt activity on April 20, 2019. They requested that Council waive the park rental fee in consideration of the Lion's being a non-profit entity and that they are holding the event free of charge for the children of Vader.

**Action-----I move to waive the Park Use Fee for the Vader Lion's Club event to be held on April 20, 2019 at Werden Park.**

**Motion Submitted by:** Mike Parsons  
**2<sup>nd</sup> the motion:** Leona Sander-Hunter  
**Vote:** unanimous, 4-0/ Motion carried

3. Council reviewed and discussed the information provided by the City Clerk/Treasurer regarding the effect proposed changes may have to sewer rates. Upon further discussion, Council decided to have the city staff send out a notice in the next sewer billing about the proposed changes, to get an idea of how many rate payers would be interested and/or qualify for the proposed changes. Staff will report back to the council with results.

Public Comment:

Anita Keeney- Announced that due to the pending sale of vacant property on A Street, the May Day activities will be moving to other nearby locations. More information will be presented to Council at the next meeting.

Cindy Radcliffe-Expressed her opinion about the so called "black hole" topics.

Elected Official Comments:

Leona Sander-Hunter- Read a statement encouraging unhappy residents to come to the Mayor or the City Staff to get answers.

Mike Parsons-Stated that despite what was stated in the public comment, opening the "Stick Pile" does cost the city money to manage and maintain.

Mayor Smith-Agreed with Councilor Parsons that the "Stick Pile" does cost the city money. He also reported that the Public Works employee has filled approximately 55 potholes including the 3 potholes that were reported to the city staff. He has also done a great job managing the drainage ditches in town. Mayor Smith also mentioned addressing the hours that City Hall is open.

Meeting Adjourned: 

6:58 p.m.
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Approved by:

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk/Treasurer