

**October 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.

**Present:** Councilmember John Burke  
Councilmember Marilee McCall  
Councilmember Darwin Rounds  
Councilmember Benjamin Fredricks  
Councilmember Tom Mattison

**Absent:** Councilmember Aaron Christopherson  
Councilmember Susan Humbyrd

**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**

**Al Swindell**, 252 Springwood Drive – Friends of the Library, announced the Clark County Historical Museum Andrew Carnegie presentations at local libraries. It will be in Woodland on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at Woodland Public Library.

**Noel Johnson**, PO Box 1955, Woodland, announced the Ridgefield Bird Fest will be held this weekend and it is an event that should not be missed.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Councilmember Burke moved to approve the agenda and move item I to the Agenda immediately following agenda approval. Councilmember McCall seconded the motion.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Rounds, Fredricks, Mattison No: None Abstain: None. (5-0)  
M/S/C

**Action I) Authorize Mayor to appoint Fire Volunteers**

Joe Tone, Interim Fire Chief introduced the new members Steven Cole, Ian Jamieson, John Silveria, Shane Waltezer, Larry Wanous. Councilmember Burke moved to authorize the Mayor to appoint volunteers to Woodland Fire Department tested in September, 2009. Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Rounds, Fredricks, Mattison No: None Abstain: None. (5-0)  
M/S/C

**PROCLAMATION**

a. Make a Difference Day – October 24, 2009

**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

Mayor - Announced tonight's Executive Session re: Labor Negotiations (WPOA) following regular business  
- Councilmember McCall inquired if letters had been sent to Verizon or Qwest yet re: offering cable or internet service in the City. Mari Ripp, Clerk

- Treasurer responded that they are still pending as addresses are being located to send to the proper division.
- Clerk/Treasurer - Employee/Volunteer Recognition dinner October 22, 2009 at Woodland School Commons
- Special meeting 2010 Budget Worksessions October 12<sup>th</sup> and Regular meeting October 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. with budget worksession to follow the regular session
  - 2010 Preliminary Budget is complete and Mayor will present to the council tonight following regular business
  - Public Hearing-November 2, 2009, 7:00 p.m. for 101% Property Tax levy for 2010
  - Public Hearing-November 30, 2009 7:00 p.m. for 2010 Final Budget
  - Auditor's notice they will be on-site for the 2007-2008 audit beginning the week of October 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Interlocal Agreement CWCOG Medical Group Pooling Corey Balkan, Interwest Benefits explained the rates and pool plan

**Action J) Authorize to move forward with Interlocal Agreement for CWCOG medical pooling**

Councilmember Burke to moved forward with Interlocal Agreement to present to the Council at the October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting subject to legal review and presentation to the unions Councilmember McCall seconded the motion.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Rounds, Fredricks, Mattison No: None Abstain: None. (5-0)  
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- Police -
- Fire -
- Public Works - Received preliminary notice of \$2.5 million grant award from Economic Development Administration for Schurman Way Final notice pending in next couple of weeks.
- Building -
- Planning - Survey results
- Planning Commission, Notice of Public Hearing October 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. re: PURD
- CEDC September 2009-In the Loop newsletter
- Attorney - Next meeting setting Public Hearing for Comcast
- Cable Franchise
- Phasing ordinance comments received.
- Email and open public meetings; interpretation
- Planning (cont'd) - Councilmember Fredricks inquired if anything is being done to promote development, explanation of application review process, how fees are imposed and timing. Kei Zushi, Community Development Planner addressed this matter and outlined possible solutions.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

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| Human Resources/<br>Government | - Susan Humbyrd | - Councilmember Burke reported that met October 1 <sup>st</sup> ; discussed Building Inspector, Item H tonight; Personnel Policy pending and will be forwarded to City Attorney |
| Finance                        | - John Burke    | - Next meeting  |

Public Safety	- Marilee McCall	Oct 20 <sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm - Meeting Oct 13 <sup>th</sup> with CCFD#1 7pm
Public Utilities	- Darwin Rounds	- Next meeting
• Facilities	- Marilee McCall	- Oct 13 <sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm
• Horseshoe Lake Mgmt	- Tom Golik	-
Parks/Recreation	- Aaron Christopherson	- Councilmember Mattison reported next meeting Oct 21 <sup>st</sup> 5pm at Community Center

#### **AD HOC COMMITTEES**

Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments	Susan Humbyrd	- Insurance pool -
AWC/Legislative	Aaron Christopherson	- AWC Regional meeting Oct 27 <sup>th</sup> at the Oak Tree
Chamber of Commerce		- Oct 6 <sup>th</sup> is Position 2 debate between council candidates
Downtown Revitalization	Tom Golik	-
Woodland Quality Community Coalition	Marilee McCall	- Next group meeting October 21 <sup>st</sup> 6:00 p.m. at Community Center; Sub- committee met last Thursday

Recessed at 8:10 p.m. to 8:20 p.m.

