

February 2, 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.

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: Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Gina Anderson
Police Chief Rob Stephenson
Community Development Planner Keiichiro Zushi
Public Works Director Steve Branz
Interim Fire Chief Joe Tone

CITIZEN INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Suzanne Faveluke Taylor Moore, PO Box 2228, had three suggestions for the City: scoop for dog droppings, more money to our community, and try to keep as much and as many people working.

Whitney Mattison, 115 Mackenzie Road, an 18 year member Woodland Volunteer Fire Department (WFD), gave a history of the WFD, asked Council to approve Joe Tone as interim Fire Chief and take a look at the possibility of a merger with Cowlitz Fire District 1.

Tony Brentin, 1765 Clover Lane, stated he was an unpaid volunteer Fire Chief from 7/16 /04 to 8/20/04 and would like consideration of his request for payment. He strongly encouraged the Council to move forward with a change in the current form of government.

Brent Shelton, 200 S 78th Place, Ridgefield, a laid off City employee as of 02/28/09, stated he has been with the City for more than 2 ½ years. The City can't afford to cut the public works positions. The work will not get done with less crew and the laid off positions will need to be replaced.

Ken York, Senior, 15055 Lewis River Road, not a resident, has kin in the City, addressed the garbage going on in the Fire Department. The Mayor needs to take care it. A fully trained department with a good Chief like Mister Tone would help get rid of the backstabbing & underhandedness and no one would lose their life in a fire.

Noel Johnson, PO Box 1955, Woodland stated that the Fire Department and Chief Tony Brentin are doing the best they can. Both sides are close friends of mine. He personally hates to see Tony leave but is happy to see the new Chief come in. Being the Fire Chief is a difficult job. One of the best events of Woodland is coming up on February 21, 2009 – the Father-Daughter ball. It is so popular they do not have enough room. The emergency page on Lewis River.com was used a lot during the recent high water event in Woodland. The Community Forum on Lewis River.com is being used more and more.

Darlene Johnson, PO Box 1808, Woodland, hopes the Council will reconsider the approval of Joe Tone as Interim Fire Chief. The Fire Department needs a new direction.

RECOGNITION

1. Recognition of Tony Brentin, Fire Chief – Service from September 1, 2004 to January 31, 2009

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Blum added action item M, approve Joe Tone as interim Fire Chief, to the agenda Joe Tone.

Councilmember Rounds moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember McCall seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Amended Motion:

Councilmember Fredricks moved to add one or possibly two items to the agenda after the consent agenda. Councilmember McCall seconded. Discussion followed.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Rounds, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Mattison No: None Abstain: None. (7-0)

M/S/C

Main Motion: Moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Joe Tone as interim Fire Chief, the addition of a change of form of government and the addition of possibly one more item.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Rounds, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Mattison No: None Abstain: None. (7-0)

M/S/C

ACTION (M) Approve Joe Tone as Interim Fire Chief

Councilmember Burke moved to approve Joe Tone as interim Fire Chief. Councilmember Humbyrd seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: Burke, Rounds, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Mattison No: McCall, Fredricks Abstain: None.
(5-2)

M/S/C

OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Blum administered the Oath of Office to Joe Tone, Interim Fire Chief

Council further discussed the approval of the interim Fire Chief.

Action (N) Reconsider Motion M to approve Joe Tone as Interim Fire Chief

Councilmember Rounds moved to reconsider the motion to approve Joe Tone as Interim Fire Chief for the purpose of setting a time limit. Councilmember Humbyrd seconded the motion. Amended to state 6-12 months

Yes: Burke, McCall, Rounds, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Mattison No: None Abstain: None. (7-0)

M/S/C

Councilmember McCall moved to approve Joe Tone as the interim Fire Chief for a term of six to twelve months. Councilmember Fredricks seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Rounds, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Mattison No: None Abstain: None. (7-0)

M/S/C

ACTION (O) Authorize City Attorney to prepare an ordinance for appointing interim employees

Councilmember Fredricks moved to authorize the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance for appointing interim employees for public safety employees versus non public safety employees. Councilmember McCall seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Councilmember Fredricks withdrew his motion. Councilmember McCall withdrew her second. Motion is void.

Councilmember Fredricks instructed the Human Resources committee to create a policy to develop a hiring process for interim public safety employees versus non public safety employees.

Bruce Summers, Jr., Battalion Chief of the Woodland Fire Department stated he was elected by the officers of the department to address the interim appointment. The Officer group should have been consulted and asked for a recommendation. Their recommendation would have been Joe. Joe can lead the Fire Department in the interim. His leadership will be followed. Thank you for appointing Joe as the interim Fire Chief.

