

August 17, 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: Clerk-Treasurer Mari Ripp
Police Chief Rob Stephenson
Community Development Planner Keiichiro Zushi
Public Works Director Steve Branz
Interim Fire Chief Joe Tone
City Attorney Bill Eling

CITIZEN INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Suzanne Taylor Moore, S. Pekin Road, Woodland WA - letter on the internet via email in regards to funding for the maintenance department. She addressed guidelines for sending emails and the open public meetings act and fairness doctrine.

Noel Johnson, PO Box 1955, Woodland WA - Three major events in Woodland and famous for: 1) Tulip Festival 2) Lilac Gardens and 3) Planter's Days. Last year he spent \$200 for the logo for Planter's Days which was accepted by the Planter's Days Committee and accepted by them 100%. At the last PDC meeting it was reported to him that it was brought up and voted on to get rid of the logo and hold a contest for a new one. He requested that the PDC Chairman or committee members be contacted.

JJ Burke reported that it was brought up by a PDC board member by motion and voted on to not use the logo.

Irene Armstrong, 369 Gunclub Road, Woodland WA – Public information and information provided to councilmembers. She stated that she is disappointed that the council is not getting along with the mayor and agreements that were made in the past months. She outlined bottled water provided and the sound system in the council chambers.

Erica Rainford, representing the Woodland Farmers Market – Items brought to the attention of the staff. 1) The Farmers Market is requesting to be recognized as a locally recognized Special Event so they can have the privilege of placing off-site signs. 2) Recently had a meeting to discuss the street closure on Davidson. Propose to move it east of the driveway of the Fire Department. This would allow local traffic to get to the downtown on Davidson.

Robert Christensen, 2090 Statesman Drive - concerned about the current staffing for the Public Works Department. Also asked about the fire department checking of fire hydrants, leaves that cause flooding due to plugging up the storm drains, the barrier at the end of the street, etc. He stated that the City does not have as many people as it had 20 years ago and maintenance needs to be done.

Mayor Blum responded in regards to the layoffs. Councilmember Burke noted that it was under the recommendation of the Public Works Director for the layoffs. Discussion followed.

PROCLAMATIONS

- a. **Veteran's Stand Down Day**, September 16, 2009 – Cowlitz County Commissioners' Office, Vickie Musgrove and Veteran's Advisory Board, Vern Klump
- b. **National Payroll Week**, recognizing payroll professionals, Week of Labor Day.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor announced that he would like to add Action H) recognizing Farmers Market as a locally recognized event and allow event signs. Councilmember McCall moved to approve the agenda to table item D (repeal Resolution No. 575-proposition for the upcoming general election) and add action item H. Councilmember Fredricks seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

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

M/S/C

Jim Yount, Woodland- addressed the council on tabling action item D. Comments followed.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

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| Mayor | - Initiative 1033 – General fund revenues and property tax |
| | - levy |
| | Liquor License Renewals: VFW, Guadalajara Restaurant & |
| | - Merwin Tap |
| | Professional Finance Officer Awards: Gina Anderson & |
| | Mari Ripp |
| Clerk/Treasurer | - Website report |
| | - 2 nd Quarter Report; The council referred the review for |
| | budget amendments to the Finance Committee for August |
| | 24 th |
| Police | - 2 nd Quarter Report |
| Fire | - Time consuming for entering reports; 2 nd Quarter report |
| | forthcoming |
| Public Works | - 2 nd Quarter report will be at next council meeting |
| | - Farmers' Market update |
| Building | - 2 nd Quarter Report |
| Planning | - Final approval for WSDOT for Walmart received; anticipate |
| | opening Sept/Oct 2010 |
| | - CTED Emerging Issues grant; Recently notified that the |
| | Dept. of Commerce has now awarded a grant to the City for |
| | the Gateway and Downtown project |
| | - Previous zoning code violation at E. Scott and Old Pacific |
| | Hwy; it was under appeal and set for hearing late last year; |
| | forwarded to City Attorney; Bill Eling gave a report on the |
| | - status |
| | - FEMA issue and levy |
| | - Davidson Avenue flex zone project |
| | 2 nd Quarter Report |
| Attorney | - Bill for medical expenses for jail inmate for appendectomy |
| | from St. John's Hospital and Cowlitz County; he was |
| | subsequently deported by Immigration |
| | - Agendas. Outlined the process for a preliminary agenda and |
| | the finalization of it. |
| | - Budget policy vs. Administration. Recommends adopting a |
| | more comprehensive budget policy (and as it relates to |
| | purchasing and approved amounts.) |
| | - WA State BAR Association, wsb.org website, has a program |
| | to assist low-income people with home foreclosures |
| | - Initiative 1033 |

Recess 8:48 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Human Resources/ - Susan Humbyrd - Next meeting August

