

# CITY OF VADER

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# CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**LOCATION:** Vader City Hall

**DATE:** January 24, 2019

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

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Call to order: 6:01 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Judy Costello, Position #1
<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

**Action-----I move to consider the absence of Judy Costello, unexcused.**

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

Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Leona Sander-Hunter.

Mayor's report:

1. Reported that city has been listed on the Ecology Draft Offer List for funding of the Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade project. The offer is to fund approximately \$2.2 million in loan funds and \$2.5 million in forgivable loan (grant) funds. The city will begin seeking out additional grant funding.
2. Reported that the Lewis Economic Development Council annual dinner is coming up and an invitation has been received for any who may want to attend.

Council Reports:

Jason Dailey-Expressed concerns from citizens that the new cell tower light (next to the water treatment facility) is brighter and very disturbing to many.

Agenda:

**Action-----I move to approve the agenda for 1/24/2019 City Council Meeting as written.**

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

Minutes:

**Action-----I move to approve the minutes for the City Council Meeting held on 1/10/2019 as written.**

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

Vouchers:

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

December 2018 Extended Period:	\$ 16,093.40
December 2018 Total:	\$ <u>89,886.16</u>
End of January 2019:	\$ <u>19,846.14</u>
January 2019 Total:	\$ <u>40,176.23</u>

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

Special Reports:

Planning Committee - Councilor Parsons reported that the Committee is continuing to work on the Comprehensive Plan update and that they hope to have it finished in approximately 6 months.

Park Board - Mayor Smith reported that the City Planner, Gary Cooper attended the last meeting and that he invited Kim Sellers from the Recreational Conservation Office. Ms. Sellers talked with the board about grant opportunities and other potential funding sources for park projects. Mr. Cooper continued to work with the board on the Park Plan update. The board also held an additional workshop to work on park improvement options.

City Business:

1. Council considered version 2 of Ordinance 2018-05 updating regulations for business licenses in the city limits.

**Action-----I move to adopt Ordinance #2018-05 amending the Vader Business Licensing Code, repealing Ordinance No. 2011-05 in its entirety and replacing it with an updated chapter on business licensing, providing for the issuance and regulation of business licenses for the City of Vader, adopting the state-mandated updates in accordance with RCW 35.90.090, defining “engaging in business” as required by state law, providing an exemption for certain business activities, providing the waiver of license fees as mandated by state law, providing for enforcement and penalties for violations of said ordinance, and providing due process for licensees.**

**Motion Submitted by:** Mike Parsons

**2<sup>nd</sup> the motion:** Joe Schey

**Vote:** Aye: 3 (Jason Dailey, Joe Schey and Mike Parsons)

Nay: 1 (Leona Sander-Hunter)

Motion carried.

2. Council continued to consider the Employee Pay Rate schedule increase proposed in December of 2018. Three versions of the rate increase were proposed for council's consideration.

**Action-----I move to approve version 3 of the proposed pay rate increases and to institute the rate increases as of February 1, 2019.**

**Motion Submitted by:** Mike Parsons

**2<sup>nd</sup> the motion:** Joe Schey

**Vote:** unanimous, 4-0/ Motion carried

3. Mayor Smith updated the Council informing them that the City of Chehalis has confirmed that they are not able to provide code enforcement or permitting/inspection services at this time. They did report that they had the name of someone who was looking to engage in this type of work and that they could connect us with him. Council directed the Mayor to check into the referral offered.
4. Council discussed the Senior Low -income discount offered on the city sewer billings. They discussed options to include those who are disabled to also receive the discount. Council directed the Mayor to get a copy of the Water Department's application form for their Senior/Disabled discount and provide it for discussion at the next council meeting.

Public Comment:

Cindy Radcliffe - Expressed feelings about wanting council to better align themselves with the priorities and opinions of the citizens.

Donna Rogers - Expressed her feelings about wedding venues in Vader and about the Mayor.

Melvin McFarland - Asked about trees in front of his property that may be in the city right of way.

Meeting Adjourned: 

7:15 p.m.
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Approved by:

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk/Treasurer