Councilmember McCall reported that we received a letter from Eric Dehning, Chief of Cowlitz District I stating support for the choice of appointment Joe Tone as interim Fire Chief. The Cowlitz Fire Chief Association also supports Joe.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Mayor - 2009 Standing Committees

Councilmember McCall mentioned there is a new ad hoc committee, Woodland Quality Community Coalition. There are two members of Council, two members of the Port and two members of the School Board on the committee. The Council members are Councilmember McCall and Councilmember Tom Mattison.

Clerk-Treasurer - Special meeting/workshop February 11, 2009 7:00 p.m. re: Joint meeting with Planning Commission
- 2009 Council Meeting Schedule
- Special meeting/workshop on February 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Council & Mayor discussed the number of meetings scheduled for 2009, the budget structure and the productivity of Council meetings.

Action (P) Not to have a Council meeting on February 9, 2009

Councilmember Rounds moved to not have a City Council meeting on February 9, 2009. Councilmember Humbyrd seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Amended Motion:

Councilmember Christopherson moved to have a Saturday workshop before the end of the quarter to discuss Council goals and objectives. Councilmember Mattison seconded the motion.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Rounds, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Mattison No: None Abstain: None. (7-0)

M/S/C

Main Motion: Moved to not have a City Council meeting on February 9, 2009 and hold a goals and objectives workshop on a Saturday.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Rounds, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Mattison No: None Abstain: None. (7-0)

M/S/C

Fire - Ambulance purchase summary of expenses
Public Works - COG funding request for Scott Avenue Cross over I-5
Planning - Planning Commission Public Hearing February 11, 2009 7:00 p.m. re: Industrial Off-Site Improvement Standards Zoning Text Change, Joint Meeting with City Council to follow
Attorney - Building Inspector Contract to be reviewed

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Human Resources/ Government	-	Susan Humbyrd	-	Next meeting February 3 rd 4:30 p.m.; Will be reviewing policies
Finance	-	John Burke	-	Next meeting February 9 th , 5:00 pm

Public Safety	-	Marilee McCall	-	Attended Regional Fire Chiefs Meeting
Public Utilities • Facilities • Horseshoe Lake Mgmt	- - -	Darwin Rounds Marilee McCall Tom Golik	- - -	Next meeting February 10 th Proposal of Community Center Layout to Council Chambers
Parks/Recreation	-	Aaron Christopherson	-	Met January 21 st 5:00 p.m.; Next meeting February 18 th , New restroom proposal soon

REPORTS OF AD HOC COMMITTEES

Cowlitz Wahkikum Council of Governments	-	Susan Humbyrd	-	Met January 30 th ; Next meeting February 26 th
AWC/Legislative	-	Aaron Christopherson	-	Annual Conference in June
Chamber of Commerce	-	Darlene Johnson	-	Installation and Annual Banquet at the Oak Tree on Saturday, January 24 th – Citizen of the Year: Erin Thoeny - Legislative Phone Call Tomorrow with Ed Orcutt at 7:00 a.m. - Chamber tomorrow 12:00 nn at Oak Tree, Assessor’s office will be there
Downtown Revitalization	-	Walter Hansen Sr.	-	Met January 27 th discussed installing The Mascot at Hoffman Plaza
Community Coalition	-	Marilee McCall	-	Next meeting February 28th

CITIZEN INPUT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Irene Armstrong, 369 Gun Club, Woodland spoke about action item K, Resolution 570 - increasing of water rates. .

Council recessed at 8:27 pm and reconvened at 8:42 pm

Erica Rainford, PO Box 82, Port of Woodland Executive Director, informed the Council of her concern about the rezone for the Chumbley property. Port does not support the rezone and would prefer that the ordinance not be adopted. If the ordinance is adopted, get a development agreement with the applicant Port would prefer to keep the zone light industrial and highly encourages the Council to think about the integrity of what the Port has been trying to build up.

Darlene Johnson, PO Box 1808, Woodland, Woodland Truck Line, spoke against zone change at planning commission meeting. Council talks the talk in cooperating with other entities but doesn't vote that way. Zone change shouldn't be changed. Traffic can't handle it.

A letter from Tom Grose, Peri Formworks, in opposition of the rezone was mailed to the Council.

Chief Stephenson requested consent item D, agreement with Cowlitz County for Use of Jail Facilities be removed from the consent agenda.

CONSENT

- A) Approve claims voucher warrants number 37195 through 37284 for the month of January, 2009 in the amount of \$227,366.00 and payroll warrants numbered 27421 through 27535 for the month of January, 2009 in the amount of \$283,026.55 for a grand total of \$510,392.55.
- B) Approve minutes of January 20 and 21, 2009 as presented.
- C) Authorize purchase of replacement UV lights for the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$5,920.
- D) Removed
- E) Removed
- F) Adopt Resolution No. 564 – increasing Fees and Charges and repealing Resolution No. 502 and incorporating Resolution No. 550-WMC 14.32 Fire Code and Resolution No. 566-WMC 5-Business Licenses and Regulations.