Government		27 th 5pm
Finance	- John Burke	- Next meeting August 24 th 5pm
Public Safety	- Marilee McCall	- Met on August 12 th and heard recommendations on budget
Public Utilities	- Darwin Rounds	- Met August 11 th discussed the grant and loans to USDA; code enforcement;
• Facilities	- Marilee McCall	- water/sewer rates and revenues
• Horseshoe Lake Mgmt	- Tom Golik	- No updates at this time
		WDOT will be removing pump for maintenance in September
Parks/ Recreation	- Aaron Christopherson	- Next meeting August 19 th 5pm

AD HOC COMMITTEES

Comprehensive Plan Review	Marilee McCall	- Not an active committee
Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments	Susan Humbyrd	- Next meeting August 27 th 11 – 2pm
AWC/Legislative	Aaron Christopherson	- Oct 27 th Regional meeting in Woodland; Sept 22 nd council training in Kalama
Chamber of Commerce		-
Downtown Revitalization	Tom Golik	- Final music in plaza last week; it was an overall success
Woodland Quality Community Coalition	Marilee McCall	- Next subcommittee is Aug 19 th Requested a sub to attend; Councilmember Humbyrd will attend

CITIZEN INPUT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Suzanne Taylor Moore, S. Pekin Road, Woodland- talks to people around town when she walks her dog. Complimented the City Council.

Tom Golik, PO Box 160, Woodland – Parking exemption restriction extension. The Revitalization Committee would like to see it permanent or open-ended. Also is in favor of item H-Farmers Market.

Walt Hansen Sr. , PO Box 2000, Woodland – Spoke on Action item E Parking restriction. Encourages to make it permanent. It would support revitalization.

Skip Urling, PO Box 1213, Longview – requests to speak on item G when it comes up on the agenda. The Mayor approved the request. Also Reed Shear, General Counsel CRC, requested to be heard during the item.

George Thoeny, 855 Goerig Road, requested to be heard on item H-Farmers Market Special Event recognition. Stated the market is doing well and vendors are increasing. He supports the new configuration that is upcoming. Concerned with the sign situation. Commended the market coordinators and the job they are doing. Stated the signs should be allowed and they are needed to make the market viable.

CONSENT AGENDA

Item A, B and C were removed.

Action A) First Half of Month of August, 2009 Voucher approval

Councilmember Burke asked for discussion on 3 vouchers. Veterans TBRA, damages and vandalism at the park; professional services/clerk hours for website. Mari Ripp, Clerk-Treasurer clarified the questions. Councilmember Burke moved to approve claims voucher warrants number 38171 through 38242 for the first half of the month of August, 2009 in the amount of \$122,824.14. Councilmember Christopherson seconded the motion.

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

M/S/C

Action A) Approval of minutes of August 3, 2009 as amended

Councilmember McCall moved to approve minutes of August 3, 2009 as amended and remove the verbiage to be stricken on page 5 of the August 17th minutes. Councilmember Fredricks seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Councilmember Fredricks also requested a copy of Mayors report from 8/3/09 council meeting which related to the changes in law from MRSC Budget Suggestions. Mari Ripp, Clerk-Treasurer will provide the book to him.

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

M/S/C

Action B) Increase to Code Enforcement hours through October, 2009

Councilmember Fredricks moved to increase Code Enforcement from 20 to 30 hours per week to address increase in complaints in the amount not to exceed \$3,000 with the increase to be funded by the water and sewer fund, through the month of October. Councilmember McCall seconded the motion.

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

M/S/C

Action E) Ordinance No. 1164 – Parking in Downtown (FIRST READING)

Councilmember Christopherson moved to adopt FIRST READING of Ordinance No. 1164 – relating to parking restrictions and creating specific exemptions for certain portions of downtown Woodland for a period of five years. Councilmember Humbyrd seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

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

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Action F) Ordinance No. 1165 – amending Sign Permit Requirements (TABLED)

Councilmember McCall moved to adopt FIRST READING of Ordinance No. 1165 – amending the Sign Permit Requirements, Chapter 17.52.140 of the Woodland Municipal Code, applicable to all zoning districts within the City. Councilmember Burke seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Councilmember Burke moved to table this item. Councilmember Fredricks seconded the motion.

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

M/S/C

Action G) Set date to discuss the Notice of Intent for Columbia River Carbonates Annexation (Land Use Application No. 209-927)

Kei Zushi, Community Development Planner, gave a brief report on this item. Christopherson moved to authorize statutory meeting date of September 21, 2009 to discuss the Notice of Intent for Columbia River Carbonates (CRC) Annexation, Land Use Application No. 209-927. Councilmember McCall seconded the motion. Skip Urling and Reed Shear, spoke on behalf of the petitioners.

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

M/S/C

H) Authorize Farmers Market to be classified as a recognized local Special Event and to place signs

Christopherson moved to approve to classify the Farmers Market as a recognized local Special Event and to place signs. Councilmember McCall 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 9:59 p.m.

Charles E. Blum, Mayor

Minutes approved: September 9, 2009

Attest: _____
Mari E. Ripp, Clerk-Treasurer

These minutes are not a verbatim record of the proceedings.

A recording is available in the office of the Clerk-Treasurer