



## City Council Minutes

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**Regular Meeting**  
**December 8, 2014**  
**6:30 p.m.**

### **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Guier called the regularly-scheduled meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Council Members Garberding, Kave, Oliveira, Steiger, Walker, Council President Putnam, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, and Mayor Guier

Absent:

Voice vote was taken and carried 6-0.

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Public Safety Director John Calkins, Community Services Assistant Director Darcie Thach, Community Development Manager Jack Dodge, Public Works Manager Lance Newkirk, City Administrator Richard Gould, and City Clerk Amy Stevenson-Ness

### **ADDITIONS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Council Member Steiger requested that the executive session be moved ahead of Budget Item E.

The amended agenda was approved unanimously by Council.

### **AUDIENCE COMMENT**

Speaking before Council:

Don Thomson	Find it interesting that there are a lot of postage stamp parks and cost is high to maintain them. Recommend Park Board, City, get together and discover actual cost of park maintenance.
Barbara Lourdes	Agree with Park budget issues of Mr. Thomson; also, take a look at overtime with the Police Department and everyone else; Has issues to resolve with Chief Calkins.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

At 6:35 p.m., Mayor Guier opened the public hearing regarding changes to Pacific Municipal Code 16.16 regarding SEPA review process.

Community Development Manager Jack Dodge provided information regarding the changes to the SEPA review process, Pacific Municipal Code 16.16. There are flaws in the current regulations, specifically there is not an appeal process with SEPA regulations.

Speaking before Council:

Jeanne Fancher	Suggested the City consider adding a definition of biodiversity to the SEPA definitions.
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Mayor Guier closed the public hearing at 6:41 p.m.

## **REPORTS**

### **A. Mayor**

Mayor Guier reported:

- Thanked staff for keeping things moving along while she was gone.
- Tree lighting was a huge success. Pacific Partnerships did a great job coordinating as well as Troop 540 and Youth and Senior Services; Officer Stephens and Police Explorers. Also extended her thanks to the Public Works crew for their work.
- Expressed concerns regarding comments provided at the second budget hearing that were not true (police pay and accreditation.) Additionally, takes the issue of salary inequality/ gender pay equality very seriously. Pay is based on comparable pay in similar cities.

### **B. Finance/City Administrator**

City Administrator Gould reported:

- 2015 Budget complete and balanced
- Received questions regarding the budget process
- Uniformed negotiations: last proposal received on December 2
- Working with personnel attorney and mayor to change exchange time to management days
- Spoken to Auburn IT to arrange for meeting with Avidex and Technology Committee
- Spoke to city attorney regarding the marijuana timeline to bring items back to council
- Audit should be completed first week in January
- Pineapple Express rain storm headed our way this week.

### **C. Court**

Statistics are provided in your packets.

### **D. Community/Senior/Youth/Services**

Community Services Assistant Director Darcie Thach reported:

- Made \$63.43 at tree lighting selling hot cocoa and cookies
- Joanne has volunteers coming in to help clean the gym/decorate
- Getting Christmas activities ready; Joanne will have a Christmas party for the kids and Darcie will have a pizza party the day after Christmas.

#### E. Public Works Department

Public Works Manager Lance Newkirk reported:

- Applied for TIB grant for Stewart Road project from Valentine to the bridge, but were not successful with the application. There has been discussed with the consultant as to why the city was not successful. TIB is looking for an integrated approach between two jurisdictions.
- Due to the impending storm, Public Works is elevating the readiness posture and getting sand/sandbags ready.

#### F. Community Development Department

Community Development Manager Jack Dodge reported:

- Marijuana ordinances are being reviewed. One ordinance hasn't gone through the SEPA process.
- Will be meeting with Lane Morgan on Morgan Property on West Hill
- Wanted to commend Lance and crew for nicely lighted Christmas tree.

#### G. Public Safety Department

Public Safety Director John Calkins reported

- Reports are in agenda packet; property crimes were down in November
- Brief update on weather conference call with King county emergency management. Heavy rains will start on 12/8 thru 12/11; working with Corps of Engineers to track the storm.

#### H. City Council Members

- Council Member Steiger thanked Mayor Guier for personally donating Christmas lights.
- At the previous week's budget hearing, comment made regarding bake sale fundraisers to raise money for the Senior Center. Pacific receives no money from Algona. Pacific carries entire burden of center.

#### I. Boards and Committees

##### i. Finance Committee

Council Member Kave stated the meeting was held on December 2 at 6:30. They had a full docket. They discussed the final budget and clerical changes to make it more reflective. Department narratives will be amended. They discussed the need to amend 2014's budget and held a discussion regarding the Transportation Benefit District and alternative revenue streams. There was discussion on negotiations with Waste Management. The citizens need to see significant savings for council to back the Proposal. Also discussed was the sewer rate increase, how and when to address it.

##### ii. Governance Committee

Council Member Oliveira stated a meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2014, at 6:30 pm in the chambers

##### iii. Human Services Committee

Council Member Jones stated the December meeting was cancelled due to lack of availability.

