

November 30, 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. Mayor Blum asked for a moment of silence for the four fallen Police Officers at the City of Lakewood whose lives were taken this last weekend. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Councilmember John Burke
Councilmember Marilee McCall
Councilmember Darwin Rounds
Councilmember Susan Humbyrd
Councilmember Benjamin Fredricks

Absent: Councilmember Aaron Christopherson
Councilmember Tom Mattison

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

CITIZEN INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Noel Johnson, PO Box 1955, Woodland – Had a great Snowflake Bazaar sponsored by the Woodland Beaver Boosters. The Christmas Tree was donated by Advanced Electric Signs. This weekend is the Ridgefield Bazaar. And Dec 5th is the Woodland Winter Festival and tree lighting.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Rounds moved to approve the Agenda. Councilmember Humbyrd seconded the motion.

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

M/S/C

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. 2010 Final Budget

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:08 p.m.

Kevin Saari, PO Box 544, Woodland spoke in favor of the additional full-time firefighter to address the call volumes, demand on volunteers, need to build the infrastructure. This would be a benefit to the department to start building and as it relates to growth.

Kenny Bjur, PO Box 249, Woodland spoke in favor of the additional staff for the fire department. Additional staff will help with the call volume.

Scott Perry, 180 S. Pekin Road, Woodland – stated that perhaps the lack of input may mean that the community is supporting the budget as presented. He outlined the services provided by the fire and police departments and service that is provided to the businesses, the lake and the encompassing county area. He stated that the City should look into the city portion of the tax collected (i.e. sales tax). He said that some of the problems are by users other than city residents.

Becky Bjur, PO Box 249, Woodland – supports the additional firefighter position. There is a real need for it. She stated that her son is on the fire department. It is a great opportunity at this time as he can give to the City and is an involved community member. She asked if the office staff was looked at for combining some of the seven clerk positions. She stated that the 1% could be cut instead of raising taxes.

Jon Marchel, 188 Marty Loop, Woodland – Volunteer firefighter. Said that adding another full time firefighter will help with responding to calls and alleviate a second tone out waiting for personnel.

Andrew Larsen, PO Box 1170, Intern for the Fire Department. Thanked the council for the support of staffing of the fire department.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:26 p.m.

CITIZEN INPUT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Walter Hansen, Sr. PO Box 2000, Woodland spoke on item B. He stated he was at a loss why the council would approve the 20 year transportation plan and then fail to pass the proposed roundabout at Schurman Road and Dike Road. He stated that the sales tax would be brought from the businesses in the proposed area. He spoke in support of the Chumbley family and what they have done for the City. Recommended the council pass this item tonight.

Michael Green, 1761 Clover Lane and on behalf of the Woodland School Board. Spoke in favor of item B. This area is a potential future site for a High School. The safety record of roundabouts and congestion issues are addressed by the addition of the third roundabout. The School Board urges support of the third roundabout.

Darlene Johnson, PO Box 1808, Woodland Truck Lines, spoke on the roundabouts in the Industrial area. She stated there are other options. She stated there is a danger having the two roundabouts so close together and having such a mix of traffic.

Mayor Blum spoke on procedural matters relating to this item. Mayor Blum stated that this must have a motion to reconsider from one of the councilmembers who voted no on November 16, 2009 (Burke, Rounds, Humbyrd, Mattison.)

Discussion followed relating to the transportation plan and the public input that was previously given.

Becky Bjur, PO Box 249, Woodland -commented on the roundabout and has it been looked at the possibility of industry not coming into Woodland? She is not for or against a roundabout, but stated that if the roundabout will bring industry in then it should be supported.

Joe Tone, spoke on behalf of the Development Review Committee and the Woodland Fire Department. He stated that in order for future development to come into Woodland, but it must have improvements to the intersection. The traffic engineer recommended the roundabouts.

Bill Raybell, PDM Steel is concerned about the roundabout and their trucks that transport overhanging steel on a daily basis.

Jerry Sorrell, CWCOG presented information from the Transportation Plan. Discussion followed.

Recessed at 8:23 p.m. to 8:32 p.m.

Action A) Ordinance No. 1171 – Amending WMC 5.20 Public Utility Tax (FIRST READING)

Councilmember McCall moved to adopt FIRST READING of Ordinance No. 1171- Amending WMC 5.20 Public Utility Tax from 5% to 6%. Councilmember Burke seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Amended motion:

Councilmember Rounds moved to amend the motion to include a 2 year sunset clause to end the additional 1% increase. Councilmember Burke seconded the motion. Discussion ensued.

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

M/S/Failed

Main motion:

To adopt FIRST READING of Ordinance No. 1171- Amending WMC 5.20 Public Utility Tax from 5% to 6%.

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

M/S/C

Action B) Roundabout Design funding with Pacland at Schurman Way and Dike Access Road

Councilmember Fredricks moved to approve design funding with Pacland for roundabout at Schurman Way and Dike Access Road in the amount of \$95,500. Councilmember McCall seconded the motion. Councilmember Fredricks read a statement into the record. Discussion followed.

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

M/S/Failed

Action C) Ordinance No. 1170 – 2010 Final Budget (FIRST READING)

Councilmember Rounds moved to adopt FIRST READING of Ordinance No. 1170 – 2010 Final Budget. Councilmember Humbyrd seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

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

M/S/C

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Charles E. Blum, Mayor

Minutes approved: December 7, 2009

Attest: _____

Mari E. Ripp, Clerk-Treasurer

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