Councilmember McCall moved to approve the consent agenda items A, B, C & F.

Councilmember Fredricks seconded the motion.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Rounds, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Mattison No: None Abstain: None. (7-0)

M/S/C

Action (D) Table the agreement with Cowlitz County for Use of Jail Facilities until February 17, 2009 Council meeting

Chief Stephenson stated that there are two new exhibits, A & C, to go with the contract. Therefore the contract has changed at the last minute. The Council has previously approved offender services contract but it is now rolled into the Jail Contract so that we will receive only one bill.

Councilmember Burke moved to table the agreement with Cowlitz County for Use of Jail Facilities until the February 17, 2009 Council meeting. Councilmember McCall seconded, Yes: Burke, McCall, Rounds, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Mattison No: None Abstain: None. (7-0)

M/S/C

Action (E) Table the bid award for Official Newspaper of Record until the February 17, 2009 Council meeting

Councilmember McCall moved to table the bid award for official newspaper of record until the February 17, 2009 Council meeting. Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Rounds, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Mattison No: None Abstain: None. (7-0)

M/S/C

Action (Q) Direct the City Attorney and City Staff to prepare a resolution proposing abandonment by the City of the plan of Government under which is is now operating

Councilmember Fredricks moved to direct the City Attorney and appropriate City Staff to prepare for presentation and discussion at the next regularly scheduled City Council Meeting, a resolution proposing abandonment by the City of the plan of government under which it is now operating and direct that the petition satisfy the legal requirements of RCW 35A.060.040 commencing the statutory process to change the City of Woodland's general plan or form of government from the mayor-council general plan or form of government to the council-manager form described in RCW 35A.13 but retaining the City's classification as a non-charter code city. Councilmember Burke seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Rounds, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks No: Mattison Abstain: None. (6-1)

M/S/C

Action (G) Authorize Mayor to sign interlocal agreement with the City of Longview to provide emergency response

Councilmember Christopherson moved to authorize Mayor to sign interlocal agreement with the City of Longview to provide emergency response. Councilmember Mattison seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Councilmember Christopherson withdrew his motion. Councilmember Mattison withdrew his second.

Councilmember Christopherson moved to authorize Mayor to sign interlocal agreement with the City of Longview to provide emergency response. Councilmember Mattison seconded the motion.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Rounds, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Mattison No: None Abstain: None. (7-0)

M/S/C

Action H) Set Planning Commission Public Hearing for Sign Code Amendments

Councilmember Christopherson moved to set date for Planning Commission Public Hearing for WMC 17.52 sign code amendments for March 11, 2009 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Humbyrd seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: McCall, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Mattison No: Burke, Rounds Abstain: None.
(5-2)

M/S/C

Action I) Ordinance No. 1151 – Comp Plan and Zoning Map Amendment – Chumbley Land Use #208-906 (FIRST AND FINAL READING)

Councilmember McCall moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1151 – Comp Plan and Zoning Map Amendment – Chumbley Land Use #208-906 (2008 Annual Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment – Chumbley (change designation from Light Industrial to Commercial) (FIRST & FINAL READING) Councilmember Christopherson seconded. Discussion followed.

Yes: McCall, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks No: Burke, Rounds, Mattison Abstain: None.
(4-3)

M/S/C

Action J) Ordinance No. 1152 – Comp Plan and Zoning Map Amendment – Gaston Land Use #208-908 (FIRST AND FINAL READING)

Councilmember Rounds moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1152 – Comp Plan and Zoning Map Amendment – Gaston Land Use #208-908 (change designation from Commercial to High Density Residential. (FIRST AND FINAL READING). Councilmember Christopherson seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: McCall, Rounds, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks No: Burke, Mattison Abstain: None.
(5-2)

M/S/C

Action K) Resolution No. 570 – increasing Water Rates

Councilmember Christopherson moved to adopt Resolution No. 570 – increasing Water Rates and repealing Resolution No. 530. Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Rounds, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Mattison No: None Abstain: None. (7-0)

M/S/C

Action L) Resolution No. 571 – increasing Sewer Rates

Councilmember Rounds moved to adopt Resolution No. 571 – increasing Sewer Rates and repealing Resolution No. 428, 462 and 475. Councilmember Christopherson seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Rounds, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Mattison No: None Abstain: None. (7-0)

M/S/C

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Charles E. Blum, Mayor

Minutes approved: _____

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

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