

January 12, 2009

The SPECIAL 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.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Fire Chief Tony Brentin
Clerk-Treasurer Mari Ripp
Police Chief Rob Stephenson
Community Development Planner Keiichiro Zushi
Public Works Director Steve Branz

WORKSHOP

- A. Resolution No. 569 - declaring a local emergency; Delegation of Authority; Woodland, Cowlitz County, Washington – January 2009 Rain Storm
 - i. Report from Chief Brentin re: January 6-9, 2009 Rain and Flood Event
 - ii. Summary of Estimated Expenses \$15,623.59 for City of Woodland
 - iii. Noel Johnson – Citizen advocate and Lewisriver.com reported that there are sometimes problems with reporters and with the National Weather Service. He read some examples of reports. The rumor mill ran rampant and citizens need to be reminded to go to reliable sources such as the Dept. of Emergency Management and Pacificorp. He applauded the Fire Department and Pacificorp for an excellent job.
 - iv. Council also commended the Public Works Department and the Clerks Department.

(Next items were taken out of order)

- D. Water and Sewer Rate Study and Rate Increase
 - i. Gregg Tobler – Willdan Financial Services presented information on the Water and Sewer Rate Study and projected rate increase
 - ii. Discussion on an annual increase and possibly tie to the CPI-Portland
 - iii. Set for February 2, 2009 Council meeting for consideration

Recessed at 8:05 p.m. to 8:13 p.m.

- E. Resolution No. 564 - Rate Increase to General Fees and Charges
 - i. Mari Ripp, Clerk-Treasurer gave an overview of the proposed rate changes
 - ii. Set for February 2, 2009 Council meeting for consideration

- B. Personal Services Contract with Emergency Services Consulting Group for interim Fire Chief
 - i. Options were discussed
 - ii. Set for January 20, 2009 with City Attorney to prepare a possible ordinance and related documents

- C. Personal Services Contract with Emergency Services Consulting Group for recruitment of a new Fire Chief
 - i. Options were discussed

- F. Land use issues – Chumbly and Gaston

- G. 2009 Budget shortfall due to council action January 5, 2009 re: Ordinance No. 1149 – Public Utility Tax (5% to 6%) effective March 21, 2009 to April 1, 2010
 - i. Set for January 20, 2009 Council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Charles E. Blum, Mayor

Minutes approved: _____

Attest: _____
Mari E. Ripp, Clerk-Treasurer

These minutes are not a verbatim record of the proceedings.