##### iv. Public Safety Committee

Council Member Garberding reported the meeting will be held on December 10, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. The agenda will be emailed on December 9.

v. Public Works Committee  
Council Member Steiger reported the committee meeting on December 3 was cancelled due to his unavailability.

vi. Technology Committee  
Council Member Walker reported the committee has not met since the last report

vii. Park Board  
Chair Kate Hull reported:

- Thank you for increase of 504% of service in parks;
- The Park Board will be setting expectations in January meeting.

viii. Planning Commission  
• No Report

ix. Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC)  
• No Report – December meeting cancelled

x. Sound Cities Association (SCA)  
Mayor Guier said she attended the SCA networking dinner. She was reappointed to two committees with SCA.

xi. South County Area Transportation Board (SCATBd)  
Mayor Guier was unable to attend due to surgery.

xii. Valley Regional Fire Association (VRFA)  
Council Member Walker reported the meeting will be held on December 9.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Ordinance No. 2014-1883:** Accepting a grant from the Walmart Foundation in the amount of \$500 for Stone Soup and Youth Program After-School Snacks

Community Services Assistant Director Darcie Thach advised Council of the receipt of the grant.

**COUNCIL MEMBER JONES MOVED** to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-1883 accepting a grant from the Walmart Foundation in the amount of \$500 for Stone Soup and Youth Program After-School Snacks. Seconded by Council Member Oliveira.

Roll Call vote was taken resulting as follows:

Ayes: Garberding, Jones, Kave, Oliveira, Putnam, Steiger, Walker

Nays: None

The motion carried 7-0.

**B. Resolution No. 2014-219:** Setting the date and time for a public hearing on December 22, 2014, at approximately 6:30 p.m. to take public comment for the establishment of the City of Pacific's water conservation goals

Public Works Manager Newkirk advised the hearing is required through the DOE allowing the public to give comment on the water conservation goals.

**COUNCIL MEMBER KAVE MOVED** to approve Resolution No. 2014-219 setting the date and time for a public hearing on December 22, 2014, at approximately 6:30 p.m. to take public comment for the establishment of the City of Pacific's water conservation goals. Seconded by Council Member Putnam.

Roll Call vote was taken resulting as follows:

Ayes: Garberding, Jones, Kave, Oliveira, Putnam, Steiger, Walker

Nays:

The motion carried 7-0.

**C. Ordinance No. 2014-1879:** Repealing Chapter 16.16 of the Pacific Municipal Code and adopting a new Chapter 16.16 for new procedures for review of all actions under SEPA.

Community Development Manager Dodge stated this has been reviewed by Council, a public hearing has been held and this ordinance is ready for adoption.

**COUNCIL MEMBER JONES MOVED** to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-1879 repealing Chapter 16.16 of the Pacific Municipal Code and adopting a new Chapter 16.16 for new procedures for review of all actions under SEPA. Seconded by Council Member Oliveira.

Roll Call vote was taken resulting as follows:

Ayes: Garberding, Jones, Kave, Oliveira, Putnam, Steiger, Walker

Nays:

The motion carried 7-0.

**D. Ordinance No. 2014-1884:** Approving and adopting the Updated King County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan as approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Public Safety Director Calkins advised this will allow City of Pacific to comply with FEMA requirements.

**COUNCIL MEMBER KAVE MOVED** to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-1884 approving and adopting the Updated King County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan as approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Seconded by Council Member Steiger.

Roll Call vote was taken resulting as follows:

Ayes: Garberding, Jones, Kave, Oliveira, Putnam, Steiger, Walker

Nays:

The motion carried 7-0.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:18 p.m., Mayor Guier convened to Executive Session for Collective Bargaining per RCW 42.30.140 (4)(a) for 15 minutes.

Mayor Guier reconvened the meeting and 7:34 p.m.

E. **Ordinance No. 2014-1885:** Adopting the 2015 Budget.

City Administrator Gould said the budget has been a thorough process. A City Council budget workshop was held on October 22, 2014, the revenues and expenditures public hearing was held on October 27, 2014, and two budget public hearings were held on November 10 and December 1, 2014, to receive public input.

He reviewed changes that had been made since the last review and stated this budget is better because we have much better financial software.

Speaking before Council:

Jeanne Fancher	As a planning/policy document, asking council to be proactive. The town is growing and population is increasing. She is glad it's getting done but sad there's a lack of council input. She would like to see more beforehand.
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**COUNCIL MEMBER JONES MOVED** to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-1885 approving the budget for the City of Pacific for 2015. Seconded by Council Member Oliveira.

Roll Call vote was taken resulting as follows:

Ayes: Garberding, Jones, Kave, Oliveira, Putnam, Steiger, Walker

Nays:

The motion carried 7-0.

**NEW ITEMS**

NONE

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Payroll and Voucher Approval

B. Approval of the minutes from the workshop of November 17, 2014.

**COUNCIL MEMBER JONES MOVED** to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Council Member Kave. Voice vote was taken and carried 7-0.

**ADJOURN**

Being no further business, Mayor Guier adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.