

November 16, 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 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

Noel Johnson, PO Box 1955 – Love Street Playhouse play “Steel Magnolias” is currently showing. Recommends to go see. It is excellent.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Burke moved to approve the Agenda with the change to move item J to the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Christopherson seconded the motion.

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

M/S/C

PRESENTATIONS

1. **Mental Health Court**-Judge Michael Evans, Cowlitz County and Eric Yackovich Explained the new program for Mental Health Court and is looking for council support.
2. **Cowlitz County Dept. of Emergency Management** – Grover Laseke, Director presented services and projects - “Who we are and What we Do!”

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Mayor - Liquor license renewal – Gilliano’s Pizza Parlor
- Liquor license application-Liquidation Center, 629A Goerig St.
Clerk/Treasurer - Notice of Filing of Preliminary Budget for 2010
- Special meeting / Public Hearing-November 30, 2009 7:00 p.m. for 2010 Final Budget
- Auditors completed work for Audit 2007/2008; Exit conference with Finance Committee date TBD
- Presented a Preliminary 3rd Quarter report 9/30/2009 budget vs. update projections; will be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting 11/23
Police -
Fire - Prothman Company was on-site today to begin Fire Chief search; Discussion ensued relating to the Fire Chief salary range
Public Works - Dept of Energy grant for sidewalks \$135,000 grant through CWCOG

Action K) Authorize emergency repair to Sewer Lift Station Pump

Councilmember Burke moved to approve request for emergency repair/rebuild to pump in the amount of \$2,934 plus tax and shipping. Councilmember Fredricks seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

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

M/S/C

- Building Planning - CEDC In the Loop October newsletter
- Mandatory 2011 Comprehensive Plan Review and Update
- CPAT Team conceptual drawing for Gateway District; work held on November 14th Public Meeting/Open House
- Attorney - Memo-PURD Moratorium expiration on December 1, 2009
Ordinance No. 1141-Amendments to the Planned Unit Residential Development Standards, WMC 16.22; will set a January 2010 workshop with CWCOG to discuss the PURD
- Preparing Attorney letter requested by the State Auditor relating to the recent Audit
- Inmate medical bill and email from Cowlitz County
- 2010 Attorney Contract to be discussed December 7th

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- Human Resources/
Government - Susan Humbyrd - Next meeting Dec 3rd 5pm
- Finance - John Burke - Next meeting November 23rd 5pm
- Public Safety - Marilee McCall - Next meeting Dec 9th 6pm –Nov meeting on hold
- Public Utilities - Darwin Rounds - Met Nov 10th and discussed 1) Grease program 2) Grants 3) Restroom a little behind schedule/trees removed will be replaced with different species; water/ sewer rates and study
- Facilities - Marilee McCall - Remove from future agendas
 - Horseshoe Lake Mgmt
- Parks/Recreation - Aaron Christopherson - Next meeting Nov 18th 5pm at the Community Center; have not heard back on counter offer sent to owners of park land

AD HOC COMMITTEES

- Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments - Susan Humbyrd - Next meeting Nov 19th at the Cowlitz Historical Museum 11am
- AWC/Legislative - Aaron Christopherson - Elected Officials Essentials workshop February 12-13 in Tacoma
- Chamber of Commerce - Meets Tuesday at noon at Oak Tree with Port of Woodland presenting
- Chamber After Hours at Dana's Classic Floral on Thursday 5pm; Ribbon cutting 4:30 p.m.; December 3rd Christmas Tree & Wreath Auction at Lewis River Golf
- Downtown Revitalization - Walter Hansen Sr. - Reported on the CPAT Open House on held on Saturday Nov 14th re: Gateway District; Next meeting of DWR is Nov 24th
- Woodland Quality Community Coalition - Marilee McCall - Next meeting January 20, 2010 6:00 p.m. at School District Community room
Veteran's Day ceremony held on November 11th at Hoffman Plaza

CITIZEN INPUT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Walter Hansen Sr., 369 Gunclub Road, spoke in support of the action re: Woodland Historical Museum (item C).

Noel Johnson, PO Box 1955, spoke in support of item C. Also praised the committee for their work. Thanked the Grover Laseke and DEM for their support to this area. Snowflake Bazaar and Turkey Bingo is this Saturday November 21st .

John Stark, PO Box 255, President Woodland Historical Museum, spoke in favor of item C and asked that the City waive all fees.

Darlene Johnson, PO Box 1808, spoke on the request to fund the roundabout (item I). She expressed her concern of having two (2) roundabouts in the Industrial area.

