

January 5, 2009

The REGULAR Meeting of the Woodland City Council was held on the above date at the Woodland City Hall, Council Chambers, 100 Davidson Avenue, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chuck Blum and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Blum announced there will not be an executive session.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmember John Burke
Councilmember Marilee McCall
Councilmember Darwin Rounds
Councilmember Aaron Christopherson
Councilmember Susan Humbyrd
Councilmember Benjamin Fredricks

Absent: Councilmember Tom Mattison

Also Present: Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Gina Anderson
Fire Chief Tony Brentin
Police Chief Rob Stephenson
Public Works Director Steve Branz

CITIZEN INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Rounds moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Action Item L - Ordinance No. 1149. Councilmember Humbyrd seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Rounds, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks No: None Abstain: None.
(6-0)

M/S/C

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Mayor - Chief Brentin Resignation Letter
Clerk-Treasurer - Special meeting/workshop: January 12, 2008, 7:00 pm regarding Water Sewer proposed rate increase, General Fees & Charges and Council Committees
- Special meeting/workshop with the Port of Woodland: January 21, 2008, 6:00 pm
- Next regularly scheduled Council Meeting: Tuesday, January 20, 2008, 7:00 pm

- Police - Update on Officer Enbody's condition
- Rainstorm coming in this week, Lewis River to run high
- Fire - Flood warning, Lewis River as high as 22 feet
- Fire Grant not approved
- Acquired 2 generators
- Five Year Grant Report
- City policy on plowing
- Public Works - Truck & Tractor Trailer Parking
- Snow plow blade cost
- Schurman Way engineering
- Sewer Line Reconstruction
- Proposal for a Planning Commission Meeting with City Council
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Action M) Authorize the purchase of a snow plow blade

Councilmember Burke moved to authorize the purchase of a snow plow blade in the amount of \$5,500.00 plus tax. Councilmember Humbyrd seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Rounds, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks No: None Abstain: None.
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Action N) Joint Meeting with the Planning Commission on February 11, 2008

Councilmember Burke moved to hold a joint meeting with the Planning Commission on February 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion.

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Yes: Burke, McCall, Rounds, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks No: None Abstain: None.
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REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Public Safety	-	Marilee McCall	-	Letter to Cowlitz Fire District 1 Questions regarding Chief Brentin's Resignation
Public Utilities	-	Darwin Rounds	-	Next meeting, January 13, 2008, 5:30 pm
Parks/Recreation	-	Aaron Christopherson	-	Researching purchasing land for a park

COMMUNITY COALITION COMMITTEE

Councilmember McCall volunteered to be the Council's representative on the joint City, Port and School Comprehensive Community Committee.

REPORTS OF AD HOC COMMITTEES

Cowlitz Wahkikum Council of Governments	-	Susan Humbyrd	-	Budget issues everywhere
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Chamber of Commerce	-	Darlene Johnson	-	Legislative phone calls start mid January, 7:30 am at the information center
Downtown Revitalization	-	Walter Hansen Sr.	-	Next meeting: Tuesday, 9:00 am at the Grange Hall Funds have been raised for "The Mascot"

CITIZEN INPUT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Darlene Johnson, Po Box 1808, Woodland, stated it is not the time to raise taxes on individuals or businesses.

Terry Bradley, PO Box 1707, Woodland, agreed that this is not the time to raise taxes and Woodland should purchase a snow plow blade.

CONSENT

- A) Approve claims voucher warrants number 37034 through 37099 for the month of December, 2008 in the amount of \$198,617.96 and payroll warrants number 27302 through 27420 for the month of December, 2008 in the amount of \$272,603.11 for a grand total of \$471,221.07.
- B) Approve minutes of December 15, 2008 as presented.
- C) Authorize call for bids for Official Newspaper of Record pursuant to RCW 35.23.352 (7).
- D) Authorize renewal of Cowlitz County Humane Society 2009 contract for animal control services in the amount of \$7,800 annually.
- E) Authorize Mayor to sign Agreement with Woodland Tourist Information/Chamber of Commerce for 2009 Hotel / Motel funding in the annual amount of \$32,000.
- F) Authorize Mayor to sign Agreement with Cowlitz County Tourism for Mt. St. Helen's Awesome brochure with 2009 Hotel / Motel funding in the amount of 4,000.
- G) Authorize Mayor to sign Agreement with Hulda Klager Lilac Gardens with 2009 Hotel / Motel funding in the amount of \$4,000.
- H) Authorize Mayor to sign Agreement with Planter's Days Committee for 2009 Hotel / Motel funding in the amount of \$1,500.
- I) Authorize Mayor to sign Agreement with Cowlitz Historical Museum for 2009 Hotel / Motel funding in the amount of \$750.
- J) Authorize Mayor to sign Agreement with Clark Co. Historical Museum for 2009 Hotel / Motel funding in the amount of \$750.

Councilmember Burke moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Christopherson seconded the motion.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Rounds, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks No: None Abstain: None.
(6-0)

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Action K) Ordinance No. 1146 – 4Q2008 Budget Amendments

Councilmember Christopherson moved to approve Ordinance No. 1146 – 4th Quarter 2008 Budget Amendments. Councilmemebr Fredricks seconded the motion

Yes: Burke, McCall, Rounds, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks No: None Abstain: None.
(6-0)

M/S/C

Action L) Ordinance No. 1149 – Amending WMC 5.20 Public Utility Tax from 5% to 6%

Council discussed the proposed increase. Councilmember Burke moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1149 - Amending 5.20 Public Utility Tax from 5% to 6%. Councilmember Fredricks seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: None No: Burke, McCall, Rounds, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks Abstain: None.
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The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Charles E. Blum, Mayor

Minutes approved: _____

Attest: _____
Georgina D. Anderson, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

These minutes are not a verbatim record of the proceedings.
A recording is available in the office of the Clerk-Treasurer.