

**January 4, 2010**

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.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

- a. John "JJ" Burke, City Council Position No. 1
- b. Al Swindell, City Council Position No. 2
- c. Marilee McCall, City Council Position No. 3

**Present:** Councilmember John Burke  
Councilmember Marilee McCall  
Councilmember Al Swindell  
Councilmember Aaron Christopherson  
Councilmember Susan Humbyrd  
Councilmember Benjamin Fredricks  
Councilmember Tom Mattison

**Also Present:** Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Gina Anderson  
Interim Fire Chief Joe Tone  
Police Sergeant Robb Lipp  
Community Development Planner Keiichiro Zushi

**Absent:** Police Chief Rob Stephenson  
Steve Branz, Public Works Director

**CITIZEN INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Councilmember Burke moved to approve the agenda with action item G removed and added to the workshop scheduled for January 11, 2010. Councilmember Humbyrd seconded the motion. Yes: Burke, McCall, Swindell, Christopherson, Humbyrd, Fredricks, Mattison No: None Abstain: None. (7-0)

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

- 1. PIC Right-of-way vacation  
Public hearing opened at 7:12 pm. Staff report presented by Community Development Planner Zushi.  
Public hearing closed at 7:14 pm. Council asked questions.

**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

- Mayor
  - Joe Tone Resignation Letter effective January 31, 2010
  - Jenifer Cook hired as Engineering Tech I effective January 5, 2010
- Clerk-Treasurer
  - Special meeting for WQCC on January 20, 2010 6:00 pm at Woodland School meeting room
  - Horseshoe Lake Management Committee Vacancy

Mayor Blum announced that the Park Board has expanded to five members and has two vacancies.

Mayor Blum announced the Chamber Installation Banquet on January 23, 2010.

- Police
  - Chief Stephenson is much better following shoulder surgery
  - Last police car is being repainted.
  - Grant County Officer died in vehicle accident yesterday
- Fire
  - Update on new Chief hiring
  - New Firefighter
  - Moving Wednesday Fire training to Council Chambers

- Remodeling third floor living space
- End of Year Call Volume
- Station 93 Clark County water damage
- Update on 2009 Yearly Report
- Public Works - Park Board vacancies
- Planning - 2009 Department of Commerce Grant

Scott Perry, 180 South Pekin Drive, Woodland, inquired if the funds could be used for the deteriorated outlet on the far end of the lake. Community Development Planner Zushi responded.

- Attorney - Contract for Legal Services
- Recommend amending Ordinance No. 1176 (Action Item J)  
Highway Commercial (C-2) Architectural and Site Design  
Standards (FINAL READING)

Council recessed at 7:48 pm and reconvened at 7:59 pm.

**CITIZENS INPUT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

None

**CONSENT**

Item E was removed.

- A) Approve claims voucher warrants number 38904 through 38970 for the month of December, 2009 in the amount of \$104,809.49 and payroll number 28689 through 28799 for the month of December, 2009 in the amount of \$257,995.28 for a grand total of \$362,804.77.
- B) Approve minutes of December 21, 2009 as presented
- C) Authorize Clerk/Treasurer to advertise for bids for Official Newspaper of Record for 2010.
- D) Authorize Clerk/Treasurer to advertise for bids for janitorial supplies, paper facility supplies and facility mat service.

Councilmember McCall moved to approve the consent agenda items A, B, C and D.

Councilmember Swindell seconded the motion.

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

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**Action E) Authorize appointment of Joe Turner as Hearings Examiner and authorize the Mayor to sign contract**

Council asked questions about the proposed contract. Councilmember Fredricks moved to authorize the appointment of Joe Turner as Hearings Examiner and authorize Mayor to sign the contract and strike the last sentence in the scope of services. Councilmember Burke seconded the motion.

**Amendment**

Councilmember McCall moved to amend the motion to strike the words code drafting and other services as requested by the City and the words and drafting code and performing other services as requested by the City from 4a. Councilmember Mattison seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

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

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**Main Motion**

Councilmember Fredricks moved to authorize the appointment of Joe Turner as Hearings Examiner and authorize Mayor to sign the contract with striking the last sentence in the scope of services, striking the words code drafting and other services as requested by the City and the words and drafting code and performing other services as requested by the City from 4a. Councilmember Burke seconded the motion.

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

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**Action F) Authorize Mayor to sign contract for Legal Services with William Eling**

Councilmember Christopherson moved to authorize the Mayor to sign contract for legal services with William Eling based on the amended contract as presented this evening. Councilmember Humbyrd seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. It was suggested that the Finance Committee should review the possibility of a full-time attorney.

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

M/S/C

**Action G) 2010 Standing Committees – referred to January 11, 2010 Workshop**

**Action H) Authorize Clerk/Treasurer to prepare 2010 Budget Amendment to allow temporary hiring of Clerk I (or Engineering Aide I)**

Removed – no discussion

**Action I) Set February 22, 2010 for Public Workshop with COG to discuss PURD standards**

Councilmember Christopherson moved to set February 22, 2010 at 6:00 pm for a public workshop with Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments (COG) to discuss Planned Unit Residential Development (PURD) standards. Councilmember Humbyrd seconded the motion.

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

M/S/C

**Action J) Ordinance No. 1176 – Highway Commercial (C-2) Architectural and Site Design Standards (FINAL READING)**

Councilmember Fredricks moved to approve Ordinance No. 1176 with the following changes: strike out all City Council and insert Hearings Examiner and remove all language in italics. Councilmember Humbyrd seconded the motion.

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

M/S/C

**Action K) Ordinance No. 1177 – Vacating a portion of right-of-way located on West Scott Avenue (First Reading)**

Councilmember Burke moved to approve First Reading of Ordinance No. 1177 – vacating a portion of right-of-way located on West Scott Avenue. Councilmember Humbyrd seconded the motion.

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

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**Action L) Set January 11, 2010 for a special meeting/workshop**

Councilmember Burke moved to set January 11, 2010 as a special meeting/workshop to discuss Council Rules and Procedures amending Resolution 378, 366 & 292 and 2010 Standing Committee assignments. Councilmember Humbyrd seconded the motion. Discussion ensued.

**Amendment**

Councilmember Burke moved to amend the motion to include that the department heads are not required to attend. Councilmember Humbyrd seconded.

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

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Councilmember Burke requested a copy of policy 11.

Councilmember McCall would like to set a workshop before the end of February for setting Council goals for 2010.

Main Motion

Councilmember Burke moved to set January 11, 2010 as a special meeting/workshop to discuss Council Rules and Procedures amending Resolution 378, 366 & 292 and 2010 Standing Committee assignments. It was stated that Department heads are not required to attend. Councilmember Humbyrd seconded the motion.

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

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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Charles E. Blum, Mayor

Minutes approved: January 19, 2010

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Georgina D. Anderson, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

These minutes are not a verbatim record of the proceedings.  
A recording is available in the office of the Clerk-Treasurer.