Bill Raybel, PO Box 2023, PDM Steel, spoke on concerns of the proposed roundabouts. He is concerned about the length of steel that they transport now and in the future.

CONSENT AGENDA

A) Approve claims voucher warrants number 38635 through 38729 for the first half of the month of November, 2009 in the amount of \$232,656.67.

B) Approve minutes of November 2, 4 and 9, 2009 as presented.

J) Move to authorize use of Horseshoe Lake Park Shelter by Moose Lodge for Winterfest and waiver of fees; subject to proof of insurance as required by Clerk-Treasurer.

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

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

M/S/C

Action C) Woodland Museum project application fees and authorize expenditure

Councilmember Fredricks moved to table item C to so staff can provide a policy recommendation on a set of criteria for decisions for non-profit and waiver of fees (to authorize waiver of application fees for the public museum project and authorize expenditures not to exceed \$4,000.) Councilmember McCall seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Attorney Eling responded to the legal ramifications and outlined the request. . Motion withdrawn and second withdrawn.

Councilmember Fredricks moved to authorize a fee waiver of \$428 to the Woodland Historical Museum and refer the additional funding request to the City Attorney for review and have staff provide policy recommendations on a set of criteria to guide decisions on fee waiver requests from non-profit organizations. Councilmember Christopherson seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Walter Hansen Sr. offered to pay the \$428 as a private party. The City Attorney said that the new motion satisfies the criteria that was suggested by Councilmember Fredricks in a future proposed policy. The City Attorney said the \$428 fee application waiver and that it satisfies the criteria mentioned by Councilmember Fredricks. Discussion ensued.

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

M/S/C

Action D) Authorize Mayor to sign renewal contract with METEREADERS, LLC

Councilmember Christopherson moved to authorize the Mayor to sign renewal contract with METEREADERS, LLC. Councilmember Burke seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

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

M/S/C

Action E) Adopt Ordinance No. 1168 – Comcast Cable Franchise renewal (FINAL READING)

Councilmember Burke moved to adopt FINAL READING of Ordinance No. 1168 – Comcast Cable franchise renewal. Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion. Discussion followed relating to the term of the franchise agreement of 5 years or 10 years.

Amendment:

Councilmember Fredricks moved to add language to a term of five (5) year contract. Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

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

M/S/C

Main Motion: to adopt FINAL READING of Ordinance No. 1168 – Comcast Cable franchise renewal with a term of the franchise agreement of 5 years.

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

M/S/C

Action F) Adopt Ordinance No. 1166 – 2010 Property Tax Levy (101%) (FINAL READING)

Councilmember Burke moved to adopt FINAL READING of Ordinance No. 1166 – 2010 Property Tax levy (101%). Councilmember McCall seconded the motion.

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

M/S/C

Action G) Adopt Resolution No. 580 – setting percentage increase for 2010 for Property Tax Levy

Councilmember Christopherson moved to adopt Resolution No. 580 – setting percentage increase for 2010 Property tax levy pursuant to Section 209 of Referendum No. 47 of the State of Washington. Councilmember McCall seconded the motion.

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

M/S/C

Action H) Adopt Ordinance No. 1169 – amending WMC concerning timing of Impact Fee Payments (FINAL READING)

Councilmember Fredricks moved to adopt FINAL READING of Ordinance No. 1169 – amending WMC 3.40.030 and 3.41.030 concerning the timing of Impact Fee payments. Councilmember Christopherson seconded the motion. Councilmember Fredricks read a statement into the record supporting this ordinance. Discussion followed.

Councilmember Fredricks moved to call the previous question (to close debate). Councilmember McCall seconded the motion.

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

M/S/C

Main Motion: to adopt FINAL READING of Ordinance No. 1169 – amending WMC 3.40.030 and 3.41.030 concerning the timing of Impact Fee payments.

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

M/S/C

Action I) Approve design funding with Pacland for roundabout at Schurman Way and Dike Access Road

Councilmember McCall moved to approve design funding with Pacland for roundabout at Schurman Way and Dike Access Road in the amount of \$155,825. Councilmember Fredricks seconded the motion. Steve Branz, Public Works Director distributed a letter dated November 16, 2009 from Jim Chumbley, Agent for Chumbley Brothers stating that they have offered to pay \$105,000 towards design or construction of the subject roundabout. Discussion followed.

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

M/S/Failed

Recessed at 10:06 p.m. to 10:10 p.m.

WORKSHOP

1. 2010 Budget-direction to staff for Final Budget
2. Council direction on need to set (or not) Special meeting for November 23, 2009 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

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.