#### **CITIZEN INPUT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

None

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Item A was removed.

B) Approve minutes of September 21 and 28, 2009 as presented.

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

Yes: Burke, McCall, Rounds, Christopherson, Mattison No: None Abstain: None.  
(5-0)

M/S/C

#### **Action A) September 2008, Voucher Approval (Claims & Payroll)**

Councilmember Burke questioned the phone bills for AT&T bill – Kei Zushi and Steve Branz and why the rate plans are higher than the others. Staff will review and report back. Councilmember Burke moved to approve claims voucher warrants number 38400 through 38466 for the month of September, 2009 in the amount of \$214,807.04 and payroll warrants numbered 28334 through 28458 for the month of September, 2009 in the amount of \$260,834.99 for a grand total of \$475,642.03. Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Rounds, Fredricks, Mattison No: None Abstain: None. (5-0)

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#### **Action C) Ordinance No. 1159 – Budget Amendments (FIRST & FINAL READING)**

Councilmember Fredricks moved to adopt FIRST AND FINAL reading of Ordinance No. 1159 – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Budget Amendments. Councilmember McCall seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: Burke, Fredricks, Mattison No: McCall, Rounds Abstain: None. (3-2)  
M/S/Failed\*

\*Clerk Treasurer asked for direction from the council on how they wish to proceed. Discussion followed. City Attorney Eling confirmed that the vote requires a majority vote of the entire council. Discussion followed in regards to budget amendments and if they need to take place in a certain timeframe. Mari Ripp, Clerk-Treasurer explained the requirements as it relates to budget and that funds must be revised if the expenses exceed appropriations. The council commented that they will provide input later.

**Action D) REMOVED prior to meeting**

**Action E) Parkland offer to Triangle Holdings and expenditure for appraisal**

Councilmember Burke moved to authorize accept items numbered 1-3 and reject items 4-9 of the parkland offer received August 19, 2009 from Woodland Real Estate representing Triangle Holdings, LLC.; and authorize expenditure for appraisal not to exceed \$6,000. Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion. Discussion ensued.

Yes: Burke, Rounds, Fredricks, Mattison No: McCall Abstain: None. (4-1 Abstain)

M/S/C

**Action F) Ordinance No. 1161-Pretreatment Facilities (FINAL READING)**

Councilmember Burke moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1161- Pretreatment Facilities (grease traps, interceptors, etc. (FINAL READING). Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Rounds, Fredricks, Mattison No: None Abstain: None. (5-0)

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**Action G) Authorize renewal of Hach Service Contract for maintenance at Water Plant**

Councilmember Rounds moved to authorize renewal of service contract with Hach for routine maintenance at the Water Treatment Plant. Councilmember McCall seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Rounds, Fredricks, Mattison No: None Abstain: None. (5-0)

M/S/C

**Action H) Authorize Mayor to begin hiring for Fire Chief**

Councilmember McCall moved to authorize Mayor to begin hiring process for Fire Chief and authorize Option #2 with #1 ( C ) as a follow-up if needed.

Councilmember Burke seconded the motion.

- Option 1-Emergency Services Consulting in an amount not to exceed \$16,829 (A); or \$13,021 (B); or \$9,993 (C);
- Option 2-City advertising up to \$3,000;
- Option 3-Executive search/hiring by Waldron Co. \$18,500.

Discussion ensued.

Yes: Burke, McCall, Rounds No: Fredricks, Mattison Abstain: None. (3-2)\*

\*Motion fails as it relates to RCW requiring a majority of the entire council for passage.

M/S/Failed

The Mayor announced the Executive session with an expected duration of 15-30 minutes with no action to follow. The council moved into Executive Session at 9:06 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Labor Negotiations (WPOA) by Jennifer Post, Allied Employers

The Council moved back into regular session at 9:35 p.m. (Note: Recorder failed and gives error—will not work.)

**Action H)- continued**

Discussion followed relating to Action item H. It will be discussed at a future meeting.

**2010 BUDGET WORKSESSION**

The 2010 Preliminary Budget was distributed to the council.

Departments will present the 2010 proposed budget on October 12 and 19, 2009.

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

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Charles E. Blum, Mayor

Minutes approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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